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From the Editor / Treasurer

This edition is a little different because of the serious situation in which the whole world finds itself. Who could have envisaged how this Covid-19 pandemic would adversely affect our own parish with group and social activities having to be cancelled, social-distancing, some households having to continue to observe self-isolation, plus some restrictions to GP access and hospital operations.

Yet amongst this mayhem comes an amazing community spirit with many members in the community offering to help others who are most in need, akin one imagines to wartime. I have decided to resume the newsletter again until Spring 2021 to keep our communities informed and entertained but without anyone showing an interest in taking over the editorship from me, this newsletter's future is uncertain.

Many local companies have suffered greatly because of lockdown restrictions but I would ask readers to please appreciate the local companies we have in our area and to consider them more favourably for the services they offer once this awful pandemic has passed and life returns to near normal. It should be noted also that some companies advertising in the newsletter may still have some restrictions imposed upon them.

Thank you to those businesses that have advertised within, not just to promote their business but to support this community newsletter in the process. If you too would like to advertise, then details of advertisement sizes and prices can be found on page 38 of this edition. Best wishes.

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THE COMING MONTHS FOR UPDATES ON THE SERVICES THEY
CAN OFFER AS GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE TO
CHANGE.**



*"Because of the current Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent Government guidelines for social distancing and gatherings, the usual **What's Happening** section on this page has been suspended indefinitely".*

We Must Build on Brownfield Land to Protect Green Belt in Local Plans by Andy Street **

As new ministers settle into their jobs, there is a huge amount of work to be done to "level up" every region in Britain. We must make progress in solving the housing shortage, but at the same time we need urgent action to preserve the environment and tackle climate change. How we reconcile these two issues on the ground in local areas comes down to the planning system. Councils across the country are required to produce a local plan to decide where development will happen in their areas. If they don't have enough sites in the existing built-up areas ready to develop, they allocate sites in the green belt for development.

Yet at the same time there are thousands of hectares of brownfield sites, many left over from years of deindustrialisation in our cities, which lie derelict.

The fact that councils therefore permit development in the green belt makes it even less likely that developers will regenerate the derelict sites. Residents are left feeling angry and powerless at this "Catch 22" situation. Here in the West Midlands, we have tried to meet our housing numbers and think differently where we build more houses and base our growing businesses.

We have doubled the number of homes we are building to 17,000 last year, and the huge majority of these are on brownfield sites. We have vast tracts of brownfield land that are derelict and, with the Government giving us the funding for the decontamination and site preparation, we work with local councils and housebuilders to build the homes. At a former sewage works at Sandwell for example, we paid to decontaminate the land, working with local council's planners, and now a developer is building 750 new homes.

We have also built new homes in our town centres, where units are falling empty or there is land that has been left vacant. Like Margaret Thatcher's childhood home, living above a shop is looking like it will become more and more common in Britain today.

**** Andy Street is the Mayor of the West Midlands and former managing director of John Lewis.**



These new homes will breathe life back into the retailers of the high street. Elsewhere, we are using investments in transport infrastructure to unlock housing sites, like the reopening of the rail line between Walsall and Wolverhampton.

This work costs public money, of course, but given that these investments will pay back over decades, and the Government can borrow at low level interest rates, aren't we right to invest now and reap the economic and environmental returns for years to come?

With public investment and a "brownfield first" policy we are making progress. The Government now has the chance to fundamentally reform planning law to make councils focus on brownfield sites first. Firstly, when councils develop their local plans, they should be required to demonstrate that all brownfield sites have been brought back into use (even if they require public funding to be viable), and that the density of urban development has been maximised, before any green belt land is considered. Secondly, after the local plans have been adopted, councils should have a duty to approve development on brownfield sites first, with any proposals for green-belt development blocked until they are the last possible option available. Any green belt sites allocated in the local plan should be held in reserve until there truly is no alternative.

To make this successful, the Government is right to use public money to regenerate derelict sites and bring communities back to life. With a substantial majority, a levelling-up agenda and a new team of delivery-focused ministers, the Government can get to work.

Thanks to John Price for forwarding this newspaper article to me - March 2020.

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CONSULTATION ON SHROPSHIRE'S LOCAL PLAN 2016 - 2038

Friends,

'Consultation on Shropshire's Local Plan' sounds really, really dull. But I assure you, it is really, really important! Chomping up bits of Green Belt at Bridgnorth or some massive development on the Iron Bridge power station site or at RAF Cosford give the impression that this 'Local Plan' doesn't involve us. But it does! Because, deep within the vast, 342-page document, we find Bucknell – shoehorned in with Bishops Castle (daft I know), but we are there, make no mistake. And, yet again, it seems that the efforts of the residents and the Parish Council in responding to previous iterations of this plan have simply been ignored! Other than a submission to 'The Inspector From The Ministry', this is our last chance to say what development – and where – we want in Bucknell up to 2038. And if 2038 sounds too far away to be bothered about, do the maths: it's only 18 years away. Sure, some of us won't be around, but we hope many of us will be still here in this brilliant village. And what will it look like? What will we leave those who follow us?

Since 2015, following major consultation and well-attended public meetings at the Memorial Hall, it has been the village's clear wish that, save for any small infill, development in the village should happen on the old Timber and Coal Yard sites. It doesn't need recent government statements for it to be obvious that of course building on brownfield sites should take precedence over green fields. So the Parish Council has reflected what it understands is the village's view and said that land to the East of Redlake Meadow ('The Goatians') should not be built on. Yet here is Shropshire Council putting that area forward for a 20+ housing development – to be planned so that more can be added in due course. On top of that, the Timber Yard land, whilst still included in the plan, has had its capacity gradually snuck up from an original 30 to now take 70 homes. With the builds that have been completed, sites granted Planning Permission and an allowance for 'Windfalls' (e.g. in-fill) an overall expansion of 110 properties is proposed for the village by Shropshire Council in the period to 2038. That's approximately a 30% increase...

If you feel that development should happen on the brownfield sites (which let's be honest are an eyesore, casting a blight on the village) and not on green fields, or that the rate of development is too great, or have some other view, please:

(a) Respond to the consultation here:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-18-pre-submission-draft-local-plan-consultation/>

(b) Write in to Shropshire Council Planning Policy, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND; and/or

(c) Make your views known to one of your Parish Councillors (details in Who's Who). Consultation closes on 30 September.

Let's hear Bucknell speak!

Many thanks.

Jonathan Kemp, Chair of Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council - 22nd August 2020

CONSULTATION ON SHROPSHIRE'S LOCAL PLAN 2016 - 2038

Further to Jonathan's letter, please consider that the full development of the old Timber Yard of 70+ properties will likely increase the population of Bucknell towards 1000 people, not to mention the additional vehicles on our already busy yet poorly maintained roads and drainage systems. It is imperative that the Timber Yard be developed and left for a period of about five years to see what impact that development has on the fabric of our village and its community, BEFORE any of our remaining green fields are permanently desecrated by additional development. Shropshire Council are continually 'moving the goal posts' when it comes to development in Bucknell. The Parish Council agreed, many years ago, to 50-100 new dwellings when they were told by SC that becoming a Community Hub would give the village control of development within it. It's now become obvious that SC has reneged upon that advice and is now forcing additional development on the people of Bucknell despite objections to it. Please see pages 20-22 for more information.

Editor - 22nd August 2020

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Bucknell Allotment Association by Jim Hughes



Colin & Anne's Seasonal Suggestions:

In his poem, *"To Autumn"*, John Keats refers to this season as the *"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness."* Indeed, it can be a busy time making chutneys, pickles, pies, tarts and jams, with all that lovely produce from the plot. Beetroots, marrows, pumpkins, runner beans, French beans and sweetcorn can all be made into something delicious for now or frozen to enjoy in the coming dark, winter days.

But first, there is still work to be done on the plot. Onions and garlic can be planted as well as broad beans for an early crop next year. Winter lettuce can be sown along with rocket and spring onions in the greenhouse. Even peas can be sown in containers for tasty shoots for use in sandwiches or winter salads.

Then there is green manure to sow and overwinter. This is easier than digging the plot over as the roots of these plants will do that for you, however some green manures have long, tough roots that will be hard to dig out, so choose your green manure carefully and cut it down and dig it in before it flowers.

Work at the allotments was one of the few 'legal' activities allowed during the lockdown which was 'encouraged' by the Government during the early months of the Coronavirus situation.



We implemented distancing and protective measures at the start, which have enabled our 'allotmenters' to continue to 'practice their art' throughout.

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.

Unfortunately we have had yet 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.

Community News



The Future of the Bucknell Newsletter HAVE YOUR SAY!

The publication of the Bucknell Newsletter was due to end under my editorship at the end of 2020. Despite me asking in the Spring 2020 edition for someone in the parish to 'step up to the plate' to take over from me to keep the newsletter going, nobody has come forward.

Because of the Coronavirus situation and the Government restrictions imposed on the nation, it was not possible to publish and distribute the Summer edition as usual so that missed edition will automatically be rolled over into next year as the Spring 2021 edition and will be the last edition under my editorship.

However, a couple of options have arisen from this Coronavirus crisis for possible continuation (subject to articles and information coming from the community), and they are:

- (1) The Bucknell Newsletter could continue ONLINE only and advertisement free which would mean parishioners who do not have online access will miss out.
- (2) The Bucknell Newsletter could continue online, plus 100 hard copies for example, which will minimise costs but will still require advertising to fund it and with the much limited distribution, many (or all) advertisers may choose to no longer advertise. Hard copies will either need to be requested and then delivered or they can be collected from central location(s), e.g St. Mary's Church or Belmont Garage.

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Why Our River Is Called The Redlake



This is a fascinating article written by Patrick Cosgrove of Chapel Lawn looking into the probabilities of how the name Redlake came about. Unfortunately, because of the length of the article, I have had the difficult task of trying to precis it to fit within approximately four pages of this newsletter, so I hope what you are about to read doesn't diminish the enormous effort that Patrick must have put into researching this subject. ~ Editor

Foreword from Patrick Cosgrove from his original article:

This is an account of my attempts to determine the meaning of the name Redlake from which our valley and river take their name. It is a cautionary tale as it demonstrates that in toponymy (the study of place names) as in life, much is seldom as it seems and one must not jump to immediate conclusions. Straight away I take great pleasure in informing readers that, contrary to local legend, the River Redlake is not so called because it ran red with blood following Caractacus' final battle against the Romans. I consider the possibilities the name offers to be far more interesting than that. Yet even before I thought I knew what the name meant, when discussing it with some local people on occasions I detected a reluctance to accept that the myth that has for so long been regarded as a fact was nothing of the sort.

My interest in the name developed for two reasons. As a newly arrived resident in 2007, I wanted to know as much about the area as possible, including the meaning of Redlake, yet internet searches and forays into books about place and river names yielded no results. A couple of years later I found in our cellar a very large piece of cardboard with four 2500 to 1 Ordnance Survey maps stuck to it with their intersection bang on Chapel Lawn village. I remembered the previous owner of our house, Colonel Mike Henderson, talking about the map and how it had been the basis for a study of field names by his late wife, Christine.

Written on the old maps, in pencil, ball-point and felt-tipped pen were the names of some of the fields in the village; but there were many gaps so I resolved to fill them. That is another story, but one of the names, the River Redlake, continued to defy interpretation, until I happened upon a couple of references to the river where similar names were used, and from that, my final conclusion has eventually emerged.

In its current form, the name Redlake is recorded from the early 19th Century onwards. The surveys of the 1840s commissioned by the Earl of Powis in anticipation of large-scale field enclosures certainly refer to the river as Redlake. Its previous name was Adlake, a name used during the 18th century and earlier with variations in spelling. Two references to Adlake spelled in exactly that way are currently known. The first, which I only discovered late in my research, is from A General View of the Military Transactions of the Romans in Britain, an account of attempts in the 18th Century by Sir Richard Colt-Hoare and Major-General William Roy to identify the site of the legendary battle between Caracatcus and the Roman General, Ostorius. While discussing Caer Caradock (sic) at Chapel Lawn as a possible location, Colt-Hoare and Roy refer to a stream called the Adlake. The second is from a legal document dated 1779 referring to the sale of Brook House in the hamlet of Pentre to the west of Chapel lawn. In delineating the boundaries of the land to be sold, there is a reference to a brook called Adlake.

At first sight, Adlake appeared to me to be made up of two Saxon (Old English) elements and I spent some time attempting to determine the most likely interpretation. An obvious conclusion was 'water course belonging to Eadda (or similar name)' - from OE *lacu*, a common place name element ; or, a little less likely, the *Ad* element might mean 'a burning place', which would give us an Old English word meaning 'water course by land cleared by burning'.

Discussions with the English Place Name Society (EPNS) confirmed that these were possibilities, but they also suggested that two earlier references to the river I had found might provide better meanings. In 1629 within a legal document concerning rights of way for the owner of Hagleys Milne in Pertherhodrie (now The Quern, downstream from Chapel Lawn in the direction of Bucknell, and below Pentre Hodre), the river was referred to as *Elagh* (Shropshire County Archives ref: X2589/D/2/58) . Much earlier, in 1329 there was a reference from Bucknell itself to the river as *Adlagh* (Shropshire County Archives ref: X552/2/1/1/4/1/2 19). According to EPNS, *lagh* could derive from *leah*, a noun with forms containing 'g' which is very commonly found in place names of Saxon origin. *Leah* generally meant 'a clearing in a wood', or a 'grove' or 'a wood' itself. From this it might mean that the river took its name from a wooded area or from a clearing in a wood (presumably for a settlement) that was either cleared by burning or that belonged to someone with a name like *Eadda*. Although EPNS favoured these second possibilities, they would not discount meanings from the large number of Old English words signifying water. The word *lagu*, for example, was used in various ways for 'a watercourse' while *lagge* signified 'a marsh' or 'a narrow marshy meadow by a stream'. In Saxon times before the valley bottom was comprehensively cleared, it would certainly have been swampier than today. Given local dialect, variations in spelling and the passage of time, the second element of *Adlake* could derive from any of these Saxon words.

Whichever interpretation I might favour, this still left the capital 'R' unexplained. From what I had discovered so far, it seemed highly likely that this was a later addition. Two possible explanations for its existence immediately sprang to mind. The first was that it came from *Yr*, the Welsh definite article, while the second was that the 'R' was from a faulty separation of words, common in Middle English, after *Adlagh*, meaning 'at the *Adlagh*'. The second version was favoured by EPNS, but the period does not match because all the names I had discovered were without the 'R' until the beginning of the 19th Century, long after Middle had given way to Modern English. Furthermore, the Welsh origin is persuasive because so many place names up and down The Marches are of hybrid English and Welsh derivation and similar instances exist, e.g. *Reilth*, a settlement north of Clun, from *Yr Allt* - 'at the hill'. Yet even though I was bold enough to disagree with EPNS on this point it still left a question mark because the Welsh language died out in this area in the early 18th Century and the river was clearly without its 'R' many years later than that. An explanation for this may be that the death of the language was a gradual process. Fragments and constructions may have lingered on, especially in isolated farming communities, so although by the late 18th Century the river was known as *Adlake* in legal documents, in common parlance it may still have been referred to as *Yr Adlake*, 'The *Adlake*'. By clinging on within everyday speech, the 'R' survived and somehow gained a new lease of life at a later date when the river became *Redlake*. This may have been the result of the variable spelling that prevailed in officialdom, or even in map-making or estate surveying.

The answer might lay in the year 1824 when Edward Clive, the Earl of Powis, ordered a detailed survey of all the lands he owned. Confusingly, however, in Saxton's 1577 map of Shropshire, then repeated in maps by Speed in 1610 and Jansen in 1646, the lower reaches of the river are unnamed, but the stretch through Treverward and Purlogue is shown as the Bradfeld Flud.



Extract from the Saxton map of Shropshire 1577 showing Bradfeld Flud to the east of New Chappell (Chapel Lawn) nearby.

The river Bradfeld even appears in a poem, *The Poly-Olbion*, a topographical poem describing England and Wales, written by Michael Drayton between 1598 and 1612. A long section describes how various small rivers flow into the Teme, including the Oney, Mocktry and Bradfeld.

*And for her greater state, next Bradfeld bringeth
Which to her wider banks resides a weaker stream*

From further study of the work of Sir Richard Colt-Hoare and Major General William Roy I discovered that they learned of a local legend of how the Romans were initially pushed back to Adlake Moor from Coxhall Hill by Caractacus' army, but later rallied and turned a route into a victory. In his *Brittania* of 1577 the historian William Camden tells the same tale. It is not inconceivable that a tale of such epic events in such a small place could travel down sixteen centuries by word of mouth. What was important from this was that I was now aware of references with similar names occurring on the lower reaches of the river near Bucknell – Adlagh in 1329 and Elagh in 1629, and Adlake plus Adlake Moor from 1772, whereas I had until now only found the 1779 Brook House reference to Adlake near Chapel Lawn.

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From a second examination of Colt-Hoare's and Roy's work I discovered that during their visit they were told that Adlake was the name for the river as it passed through Bucknell, whereas below Caer Caradock it bore the predictable and rather unimaginative name of Chapel Brook. Whether Chapel Brook only applied to a short stretch of the river or not is not clear. I was still assuming that Adley Moor was an area of waste land on hills somewhere above the river, forgetting that in those days much low-lying land remained uncultivated so could have been known as a moor.

The Phillimore edition of the Domesday Book (1986) suggests that Adlelactune was the principal manor in those parts before being subsumed by Bucknell. Further support for this is found in a close word match within a grant of lands in Bucknell from the late 13th Century (Shropshire Archives ref: 5981/B/1/57) which refers to a meadow called Adelach. Robert William Eyton in his *Antiquities of Shropshire* 1854, describes Adlake or Adley as being a manor of half a hide under the Abbey of Wigmore. I suspect further references could be found from a thorough search of documents relating to Bucknell.

Despite the fascinating journey of attempting to unravel the etymology of the name Redlake, and the many possibilities unearthed en route, we are left with some unanswered questions. Why did the early map makers leave the main river unnamed? Was this because the whole stretch was known as the Bradfeld Flud for a period? Does the name Bradfeld originate from Burfield? When did the name Chapel Brook appear and for how long did it survive? When did the name Adlake creep upriver and how far, and when did the modern name of Redlake first appear? More work is required to find these answers.

Summary

Date	Name	Source
1086	Adelactune, Adel(e)stune, Edelactune	Domesday and Eyton's <i>Antiquities of Shropshire</i>
1249	Ad(e)lacton(e)	<i>Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charters of Wigmore Abbey</i> , <i>Archeologica Cambriensis</i> (1882) CC
1291	Adlaghton	Eyton's <i>Antiquities of Shropshire</i>
1305	Adelahton	<i>Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem</i> (1898 – in progress) CC
1359	Adelaghton	<i>Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem</i> (1898 – in progress) CC
1329	Adlagh (the water)	Shropshire County Archives ref: X552/2/1/1/4/1/2 19
1524	Adelaghton	<i>Index to Charters and Rolls in the Dept of Manuscripts</i> , British Museum. CC
1527	Adlaton	<i>Court Rolls P.R.O. Lists and Indexes</i> 1896. CC
1535	Ad(e)lacton(e)	<i>Valor Ecclesiasticus</i> , 6 vols, Record Commission 1810-34. CC

1534-5	Adelaghton	Eyton's Antiquities of Shropshire
1629	Elagh	Shropshire County Archives ref: X2589/D/2/58
1779	Adlake	Indenture from Brook House, Pentre
1793 (referring back to 1773)	Adlake	A General View of the Military Transactions of the Romans in Britain by Roy and Colt-Hoare
1840s onwards, possibly earlier.	Redlake	Earl of Powis surveys

Patrick Cosgrove- July 2011

LIFE ON A FARM IN THE 1940'S AND EARLY 1950'S



Life on the Farm today is almost unrecognisable to farming seventy/eighty years ago. Farming still has many challenges, the added worry of Brexit looming, the amount of forms and paperwork required but, with mechanisation and modern farming methods, much of the hard physical work has been taken out of farming. Today you would have to visit Acton Scott Farm Museum to see the machinery used in the day to day working on a farm years ago.

January and February were the months when the bulk of the thrashing took place, often extra men were brought in to help. At the end of each day heavy bags of corn, which could weigh up to 2cwt, were carried up to the granary. This was hard, physical work.

In Spring the grain was drilled and also the swedes and rape. Later the swedes had to be hoed which was time consuming work. Usually the gypsies came with their caravans and would spend several weeks carrying out this task in the area.

March was lambing time. Today lambing is mostly done undercover, but back then it was in the outside lambing pen and it would be quite a performance trying to catch a ewe at night with a tilly lamp in one hand. Sometimes the vet had to be called and if it was a fine night and a caesarean operation was needed, this would be carried out on a bale in the field.

June was shearing time, but first it was a journey to visit the wash pool. Sheep were walked to a spot in the river which would have been dammed up and lowered into the pool, given a ducking, and swim out the other side. This was done mainly to clean the wool and wash the old grease (lanolin) out. It took about ten days for the fleece to recover, then it was time to shear. Shearing was done in the barn and, like today, it was hot thirsty work. There was one catcher, three shearers and one wrapper. Shearing could last for several days.

Next came the haymaking (no silage or bales then). Hay would be cut, turned, and when completely dry was made into a rick in the corner of the field. Some was stored in the bays at the farm. More often than not corn ricks were in the farmyard in readiness for thrashing, oat straw was used for fodder and the wheat straw for litter.

Our converted barn "Rickyard Place" is where the old rick yard used to be.

August / September and it was sheep sale time. Our sheep went to Craven Arms which was reputed to hold the largest sheep sales in the country where up to 20,000 would be sold. The main breeds sold at these sales were Clun Forest and Kerry Hill. It was a busy time preparing for these sales. The sheep had to be neatly trimmed, and we kept Kerrys which had white faces with black markings so their faces were washed. Lastly a pitch mark was put on their rump. As soon as they were marked a slate was dipped in cold water and placed over the mark to prevent smuggling so leaving a crisp mark. This mark denoted the owner. Our sheep were transported to Craven Arms by lorry but my husband Eddie remembers Bucknell Station being a hive of activity at Sheep Sale time when different farms booked trucks. There would be forty ewes to a truck. At least ten to twelve truckloads of sheep would leave the station for Craven Arms where men would be waiting to unload and walk the sheep to the sale field.

The sales at Craven Arms ceased several years ago, but as a nod to the past a sheep sculpture has been erected near the roundabout at Craven Arms.

September was the corn harvest when the binder cut and bound the corn into sheaves which were put into stocks and left to dry over three Sundays. The dogs got very excited as the final cuts were made. This was when the rabbits ran from their hiding place. Some got caught but many managed to escape.

After harvest Cockerels were taken to the stubble to fatten for Christmas, feeding from corn left on the ground. This was a little extra money for the housewife at Christmas.

October and it was time to attend to the root crops. Mangles were rather prone to frost so they were pulled and put into tumps and covered to protect them. Swedes were fine and were left in the ground for the sheep; some were brought to the farm buildings and fed to the cattle housed indoors. Sugar Beet was grown at the Hall, this was transported by rail. A certain day was allocated to take the Beet to the factory; you then booked a truck for the appropriate day. There would be several truck loads leaving Bucknell with pickups at Hopton Heath and Broome, then on to Allscott and the Sugar Beet factory.

Very much like today, the winter months were taken up with looking after the animals, hedging, fencing and general farm work. Our winters seem much milder these days with less snow, but years ago there were quite heavy snowfalls and hard frosts which created extra work. A hard frost would freeze outdoor taps and the animal drinking tanks, so the first job in the morning was to defrost everything. As soon as the days started to lengthen, the sun gained more warmth and Spring was on its way and so another farming year began.

EXTRACTS FROM SHROPSHIRE'S LOCAL PLAN 2016 - 2038

Further to Jonathan Kemp's letter on page 9, and my little piece on page 10, I thought I'd add some extra pages to this newsletter to expand more on the serious implications that this proposed new Local Plan has on our village. The pdf document itself, which I can forward to anyone who would like an electronic copy, is 342 pages long, and goes into great detail about Shropshire Council's ambition to build many thousands of residential properties all over Shropshire. So I've chosen the most relevant sections to print within these pages that apply to Bucknell.

It's quite clear to me that this is just a numbers game for Shropshire Council. They speak of the 'needs' of the community then totally ignore all previous objections by Bucknell residents to building on green fields. A development of 70+ properties on the old Timber Yard is way in excess of what this village 'needs', but even I am keen for the brownfield site to be developed because of the eye-sore that it has become. There is absolutely no need to desecrate our green fields which would be irreversible. Construction on the old Timber Site (BUCK001) could largely be carried out with minimal adverse effect on the village, with the majority of construction traffic accessing and egressing the site via Lingen Bridge.

Shropshire Council will not relent on the development of Gotians Meadow (BUCK008a) it seems despite the village successfully getting the field declassified as a 'Preferred Site' and despite it being outside the village development boundary. I consider there is great pressure from the landowners and their agents to push for development on this field despite the enormous amount of enabling works required on the B4367 in terms of ripping out hedgerows for road widening, new drainage works, road and footway surfacing, electricity and telecommunication cabling, additional street lighting, new hedgerow planting, and all before any of the 20+ properties have even been fully constructed. Whereas the same enabling works for the old Timber Yard development would be much more cost effective for 70+ properties.

Some relevant extracts follow (shown in *italics*) plus my comments marked with an asterisk *

Page 161 refers to Community Hubs in the Bishop's Castle Place Plan Area

5. Bucknell is partly, and Clun is entirely, located within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

* Unfortunately BUCK008a does not fall within the AONB designated area but I would like to think that it should remain green to prevent any further 'ribbon development'. Given the number of policies in place to protect the countryside, it's peculiar that Shropshire Council suggests there should be any development on this field at all!

6. The Plan HRA (Habitat Regulations Assessment) identifies that development in Bucknell, Clun and Worthen and Brockton is likely to have an adverse effect on the River Clun SAC (Special Area of Conservation) so policy DP14 applies. Additionally, mitigation measures will be required to remove any adverse effect from increased recreational pressure arising from development in Chirbury and Worthen and Brockton on the integrity of the Stiperstones and Hollies SAC in accordance with policies DP13, DP15 and DP16. Mitigation measures for recreational impacts are identified in the Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and supporting documents.

7. Development proposals will be expected to positively respond to policies and guidelines within any relevant community-led plans and local needs.

Page 162 **Schedule S2.2(i). Residential Site Allocations: Community Hubs in the Bishop's Castle Place Plan Area – Bucknell Community Hub**

Land adjoining Redlake Meadow on B4367, Bucknell. (BKL008a - northern portion)

BKL008a is located on the edge of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) adjoining the existing Redlake Meadow development. BKL008a comprises the B4367 road frontage and northern portion of a larger land parcel and must facilitate development of the remaining land at some future time.

Design, layout and landscaping of the development should respect the historic character of the settlement, enhance the character of the AONB, contribute to the countryside setting beyond the eastern boundary of the site and create a new gateway for the village (in addition to traffic calming measures).

A footway link into the Redlake Meadow estate should also be considered.

The gateway feature is to be formed by the provision of a suitable and safe highway access with appropriate visibility onto the B4367 and highway drainage to help address surface water flooding, provision of a footway, along the site frontage with an appropriate road crossing to link to the wider pedestrian network and bus stop to the north, reposition the speed restriction beyond the new junction with signage and traffic calming to mark the entrance to Bucknell. Relevant supporting studies to be undertaken particularly highway capacity, ecology, tree and hedgerows, drainage and protection of the River Clun SAC. Recommendations to be clearly reflected in the development scheme. Regard is to be had to the River Redlake Local Wildlife Site and retaining mature trees and hedgerows where possible with compensatory planting especially for hedgerow removal to create the highway access to B4367.

The site will incorporate appropriate sustainable drainage, informed by a sustainable drainage strategy. Any residual surface water flood risk may be managed on part of the remaining land to ensure flood and water management measures do not displace water elsewhere.

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5.35. Bucknell is located on the southern border of Shropshire, where the B4367 passes into Herefordshire to join the A4113 before it quickly passes over the Welsh Border into Powys and links to the adjacent principal town of Knighton. Bucknell is an important service centre for local communities in the surrounding rural areas of these three Counties. Bucknell's significance is also enhanced by its operational rail station linking with other rural stations in Shropshire and the principal station at Knighton.

5.36. The provision of land for development in Bucknell is affected by the centre and west of the village being within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the presence of the Conservation Area with its former castle site at the historic core of the village and the importance of areas of open land within the village to the established character of the settlement.

5.37. As a Community Hub in the SAMDev Plan, Bucknell already provides planned development on an existing allocation (BUCK001) comprising a mixed housing and employment redevelopment on a largely redundant brownfield site at the southern edge of the village. Although development has been delayed at BUCK001 to protect the Special Area for Conservation in the River Clun, from rising phosphate levels, there is a need to continue to support the sustainable growth of Bucknell.

5.38. The strategy for Bucknell is to meet the needs of the local communities whilst recognising the landscape and historic significance of the town by extending the village to the east into countryside away from the AONB and Conservation Area. The release of part of this larger greenfield land parcel at BKL008a, adjoining the contemporary Redlake Meadow development, will permit new housing to be delivered quickly when issues affecting development in the River Clun catchment are resolved. Bucknell will also make a small allowance for windfall development in the remainder of the village.

Page 329 shows a breakdown of how SC intends to meet their target in Bucknell

Schedule A5(ii): Residential Guidelines and Residential Supply within the Community Hubs

<i>Total Residential Completions (2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19)</i>	5
<i>Sites with Planning Permission or Prior Approval (as at 31st March 2019)</i>	7
<i>Saved SAMDev Plan Allocations without Planning Permission (as at 31st March 2018)</i>	70
<i>Local Plan Allocations</i>	20
<i>Windfall Allowance</i>	8
<i>Residential Development Guidelines</i>	<u>110</u>

* And finally, though I don't believe it for one minute myself, on **page 334** is a table showing approximate timescales for development. They don't show BUCK001 because that could start at any time I imagine, but for BUCK008a they are suggesting:

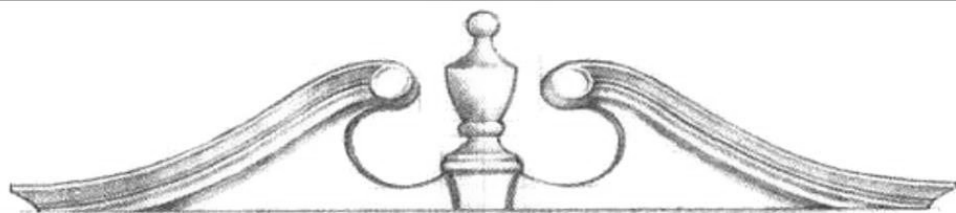
BKL008a Land adjoining Redlake Meadow on B4367, Long Term (2035/36-2037/38)
Bucknell. 20 dwellings.

* I do hope that everybody who cares for the fabric, community and rural aspect of the village will write an objection to Shropshire Council condemning their proposal to develop one of our green areas (20-40 dwellings), when development of the Old Timber and Railway Yard will be more than enough for a village of our size. Shropshire Council already refers to Bucknell as a 'town' in some cases, and I'm sure that everybody who moved to Bucknell did so because it was a village, so it would be nice to keep it as one.

The Local Plan is too large for most people to read in its entirety, but if anyone has any questions about the Plan or would like help formally commenting on it back to Shropshire Council, then I'm sure any member of the Parish Council, or even I, would gladly help.

Many thanks.

* Editor - 23rd August 2020



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Our W.I. programme has been much depleted this year and we all know why, yes, the dreaded Covid-19 that has caused so much worldwide devastation and loss of life.

We held our January meeting with an interesting talk by Tony Cox entitled Mistletoe House – The Secrets of Publishing Greeting Cards. After the ups and downs of a fledgling business it is now thriving and we were able to purchase some of the beautiful cards.

I was delighted to find the artwork for the card I had chosen had been designed by a local artist. February was an activity evening when we had indoor curling, which was great fun and very competitive, but little did we know that it would be our last meeting for several months. Quite early on in lockdown, those ladies handy with a sewing machine made masks for fellow members, husbands and partners and managed to produce some very colourful masks. Some W.I.'s have kept in contact through Zoom, but not all members are familiar with this method of communication and have preferred to keep in contact by telephone.

We had some interesting talks planned, one being Travels with a Penguin, an intriguing title but we shall have to wait until next year to find out what that's all about.

We have all heard of Guide Dogs for the Blind, but perhaps not so well known are Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, so we were very much looking forward to our June speaker to tell us more about these intelligent animals. The next month was to be a peg weaving demonstration and the following month our Garden meeting, finishing with Artisan bread making before holding our AGM in November.

As with the rest of the country we have observed strict government guideline restrictions which have already started to be relaxed, and by the time this goes to print, the guidelines may have been lifted further. When we resume our meetings will depend on the wishes of our members.

We hope to welcome a very important guest to our Party in December when 'Queen Victoria' has agreed to grace us with her presence. She will be accompanied by her 'Lady in Waiting' and had requested a robing room where she can change into her full regalia. The best we could offer was the use of the Committee room, so she will either have to go through the ladies or over the stage.

This has been a difficult time and the effects of the virus will be with us for a long time but, hopefully, there is light at the end of what has been a very long tunnel.

Christine Price - President of Bucknell WI - July 2020

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From the Environment Agency a few weeks ago.

The River Redlake is a beautiful little river which hosts a wealth of wildlife including fish, otters, birds and white-clawed crayfish, which are now a rare and an endangered species in Britain.

Over the last few weeks anybody living in, or visiting Bucknell will have noticed that sections of the river have dried up. The Environment Agency has carried out a number of electrofishing surveys and rescued over 500 wild brown trout and 150 young salmon and moved them to flowing, deeper sections above Bucknell and at the river's confluence.

The team was surprised to find such high numbers of fish in this small river which proves what a special and healthy river it is.

Around 300 white-clawed crayfish were also rescued. These have been moved to a pool at Great Hagley to establish a new population. White-clawed crayfish are threatened by habitat destruction and the spread of American Signal Crayfish which take over the white-clawed crayfish's territories and spread a deadly disease to the white-clawed crayfish. Over the last few years, the Environment Agency has been working with the Shropshire Hills AONB to train local people to survey for crayfish in the Clun and Redlake catchments and to try to find suitable safe havens where new populations could be established in isolated rivers sections or lakes to preserve and expand the population. We are extremely grateful to the Great Hagley Estate for allowing us to use one of their lakes.

If you see fish or crayfish in distress please call the Environment Agency's 24 hour incident hotline immediately. Do not trap, take or rescue the white-clawed crayfish, or fish. White-clawed crayfish are a legally protected species, so only trained and licensed staff are allowed to take them from rivers. The fish and crayfish need to be moved very carefully and quickly if they are able to survive being moved. The crayfish are best left undisturbed where the majority will survive in damp crevices under cobbles and tree roots unless the river becomes very dry when the EA will carry out further rescues.

We are grateful to all of the local residents who alerted us of the drought situation. The dry river bed is in great contrast to the floods that were seen through the village last winter.

The Environment Agency and Shropshire Council are working with the Parish Council to identify any measures that can prevent future flooding to properties. The Environment Agency are currently in conversation with the Parish Council to fully understand the impacts of the winter flooding and any information that residents are able to share about their experience would be extremely useful.

If you wish to carry out any repairs to the river bank following the flooding please contact the Environment Agency to ensure that the work does not exacerbate flooding for others and can be done in a manner that will not harm wildlife.

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Jonathan Kemp - August 2020

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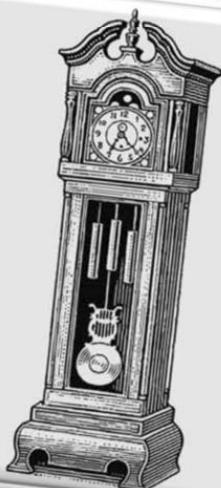
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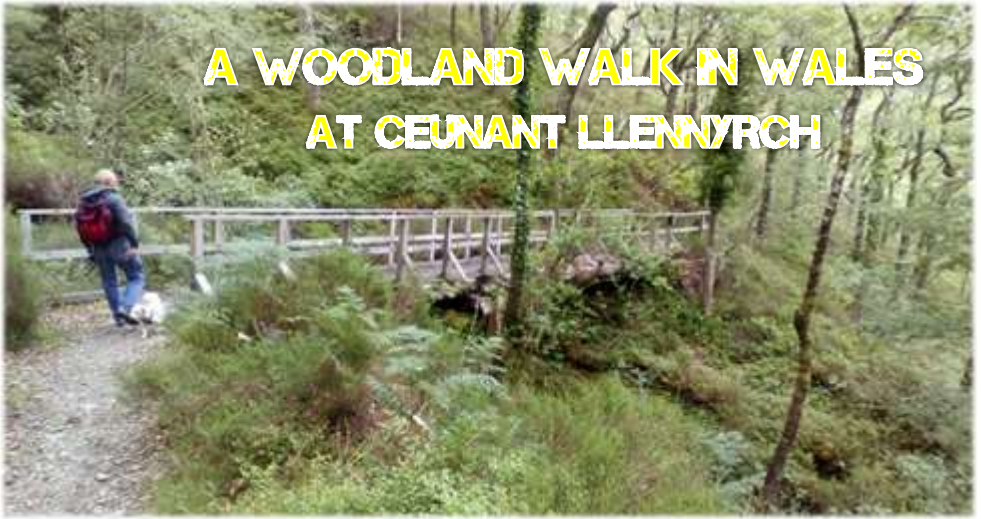
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A WOODLAND WALK IN WALES AT CEUNANT LLENNYRCH



My first week away this year was at a Caravan & Motorhome Club site named Coed-y-Llwyn in Gellilydan, Gwynedd.

We had to wait until July 13th before Wales was 'open' again for commercial sites hosting leisure vehicles. The sites' toilet and shower block was out of action owing to a boiler problem so everybody staying on site had to use their own on-board facilities.

My brother lives close by so it was good to meet up with him and his wife again. On this particular day, Scooby and I were shown this hidden gem of a woodland walk leading to a beautiful waterfall.

At the waterfall was a group of people 'Canyoning', (aka Gorge Walking or Gorge Scrambling). We saw them abseiling down from the top of the waterfall into the pool below.



Editor - July 2020

The Rotary Club ~ Knighton & District

Monthly Reports for 2020 by Cathy Jones

February was another busy month with an excellent speaker, a successful Young Musician competition and two (fun)draising events. We started the month with another free tea dance for the community at St Edwards Church Hall which was relaxing and enjoyable. Next, we held a Valentine's wine and cheese at Rotary members Kim and Sheila Smith's home, raising nearly £450 for Classrooms in the Clouds based in Nepal.

This was followed the next week with a charity supper and quiz at the Baron in Bucknell, raising nearly £180 for local charities. The Rotary Young Musician competition and concert, with five talented youngsters from across Mid Wales, was a success, and gave both vocalists and instrumentalists positive feedback and concert experience. The month ended with 13-year-old Harvey Smith telling us of his plans and fundraising for a vocational trip to Kenya in 2021 – an inspirational talk and talented young man.

FASHION SHOW held by KNIGHTON ROTARY on March 12th was a success!

On Thursday March 12th 2020 the Rotary Club of Knighton and District teamed up with Colours Fashion Shows to raise money for charities that support the local community. Knighton Rotary President Chris Price said "This was a very successful event and we were delighted to welcome over 70 guests who were very generous both at the bar and raffle."

Knighton Rotary Treasurer Kim Smith added, "Thanks to this generosity, and that of the Colours Fashion Show team who provided models and clothes free of charge, we raised over £700 for our charitable efforts in the community. We would also like to thank those who donated prizes for the raffle including the Baron in Bucknell, the Banc in Knighton, the Little Black Sheep café in Knighton and the Flower Box in Knighton". The local charities that the Rotary Club supported last year can be seen on their website.

KNIGHTON ROTARY SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD BANK

In these difficult times the members of the Knighton and District Rotary Club have been looking for ways to support those most in need of help in their local communities. These include towns and villages such as Knighton, Presteigne, Bucknell, Leintwardine and beyond. The first call for their assistance was from the Knighton and East Radnor Food Bank and the Rotary Club responded immediately with a generous donation towards essential store cupboard items.

As Food Bank coordinator Helen Anderson said "The Food Bank ensures that only those who are genuinely in need of help are supported, and we are proud to assist them in these difficult times." Knighton Rotary Club President Chris Price added "We are fortunate to have had the support of our local community in fundraising this year. Being able to give back to the Food Bank and others when they need it most is very rewarding". If you are aware of any other groups providing additional support to the community during this difficult time, and who are in need of help, please contact the Knighton and District Rotary Club through their website.

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