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From the Editor / Treasurer

Firstly, a belated welcome to the New Year to all our readers, contributors and advertisers.

Secondly and unfortunately, this could be the last year of the newsletter with me as editor because I am looking for someone else to take over (or play a major part in) the editorship, see page 19. Also needed and despite many requests from me in the past is more information on forthcoming events and more parish news items too. Notification of events to come and / or write-ups of those that have taken place would benefit greatly the vast majority of parish residents who do not use social media and may also have mobility issues, who could otherwise miss out on what's happening in their village. It is very unfortunate that this parish newsletter is not used more widely to communicate these local news items with **everyone** in the parish.



The advertisement feature on pages 16-17 in this edition is from Restorella, so many thanks to them. Ian and Tricia run a lovely little business based in Knighton which I have used myself and I thoroughly recommend them. Tricia's upholstery skills are a wonder to behold.

I really must say an enormous thank you to all the advertisers in this edition who have 'signed up' for another year to keep the newsletter going throughout 2020 and a massive welcome to the new advertisers as well.

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 & Bedstone	
Saturday 9th May 2020 3.30pm	1945 Street Party in the Bucknell Memorial Hall . Tickets: £5.00 . To celebrate 75 years of the end of the 2nd World War Contact: Sylvia Meredith on 01547 530422
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Knucklas Ladies Guild	
Usually the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. at the Knucklas Community Centre. Outings or talks by guest speakers followed by Tea / Coffee and a Raffle. New members always welcome.	
Tuesday 17th March	Air Ambulance - Talk by Andrew Hall
Tuesday 21st April	Visit to Radnor Hills 12:00-13:00
Tuesday 19th May	Graphology by Anne Cummings. An analysis of handwriting and what it says about you.
Wednesday 17th June	Outing ~ Coach to Shrewsbury, boat trip on the River Severn followed by cream tea at a Garden Centre. <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
Tuesday 21st July	Tales of Knighton ~ A talk by the Town Crier, Derek Price
Tuesday 18th August	OPEN EVENING - Jane's Petals demonstration (Ticketed) Floral demonstration with musical entertainment. Details TBA.
Tuesday 15th September	Musical evening hosted by Steve Hollinghurst.
Tuesday 20th October	Life in a Himalayan Orphanage by Andrew Lewis.
Community Centre Main Hall, Glyndwr, Knucklas, Knighton, Powys LD7 1RR Contact Margaret 01547 529155 for details or Beverley 07484 280259	

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COXALL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist movement in the Bucknell area was very strong, so much so that in the 1860's Mr. and Mrs. Rogers from Coxall Farm opened their farmhouse for Sunday Services but numbers grew rapidly so a granary was converted to accommodate the congregation. Two services were held each Sunday conducted by Rev. W. Wright from Aston-on-Clun for which he received the princely sum of £10 p.a. In 1871 Mr. William Smith of The Oak gave the land where the present Chapel stands and documents were sealed and signed for that purpose on 26th May 1871.

The foundation stone was laid in June of that year by Mr. Evans of Kington, with a grand opening held a year later when the Rev. Waters from Birmingham and Rev. Davies from Newport conducted the services. They would have most probably arrived at Bucknell station which had been completed twelve years before the chapel opened.

The Chapel is quite a substantial building seating around 100 people with a pulpit and Baptistry at the front. For those not familiar with a Baptistry, imagine a large stone bath set down in the floor with steps at one end where the Minister and the Baptismal candidate would descend into the water in what would have been a very moving service. It was recorded that in 1906 there was a great gathering when sixteen persons were baptised. Water to fill the Baptistry was carried from The Oak.

The building was heated by an old Tortoise coke stove which many still remember, very efficient with heating but if the wind blew in the wrong direction tended to smoke. Older residents in the village well remember arriving to a smoke filled room where doors had to be left open to clean the air. Lighting was by oil lamps. Things have moved on a little, we now have bottled gas for heating and lighting and a sink with taps but sadly, nothing flows out of those taps as there is still no water laid on.

A Choir was formed in 1894 and was quite noted in the area for its four part harmony. Many years later Doris Evans remembers how at Christmas the Choir would travel by horse drawn wagon around the area singing carols. How pleased they were to be invited in at Bedstone Court for refreshments and a warm of frozen fingers. About the time the Choir was formed the Sunday School came into being. They would have been taught in the schoolroom which was built behind the main body of the building and divided into two separate rooms, each with a small fireplace (one of which is still there today).

The Sunday School flourished for many years and many living in Bucknell still remember their Sunday School days with great fondness. To name just a few, Vi Morris, Connie Bright and their sister Muriel, Mildred Shepherd, Harvey Morgan and later Dorothy Edwards, Shirley Moorhouse, Margaret Davies and her brother. Margaret remembers that if they were late, Mr. Oscar Evans would say, "better late than never, but better never late".

The children were taught by the Evans brothers, Wilfred and Oscar (Oscar's week day work was as village cobbler and barber) and Oscar's daughter Doris. Wilfred played the little harmonium. The Sunday School Anniversary was the highlight of the year. Mildred remembers the excitement of a new dress, sandals and white socks for the occasion and the boys scrubbed up to look their best.



Julie Bright Julie Shepherd Tina Dodd Jean Shepherd Louise Davies Julia Morris
Sally Bright Carol Green Shân Price Diane Price Elaine Price Wendy Morris

Sadly the Sunday School closed in the 1970's. The photograph above is of some of the last pupils to attend there. After the Anniversary came the Sunday School trip. Oh! what excitement. The bus would be packed with children, mothers, fathers and friends (no smart coaches then). Usually it was to the seaside, (Powthcawl or Barry Island were popular), the return journey was fun too with singing all the way home. These trips were not to be confused with the Annual Rail trip to Rhyl which was organised by Mr. Shaw the local newsagent who ran his business from the little green shed next to the present shop.

For many years Coxall has been affiliated with Knighton and Knucklas and services are mostly conducted by Rev. Kevin Dare and Rev. Michael Humphries from Knighton and occasionally by our now retired postman Andrew Powell. Shirley Bowen remembers when she was small, walking with her Grandfather Mr. James Vaughan from Clungunford to Coxall where he would conduct the service, quite a long walk for a little girl.

Wilfred Evans played the little organ for many years, followed by his niece Doris. At the present time Christine Price is the organist.

Clive and Jean Morris from The Oak would see that the congregation were warm and comfortable. Jean would also provide fresh flowers from her garden each Sunday and Harvey Morgan would take time to mow the small, newer graveyard at the rear of the Chapel, keeping it neat and tidy. Sadly as in common with many other churches, numbers have since declined.

Dennis Evans (Oscar's son) was a Deacon and took an active part at Coxall until he passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Rich Hughes, The Mynd, also played a big part in life at Coxall. Rich was treasurer for many years and when he passed away his wife Florence took on those duties and oversaw the general running of the chapel, she has now retired which has left a big space to fill.

There are still highlights in the year such as Sankey Sunday in July which saw the chapel full to capacity with items by The Bucknell Ukulele Group and duets by Eileen Lloyd and Jemima Jamison.

The Harvest Festival Service was well attended too with afternoon tea served after the service.

This is just a snap shot of life past and present at Coxall but one wonders what the future holds for this little wayside Bethal.

Collated and written by Christine Price - December 2019

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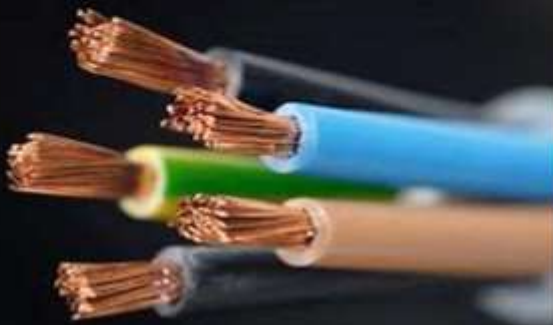
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Saturday 26th April.

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Well here we are again, another year gone and our W.I. is ready to embrace the new decade.

At the end of last year we were busy supporting our community by taking two tables at the Memorial Hall table top sale which was well supported by the members in giving and buying.

In December we were invited to take part in the Gingerbread Village exhibition organised by the Youth Club, so we decided to recreate our Memorial Hall as a

gingerbread model. Jane Willis masterminded our creation bringing the gingerbread pieces to Rickyard Place for decoration and final assembly where other members were waiting to give help and advice while enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. By the end of the afternoon we were quite proud of our effort and gave a round of applause when Jane switched on the little lights inside the gingerbread model by remote control. (See next page). Proceeds from the exhibition will go to Shelter.

In November we entered the County quiz at Shrewsbury and came a very creditable sixth out of eighteen teams. In our team were Sue Davis, Carole Garland, Ruth Pryce and Christine Price. November was also the month we held our A.G.M. This all went smoothly with all the officers being re-elected and we were happy to welcome Yvonne Alderton and Ruth Pryce who agreed to join the Committee.

The Competition cup was presented to Wynn Billingsley, Marian Cox came second with Anita Lewis third and they were all presented with a small gift.

When the business part of the evening was over, Carole Garland introduced us to the art of fabric wreath making, Fran Turnbull helped the process along by cutting out precise colourful squares of material which we arranged in polystyrene rings with very pleasing results.

Earlier in the year we had been ten pin bowling to The Grove, staying for lunch. We had such an enjoyable time it was decided to repeat the experience in 2020 instead of our usual Christmas Dinner. We were very competitive with our bowling and enjoyed a very nice lunch complete with Christmas crackers.

December was the month when the members give the Committee a rest. Marian Cox was acting President for the evening and Jane Smith the committee Secretary

We all enjoyed a delicious buffet supper and raised our glasses in a toast to our W.I. The evening ended with entertainment by Mal Brown from Minsterley with folk songs and ditties.

We have an exciting programme planned for 2020, hopefully to suit all tastes so if you have moved to the village recently why not come to one of our meetings with no obligation to join, just come along, you will be made to feel most welcome.

The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. in The Memorial Hall.

Christine Price - WI President - 4th January 2020

Gingerbread Memorial Hall

Following on from the article on the previous page regarding the Gingerbread Village exhibition, here are a couple of photographs of the W.I.'s creation of the gingerbread Memorial Hall, complete with internal lighting.



Christine Price and members of the W.I.

6th January 2020

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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 10:30am	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. Mary's 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 08:30	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
	Friday	Bumps and Babes	St Mary's Church Bucknell ~ 10:00-11:45	Jenny White 01547 530107
MONTHLY	First Monday	Bucknell Book Group	Variable venues	Doug White 07734 166634
	First Tuesday	Mother's 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 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



One lesson we have learned from having an allotment is that it's not always easy to anticipate the influence of nature. We are now approaching Spring, with the hope that with the warmer weather and longer days, our seedlings will be well advanced. However, at the same time be prepared to protect them if we get a cold snap which could destroy the lot.

It's shrewd to plant more seeds than you need, then if they all come up you can exchange or give away any spares. At the same time, ensure that emerging weeds are kept under control and so eliminate any of those hiding spots for slugs and snails.

It's best to protect the seedlings with a cloche or horticultural fleece and if this is put out a couple of weeks before sowing it will help warm up the soil.

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, please get in touch.

Unfortunately we have had further instances of dog mess being deposited on the allotments. Someone has been letting one or more dogs loose on our field, despite our plea in a previous newsletter for this to desist. If anyone knows who is responsible will they please let one of our members know.



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- SC 4671 Mike Barnbrook

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



Emergencies - 999

Non Emergencies - 101

Crime stoppers - 0800 555 111



TELEPHONE SCAM

West Mercia Police have continued to receive reports locally about fraudsters claiming to be from various police services around the country. These include callers that are pretending to be police officers from the Fraud Squad at Scotland Yard.

They often target elderly and more vulnerable persons and we urge everyone to pass on this information about the bogus callers to relatives, friends and neighbours who may not have heard about the local telephone scam in operation.

The latest scam:

- A phone caller pretending to be a police officer who is investigating unidentified activity/ fraud in their bank account and that they must cooperate with the 'investigation'.
- The victim is then persuaded to withdraw funds and hand them over to the 'investigators', either by some remote means or in person to a courier.
- The victim is told that if the bank cashier queries the large withdrawal that they are to say it is for work/repairs in the home.
- Alternatively the victim may be asked to hand over bank cards, vouchers or other valuable items. They may also be asked to transfer funds to another account, which is controlled by the fraudsters. These calls are not genuine and payments should not be made. No legitimate bank/building society, police officer, or business will ever phone you to ask you to give them your card, your PIN, or your cash in the way we've described above.

These scams can be extremely convincing and manipulative. The fraudsters may give (alleged) crime numbers, investigation details, and job titles. They will always claim that the transaction must be done in secret. The fraudsters condition their victim not to trust bank branch staff, which can make it hard for those staff to help. Please remember the police will never contact you asking for your bank details, bank card or cash. If someone does, IT'S A SCAM – provide no details and hand nothing over, hang up and wait 10 minutes (scammers have been known stay on the line).

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We established our small company in 2017 choosing the picturesque town of Knighton, itself steeped in history, as the base for our workshops.

Frustrated by the seemingly ever growing disposable nature of our society and the almost impossible task of finding something just that little bit different to furnish our home, we started to create our own pieces. As our passion for upcycling grew and became ever more ambitious, we undertook the relevant training to ensure everything we created was of the highest quality. Our learning journey continued as friends and family asked us to undertake projects for them as they too sought something unique, or something that simply made them smile, for their home.

Working in our respective jobs and trying to keep up with 'upcycling demands' at the weekend or in the evenings was simply unsustainable and so Restorella was born.

Moving to Knighton has given us the space and resources to enable Restorella to reach a wider clientele. Why not visit us on Facebook or Instagram. For the ultimate experience, come in person to our workshops and showroom on West Street in Knighton and discover a little magic for your home, or you can telephone us on 07901 822294.



Ian and Tricia - 10th February 2020

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Community News



Thank you so much to all the volunteers and contributors to the 2019 British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised an excellent £874.94 in November.

Sue Percival - Local Organiser - 11th December 2019



I'm looking for someone to take over the editorship of our parish newsletter by the end of the year. That would give about nine months for me to show someone how I produce the newsletters but that doesn't mean a new editor would have to follow my methods exactly.

I use MS Word 2010 but someone else could use any software they like that they are familiar with including desktop publishing. I may even have some spare discs of MS Word or DTP they could have for free to get started.

This is a great opportunity for someone, especially a young person, to contribute to the community by keeping the Bucknell Newsletter going beyond 2020.

I'm happy to continue as Treasurer because setting up a new community bank account would be a very long and arduous affair and I will always be on hand anyway to help editorially whenever help may be needed.

This parish newsletter is much appreciated by many members of the community and they would be sorry to see it end, so please give me a call or email me if you are interested or just want further details. Thank you. **Editor**

THANK YOU!

A MASSIVE thank you to the ladies of the Bucknell W.I. who presented me with this wonderful flower arrangement for services to the community. I was so humbled and for the first time ever, speechless! It came completely out of the blue and I cannot thank them enough.

Editor - 20th February 2020



BUCKNELL P3 FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE GROUP



We've all seen the effects that austerity has had on the condition of our roads and the same goes for our footpaths. The lack of Government funding means that Shropshire Council is unable to maintain the workforce required to fulfil its statutory duty to keep Rights of Way open and accessible to the general public, which is where the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) groups come in. These are small groups of willing volunteers who assist the Council by helping to mend stiles, install gates, clear tracks and improve way-marking. Bucknell P3 was established in 2007 and over the years we have carried out a considerable amount of footpath maintenance in Bucknell and the surrounding parishes.

We tend to focus on urgent issues which are very often brought to our attention through the local Parish Council. If you report a problem to Shirehall then the chances are that it will get added to a long list of work and not be dealt with for some time (if at all). On the other hand, if you report it to our Parish



Council, then it will be forwarded to Bucknell P3 and (hopefully) dealt with sooner. In 2019 we responded to several such requests. For example, we installed a kissing gate in Hayes Wood at the request of the landowner who was concerned about her horse escaping from the neighbouring field.

In November we tackled this bridleway at the end of Bridgend Lane which was losing the battle with vegetation. Somebody had already made an attempt to cut back overhanging branches with secateurs, but a bolder approach was needed. Five of us with loppers, bow saws and a chainsaw on a pole spent five hours cutting back bushes and branches to the point where horses can now comfortably navigate the track.



Those of you who walk or ride this delightful route high above the River Redlake will know how muddy it can get.

We did consider placing some of the cut branches over the mud to alleviate the situation but refrained from doing so in case it created a trip hazard.

So unfortunately you'll just have to brave the mud for the time being, but at least you'll now have plenty of room for manoeuvre.

Another concerned villager reported that the handrail by the steps opposite our church was loose, so this was quickly replaced with a new one.

Bucknell P3 currently has 5 members, all of whom volunteer their services elsewhere as well which means we are limited as to how much we can do and how quickly we can do it. That said, we'll always do our best to deal with problems as and when they arise.

We can always use an extra pair of hands, so if you'd like to get involved then please let Mike Starr know on 01547 530179



Mike Starr - 22nd December 2019



Spreading the Word



Don't forget to **recycle** your latest copy of the Bucknell Newsletter if you don't want to keep it, by returning it to Belmont (Greens) Garage in Bucknell from where I can collect it and redistribute it to other communities.

Editor

Many drivers will suffer a lack of confidence when coping with today's traffic, particularly as they get older. They may avoid certain situations, such as a particular road junction or roundabout and will often make a detour.

Confidence can suffer as a result of an accident, criticism of your driving, or simply as a result of ageing. But it doesn't have to be this way because advice on how to tackle situations better and safer, can help restore confidence.

It is a sobering thought that many drivers, who have seen huge changes in the speed and number of vehicles on our roads, have not had any advice or a driving assessment in 50 years or more. Add to this, the bewildering number of changes to the law and a whole forest of signs.

Herefordshire Advanced Drivers holds events and courses across the county throughout the year and is currently planning the next Refresher Day, to be held at the **Bodenham** village hall on **Saturday 25th April 2020** from 09:30 to 15:00.

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Bookings are being taken now and places are limited to approx. 20 people.

You cannot control what other road users might do; but you can control how you could deal with it better, and more safely.

Please call me or email for further details.

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With the recent passing of our Chairman Derek Wood who will be sadly missed, we have spare numbers available to purchase in our Bonus Ball Competition.

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BUCKNELL LITTER

On Thursday 23rd January Colin Cummings, Stuart Fairclough and myself did a litter pick along the Bedstone Road, (from the garage to the 40mph signs), and along the B4367, (from Oil Mill Lane to the Knighton Road). We collected about eight bags of rubbish plus assorted items from various vehicles, (wheel trims, etc.). We are tentatively planning to do another clear-up around the village in late Spring or early Summer.

Martin Garland - 24th January 2020



Stuart and Colin at work.



Food Bank Donations

Just in case you weren't already aware, there is a Food Bank collection box in St. Mary's Church, Bucknell to enable people in the village to donate certain items to a Food Bank Centre in Clun. Bearing in mind that many people less fortunate than ourselves may not have extensive cooking facilities and can only heat food, foodstuffs for donation are generally restricted to easy-to-heat items with a reasonable shelf-life such as:

Canned foods (vegetables, fruits, baked beans, soups, stews, etc.), pasta and pasta sauces etc. Other foods required are; cereals (not porridge oats), long life milk, standard tea bags, instant coffee, some fresh fruits, custard, rice pudding, cakes, biscuits, crisps etc. Also, non-food items such as toilet rolls, washing powder, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc. The box is collected from St Mary's by Eileen Lloyd and taken to St. George's Church in Clun. The Food Bank there is small and is generally only open on Thursday afternoons we understand.



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Pop-In Café News



The Pop-In Café, run by volunteers for our community, has been very successful in 2019 and thanks must go to the 12 ladies, their husbands, partners and our stand in bakers and washer-uppers for all the considerable work they do behind the scenes to ensure the café keeps going and maintains the high standards we have become accustomed to seeing. We are becoming victims of our own success in that it is sometimes a struggle to produce sufficient cakes due to the increased numbers of customers and we need to find new volunteers to help on a regular basis.

It would be so lovely if any additional villagers would be willing to give just 2½ hours every month to come down and help with setting out the tables and chairs and doing the dishes. You don't have to be a baker just someone who wants to get to meet new people and have a laugh.

However we do need new bakers to cover our regulars on rare occasions and again anyone who can help will be welcomed.

Please speak to any of the volunteers if you would be interested in helping keep our wonderful café open.

Following our annual meeting in January the café committee agreed to donate the following funds to Bucknell causes:-



£400 to St. Mary's School to purchase a casing to enable the defibrillator held inside the school to be fitted to the outside of the school building allowing it to be used by the village.



£500 to the Parish Council towards the funds required to purchase, install and maintain a new defibrillator at the Chapel Lawn end of the village. Bucknell would then be covered by three defibrillators, the original being at the Sitwell Pub.



£500 to St. Mary's School towards purchase of books required to assist reluctant readers and to increase the joy of reading across the school.



£500 to be set aside towards assisting the completion of the Daffodil Lane changing rooms.

A quote is being obtained and the funds will be released once work is in progress.

Finally, from Wednesday 5th February, the café has increased the cost of a cake to £1 (coffee or tea and cake will be £2). This is to try to offset, by a very small sum, the continued increase in cost of ingredients and purchase of other consumables and equipment.

We look forward to seeing all our regular friends and to meeting and making new friends throughout the year.

Sue Fenton - Treasurer - 16th January 2020



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 telephoning me or sending me an email:

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Good Neighbours - Community Cars

Last year has been an average year for Community Cars. Nevertheless, there have been 76 non-hospital journeys covering 978 miles, as well as 41 journeys to a hospital involving a total of 1992 miles. This makes a grand total for the eleven months March 2019 to January 2020 inclusive of 117 journeys and a total of 2970 miles. So, in one year we will have travelled over 3000 miles!

I would remind people that Community Cars is a voluntary service and should only be used as a last resort when no other means of transport is available. In the past year we have lost several drivers and Sue Percival has stepped down as Coordinator pending a house move. Sue Fairclough remains as Coordinator (01547 530279) and Eileen Lloyd (01547 530659) has kindly volunteered to be a Coordinator as well. If you need a car to take you somewhere then these are the people to contact in the first instance. They will then ring round the drivers and get back to you to let you know who is available to help.

Please remember to give as much notice as possible when making a request for a lift. Whilst it is appreciated that you may sometimes receive notice of an appointment at short notice, it is unreasonable to phone a Coordinator in the evening and expect them to arrange a lift for the following day.

We can always use more drivers and help with coordinating telephone calls. If anyone can spare a few moments of their time, would you please contact Mike Starr (01547 530179), who will explain in more detail what the jobs entail.

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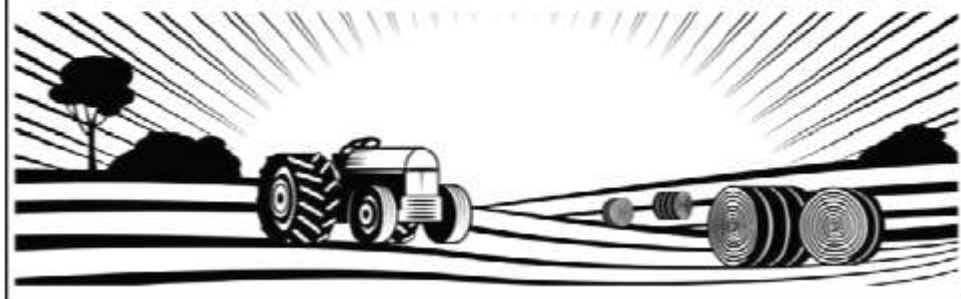
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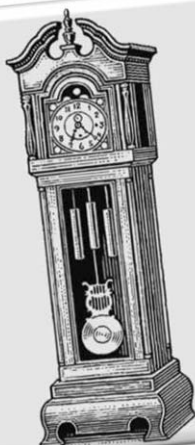


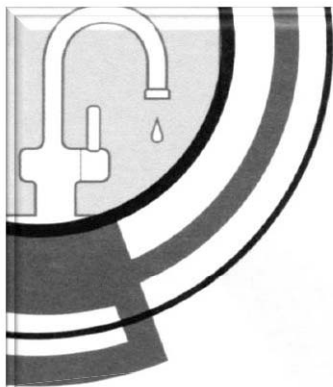
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Monthly Reports for 2019-20 by Cathy Jones

November - As the festive season approached, we reflected on October's activities. It started with our fifth afternoon tea and dance at St Edwards Church Hall in Knighton where we were delighted to welcome 22 people to this event, some from as far afield as Llandrindod Wells, to enjoy the informal dancing and tasty cakes. We will continue this free social event on the second Tuesday of every month into the New Year and all are welcome! In the middle of the month we held a charity quiz and supper at our regular venue, The Baron in Bucknell, raising nearly £180 for community charities. We welcomed a Rotary member from Solihull to a meeting to talk about his travels around the UK to increase awareness of "Sticky Blood" disease (APS). November finished off with a visit to the 1st Knighton Scout Group to see some of their activities and to contribute to their fundraising for a dining and kitchen shelter.

December was a busy month with fundraisers and social events enjoyed by our members. The month started off with our annual Christmas collection at the Co-op store in Knighton where, over two Tuesdays, we raised nearly £600 from very generous shoppers. Their support, as well as that of Co-op management, will allow us to donate money to the Wales and Midland Air Ambulances, the Knighton Food bank and other local good causes. In the middle of the month we held another of our popular 'Tea Dances' with a Christmas theme – these free events will continue on the second Tuesday of the month at St Edwards Church Hall in Knighton for the foreseeable future. We were also able to support the Pensioners Christmas Luncheon in Knighton by donating both a food processor and a free lunch for all the attendees. We are proud to support those less fortunate across our catchment area.

January - Happy New Year to you all and we hope 2020 has started off well for you as it has us! The month started with a lunch at the house of our Rotary President, Chris Price, in Norton, which was well attended by members and warmly welcomed guests. We also welcomed two new members Emlyn and Rosemary Williams and they are now part of a worldwide organisation joining over 1.2 million Rotarians supporting their local communities. They expressed their pleasure in being part of our vibrant and active Rotary Club and we are delighted to have them on board. This frugal lunch raised £260 for our charitable efforts. The following week we met at Rotary members Sheila and Kim Smith's home in Leintwardine and raised £175 from another frugal lunch – this money will go towards Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. The month finished off with Helen Davies talking to us about the cancer support charity the Bracken Trust. Although they are based in Llandrindod Wells, they have an outreach centre in Knighton and support everyone affected, either directly or indirectly, by cancer. We were inspired by the work that the Bracken Trust does and were pleased to be able to donate over £300 to their work for the communities of Powys and beyond.

Please remember that all the money we raise goes to our chosen charities as our running costs are covered by a membership fee. If you would like to get involved in our social and fundraising activities, as well as make new friends, you can read more on our website and on Twitter @knightonrotary. You are very welcome to come to any of our Wednesday meetings.

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