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#### From the Editor / Treasurer

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I'm very sorry that the Spring edition publication had to be cancelled, mostly because I couldn't ask our wonderful distributors to distribute it around the parish because of lockdown restrictions imposed upon everyone at that time. But here we are again, hopefully with better times ahead for us all.

I've still included articles that were submitted to me for the Spring edition and as this is likely to be the last year of the newsletter under my editorship, they will be appropriate for next Spring too. I've also brought back the 'Regular Dates' table should any of the meetings start up again, but please telephone the organisers first to be sure.

I had to cancel the Summer 2020 edition because of lockdown restrictions last year so advertisers who had paid to be in that edition automatically had their advertising space rolled over to the Spring 2021 edition, but as that was cancelled too, their 4<sup>th</sup> and final advertisements of 2020 now appear in this edition. Some advertisers have already asked to continue to advertise throughout the rest of this year so thank you to them.

We have unfortunately lost a few advertisers, who have decided to halt all of their advertising because of lockdown restrictions, but I'm very grateful to the newcomers to this newsletter who've asked for their businesses to be included. So thanks to all the businesses that are advertising within, not just to promote their business but to support this community newsletter in the process. If you too would like to advertise your business, then details of advertisement sizes and prices can be found on page 38 of this edition. Stay safe everyone!

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Front cover: Daffodil Lane, Bucknell, on a balmy summer's day.

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Please be aware that some businesses advertising within this newsletter may still have Coronavirus restrictions imposed upon them by Government policy at the time of going to print.

Do please however continue to contact any of the businesses advertising within this newsletter during the coming months for updates on the services they can offer as Covid-19 restrictions continue to change.



As I've previously mentioned, this year will likely see the last Bucknell Newsletters under my editorship, but there is still time for someone else to 'step up to the plate' and take over from me. We still have the rest of this year for a handover and full tuition will be given if required.

This is an ideal opportunity for a young person (or group) to add this skill to their CV or for a newcomer to the village to participate in this community publication.

I will continue to be Treasurer and help out with editing if required but it's time I think for someone else to carry the newsletter through 2022 and beyond.

It's not difficult, I use MS Word 2010 and Adobe Pro 9 but any word processing or desktop publishing software would probably be suitable.

Contact me if you are interested or just for more information on 07484 280 259 or email beverley2019@gmail.com

Thank you.

Beverley Stone

#### BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL



Following an uncontested election, the new Councillors are Nicky Edwards,

Carol Davies, Viv Dodd, Sam Walmsley, Ian Owen and Jonathan Kemp, from whom a Chair and Vice Chair will be chosen on 18th May 2021 at the Annual Meeting. It is expected that invitations to be considered for co-option (1 vacancy for Bucknell and 2 vacancies for Bedstone) will be advertised with a view to making appointments in time for the June Parish Council meeting. Further details available from Jonathan Kemp on 01547 530398.

Jonathan Kemp - 30th April 2021

#### **REGULAR DATES** – All subject to things getting back to normal!

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	Days	Event	Venue & Time	Contact			
WEEKLY	Monday	Bedstone Art	Bedstone Village Hall	Celia Keane			
		Group	10:30 - 13:00	01547 530397			
	Tuesday	Mothers' and	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Leanne Lewis			
		Toddlers' Group	09:00 - 11:30	07869 470684			
	Tuesday	•		Geri Jackson			
	Group 10:30am		10:30am	01547 530137			
	Tuesday	PiYo Club	St. Mary's School Hall	Helen Bithell			
			19:30 - 20:10	07775 520968			
	Tuesday	Grumpy Old Men's Club	The Baron at Bucknell 21:00 - 23:00	Just turn up!			
	Wednesday	Pop In Café	St. Mary's Church	Sue Fenlon			
		Bucknell	10:30 - 12:00	01547 530105			
	Friday	Bingo	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Dorothy Edwards			
		_	19:45	01547 530252			
	Saturday	Indoor Circuit	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Helen Bithell			
		Training	08:30	07775 520968			
	Monday	Bucknell Walkers	Lych Gate	Mike Starr			
			St. Mary's Church	01547 530179			
			<b>09:00 -</b> sharp!				
۲ ۲	Wednesday	Mobile Library	Belmont Garage end of	Shropshire Library			
EHT		Service	the Causeway	Service			
FORTNIGHTLY			14:05 - 14:25	01743 255024			
ORT	Thursday Skittles (Sept -		Memorial Hall or The	Sylvia & Derek			
ŭ		May) Boules (June - Aug)	Baron at Bucknell	Meredith			
	Fuidau	0.	19:30	01547 530422			
	Friday	Bumps and Babes	St Mary's Church Bucknell ~ 10:00-11:45	Jenny White 01547 530107			
			Duckneii 10.00-11.45	01547 530107			
	First Monday	Bucknell Book	Variable venues	Doug White			
		Group		07734 166634			
MONTHLY	First Tuesday	Mother's Union	Variable venues during	Iris Greaves 01547			
			winter months	530152 and Jean Pryke			
	Second	Bedstone and	Variable venues - see	01547 540376			
	Tuesday	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish	parish notice boards	Jonathan Kemp Chairman			
	racoudy	Council	19:30	01547 530398			
	Third	Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Christine Price			
	Wednesday	women s institute	Backhen Wentona Han	01547 530249			
	Last	Craft Group	Variable venues	Fran Turnbull			
	Wednesday			01547 530833			
	First	Gardening Club	Variable venues	Jenny White			
	Wednesday	0.1.1		01547 530107			

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Brampton Bryan & Leintwardine Cricket Club Fixtures 2021 by Mike Oliver							
Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Time pm.	Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Time pm.
May 2nd	Kinlet	Away	2:00	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	~~~		
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Almeley	Away	2:00	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Clee Hill	Home	2:00
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ludlow	Away	2:00	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dales	Away	1:30
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Burwarton	Away	2:00	Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	~~~		
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday		Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Almeley	Home	2:00	
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Corvedale	Home	1:00	Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Acton Scott	Away	1:30
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Acton Scott	Home	1:30	Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Clee Hill	Away	2:00
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ludlow Nomads Home 1:00		Aug. 27th	Moor Park Kids renting pitch		pitch	
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Haymakers CC renting pitch		Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday			
June 27th	Church Stretton	Away	1:30	Sep. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dickie Venner XI	Home	1:00
July 4th	Dales	Home	1:30	Sep. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ludlow Nomads	Home	1:00

#### Beware ... Old Teflon Coated Cooking Utensils



Not wishing to alarm anyone, but I had just watched a really good 2019 movie entitled **Dark Waters**. Very briefly, it's about a lawyer in the US who is approached by a poor farmer whose cattle are mysteriously dying. The lawyer reluctantly takes on the case and eventually discovers that a company called DuPont were dumping toxic waste adjacent to the farmer's land which was polluting the nearby water course from where his cattle drank, and the water table generally. The chemical concerned, used in the production of the Teflon coating until 2013 was identified as PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid) and according to an online source, was classified as "possibly carcinogenic to humans" (Group 2B), based on limited evidence in humans that it can cause testicular and kidney cancer.

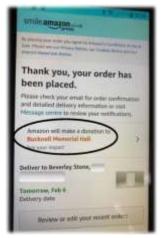
I had old Teflon coated pots and pans dating back to before 2013 and I binned them straight away because of what I now know and because, I guess, the Teflon coating adhesion may lessen with age and use, thus getting into food. I had never heard of Teflon ever being a potential health hazard or of the chemical PFOA (also known as C8) but was amazed when I unpacked a new frying pan that I'd bought a while ago from Aldi that it actually mentions on the packaging that the coating is PFOA-free.



Hopefully, there may be nothing to worry about but I thought you all should be aware.

For more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfluorooctanoic\_acid Editor - 27th November 2020

#### Amazon donations to Bucknell Memorial Hall charity

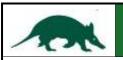


Don't forget folks, if you regularly buy online at Amazon and you haven't already signed up, you can get money donated to the Bucknell Memorial Hall charity.

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AmazonSmile is essentially a cloned version of the Amazon.com that most of us know, with one big difference: A portion of every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile is donated to the non-profit organization of your choice. Although the donated percentage is small (0.5%), every little bit adds up.





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Telephone and website sales have continued during the lockdown period and now to celebrate our slow return to normality, Aardvark are running our brilliant car boot again. Book a stall or just come and enjoy the fun.

May Bank Holiday, Sunday  $30^{th}$  at 9:00am - 3:00pm. Free entry and car parking for visitors.

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#### The Bucknell 1000 Club

Bucknell is giving everyone the opportunity to win prizes of up to £1,000. The Lottery is in aid of:

#### St. Mary's Church - St. Mary's Primary School - Bucknell Youth Group.

Every week there will be at least one winner and there is a guaranteed prize pot of £1,000 paid out each year!!!

#### How it Works

The club offers cash prizes every Saturday. Each member ticket, costing £1 per week, will have three different numbers from 1 to 59, one red and two blue. If your red number matches that day's National Lottery lotto draw you will get a prize.

- If your red number matches the bonus ball you will win £10.
- If your red number matches the bonus ball and one of your blue numbers matches one of the other numbers you will win £50.
- If your red number matches the bonus ball and your two blue numbers match any of the other balls you will win £1,000.
- If no one wins the jackpot prize within the year April to end March, the organisers will
  randomly pick four member tickets and each will win £250. Thus there is a guaranteed big
  prize pay-out of £1,000 each year.

Membership is open to everyone, 18 or older.

If you would like to be a member please fill out your details on the back page and deliver the request to Doug White or Len Barrett with your payment. You will be allocated your numbers. No one will have the same three numbers, though red numbers might be duplicated but this does not alter your chances of winning. Prizes will be paid in cash.

With Covid restriction there are delays in setting up a dedicated bank account but this will be done as soon as possible so, until an account is set up, tickets will have to be bought in advance with cash. The minimum payment is £5, for five weeks, or you may want to pay £13 quarterly or £52 annually. Alternatively you can pay using PayPal. If you need help to do this, please contact either of the organisers.

The website www.bucknell-1000.com will keep you up to date. If you have not received a leaflet or have any queries, please contact Doug White on 01547 530 107 or Len Barrett on 01547 530 863.

Good luck!

#### **Recycling Tips for Gardeners and Growers**



I reuse yoghurt pots, Pot Noodle pots etc. for plant pots. I also make plant pots out of newspaper by wrapping 4 to 6 layers of paper around a jam jar and tucking the ends over the bottom of the jar, full details how to do this can be found online. I then use these pots for plants like sweet peas that don't like root disturbance. Yoghurt pots and margarine tubs and lids can be cut up to make plant labels.

I save the plastic tubs from the Chinese takeaway as these are very useful around the garden for collecting seed and leaving them to dry. They can also be used to sprout seed by first layering some kitchen roll or paper towel in the bottom, damping with water and sprinkling your seed on top keeping them damp. I keep the little silica gel sachets you often get with a new handbag etc., to put in my box of seed packets to keep them dry

Got any old cutlery you no longer use? I keep a couple of old forks including a little pickle fork, and a spoon or two for the more delicate digging out of small plants, transplanting etc.

I've reused an old door fly net to put over the greenhouse door opening enabling the door to be left open without all the insects getting in. My husband drinks a lot of tea, so I dry the bags and



split them and sprinkle the tea leaves around my roses and other plants. Of course they can also be used in the compost heap, however it must be remembered a lot of teabags have been found to contain micro-plastics. Polystyrene packaging can be used in the bottom of plant pots as a light weight drainage

Also a little project I made last year from an old basket from a mobility scooter, which I lined with some plastic cut from a used compost bag which i cut some holes in for drainage, filled with compost and plants. See the before and after photos



Carmen Locke  $-23^{\rm rd}$  November 2020

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#### The Village School in the 1940's and 1950's



Every Village in the 40's and 50's had a village school with a Head Master or Mistress

living in the School House which was usually attached to the school. The schools in this area were mostly built of stone with large windows which let in plenty of light.

The small School at Mainstone which I attended with my brothers and sister was just such a building with a sturdy front door which opened into a cloakroom with a quarry tiled black and red floor. There were rows of clothes pegs and a hand pump and stone sink at one end which was the only washing facility we had. There were two classrooms, 'big room' and 'little room', each heated with a coke tortoise stove.

We walked the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles to School, all taking our sandwiches with us as there were no hot dinners, but we were able to take cocoa, Horlicks, or Ovaltine and the teachers would make us a hot drink at lunch time.

Every schoolchild was entitled to 1/3 pint of free milk which we had mid-morning. In the Winter Miss Morris, the infant teacher, would arrange the little bottles with their red and green cardboard tops round the stove, which took the chill off the otherwise very cold milk.

This was a time when World War II had only finished a few years before and things were still in short supply, so it was make do and mend at home and at school.

All the milk tops which had a hole in the middle which you pressed to remove were all washed and saved. We then put two together and wound oddments of wool round and round and with cutting and tying, would end up with a little pom-pom ball, which was destined to hang on the Christmas tree. Cotton reels were also saved, (they were wooden then, not plastic). They were taken to School, four little nails were put in the top of the reel and we were able to do French Knitting. When we had a long length, it was wound into a circle which made a little teapot stand, or some such thing, which we presented to our Mother or Nan. They were also presented with numerous dishcloths which we were encouraged to knit using a rather peculiar dirty white shade of cotton yarn.

The School Nurse called periodically to check on our health, and also inspect our hair for nits. We also had a visit from the school dentist and he would set up his surgery in a little room and

we would be called in one by one. We all dreaded his visit and I do remember he was not very sympathetic to the more nervous children.

When hot dinners eventually arrived they were brought up from Bishops Castle in two heated steel containers. I don't remember much about the main meal but can vividly recollect sago (or frogspawn as we called it) and semolina which was served with a spoonful of jam in the middle.

Our library books appeared so many times a year from Shrewsbury, arriving in two large wooden boxes which were stored in the corner of the classroom.

Our playground was divided by a wall with the boys on one side and the girls on the other. The toilets and coal shed were at the bottom of each yard.

Perhaps the boys were considered too rough for us and would be more interested in playing football and would probably have found our girls' games far to cissy.

We played Orange and Lemons, The Farmer's in his den, here we go gathering nuts in May, in and out the windows, and statues and Hop Scotch.

We were also fond of skipping, sometimes solo, other times with a long rope turned at each end by one of us, and singing, salt, mustard, vinegar pepper, and if you were still going cayenne pepper would be added to the song. By this time the rope was turning really fast. Perhaps you have noticed that most of our games seemed to have involved singing.

Sometimes we were allowed to play in the field next to the School, where we used to dare each other to jump the little brook which ran through the field.

There was one spot where the bank was high, I was never brave enough to make that jump, but at a School reunion some eight years ago I revisited that spot, and what had seemed so intimidating to a small child all those years ago was in reality only a very small jump..

Our Winters were much more severe then, with hard frosts and heavy snowfalls. 1947 was the year the older people still remember. I only have a vague recollection of that winter, but apparently we had only been to school for a week after the Christmas holidays when the snow came and we did not return until after the Easter holidays.

I do remember on several occasions being very disappointed when the annual trip to a Pantomime was to be held at The Granada in Shrewsbury, but was cancelled owing to the weather. The Granada was a beautiful theatre but is now a Bingo Hall.

The little School closed in 1956 due to falling numbers and the remaining pupils went to Bishops Castle. It was sad to see the school close down leaving the building redundant after it had provided education for the children of the area for generations. Happily though the building is once again serving the community today but in a different way, as their village hall

Christine Price - January 2021



#### Pop in Café News by Sue Fenlon



The Café volunteers do not know when the Café will open yet as we have to be sure that there is a safe and sanitised environment which we can easily maintain.

We also have to be sure that people will feel comfortable and at ease mingling in close contact again.

However we do look forward to being able to see our friends and customers again this year. We had very little income from 2020 as we were only open for 10 weeks at the beginning of the year. However from the 2020 income and from what we had saved for contingencies from 2019 we have been able to donate £200 to St Mary's School to help provide more books for early learners.

We have lost some volunteers this year through house moves and other commitments and so we are looking for new volunteers to give  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours on a Wednesday morning just once a month and who can also bake.

If you are interested please contact Sue Fenion (01547) 530 105

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CENTENARY MEMORIAL EVENT

The Centenary of the Royal British Legion was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The event was marked nationwide by the laying of wreaths at local memorials, in our case at St. Mary's Church, Bucknell.

No formal parade was possible due to Covid-19 rules, but a restricted number of the Brampton Bryan branch of the Legion, which covers Brampton Bryan, Bucknell and surrounding areas, met on a rainy Saturday morning to honour those that had fallen in conflict since 1914.

The branch Chairman, Peter Barron, oversaw the brief but very significant event. Mike Oliver, the branch Secretary carried the Standard and a wreath depicting the centenary was laid by Jean Wood.

The exhortation was read by the branch President, Trevor Hughes:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them".



Continued overleaf





The Kohima Epitagh was read by Sylvia Meredith.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, we gave our today".

The Centenary wreath was added to existing wreaths at the Memorial stone in the churchyard.

Many thanks to everyone who attended.

Text by Peter Barron. Pictures by Beverley Stone 15th May 2021

#### KNIGHTON ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

From January to March 2021, the Rotary Club of Knighton and District called upon budding young photographers aged 6 to 18 years old to enter their best photographs in the "Nature on your Doorstep" themed competition.

Rotary Club Youth coordinator Sheila Smith said today "We were delighted with the response to this event and with the quality of the photographs we received from 18 young photographers in all age groups." Sheila added "Everybody gave explanations of why their photos meant so much to them, which aided the judges in their decision-making process."

The competition closed on March 22nd and the judges Cathy Jones, Larry Smart and Sheila Smith then had the challenge of choosing the first three places in each age group. Rotary member Larry Smart said "The quality of the entries was very good, and it was difficult to choose between them, but we are happy with our decisions"

Every entrant received an appraisal of their photograph and the winning entries were:

**6 to 11 years:** 1st Grace Gurney (aged 10), 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Jones (aged 11), 3<sup>rd</sup> Seren Preece (aged 10). **12 to 15 years:** 1st Robin Fletcher (aged 13), 2<sup>nd</sup> Alisha Preece (aged 14), 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Petley (aged 12). **16 to 18 years:** 1st Christopher Warburton (aged 16), 2<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Davies (aged 16), 3<sup>rd</sup> Leon Leese (aged 17).

Christopher Warburton was also the overall winner with his photograph of deer in Mortimer Forest. As Rotary President Margaret Thorp said "I was asked to choose the overall winner, from the excellent photos, which was difficult. However, Christopher's photograph stood out for me with the atmosphere and movement created by the group of fallow deer".

Many thanks again to Knighton Rotary Club for organising this competition."

**Cathy Jones** 







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When the Winter edition of our Newsletter was published we were all hopeful that Covid-19 would have been in retreat, and we would be looking forward to getting out and about again, but sadly with the second spike, 2021 began very much as 2020 ended, but with one big difference. We now have the vaccine and many of our more senior residents have already received the vaccine and by the time this newsletter lands on your doorstep, many more of us will have received a letter or phone call to attend the nearest vaccination centre.

In March our W.I. like many other organizations will have been closed for twelve months, but as reported in the last Newsletter we were able to meet up for chat and afternoon tea in September when restrictions were temporarily lifted, otherwise members have kept in touch by phone or email.

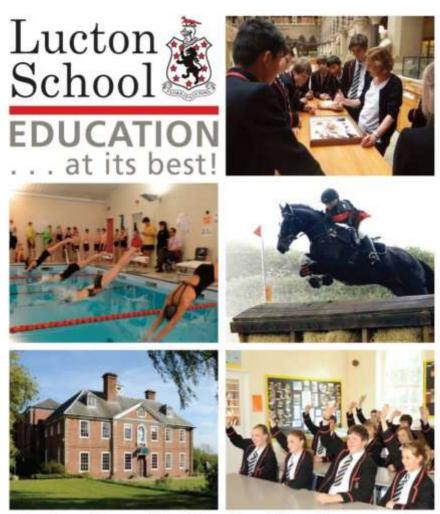
Last October we were asked by the County Federation if we would care to make a Christmas tree decoration that would be part of a Christmas display in St Chads Church Shrewsbury, materials to be provided on application. So our Secretary, Beryl Starr, applied and received two thin circles of wood approximately 7.5 cm in diameter. Rita Barnes, with a little gentle persuasion, agreed to transform these pieces of wood into Christmas tree decorations. This was quite tricky bearing in mind the dimensions she had to work with, but I think you will agree looking at the photo below she did a wonderful job, so thank you Rita. Sadly, the Christmas display was cancelled and all decorations stored away, but we hope that Bucknell's contribution will be adorning the tree next year.

In the month before Christmas it had been suggested that as members had missed so many meetings it would be a nice idea to give each member a small gift at Christmas, so with the blessing of our treasurer Jane Willis, each member received a small basket of growing plants, a Christmas card and a Newsletter sent on behalf of the Committee with news of fellow Members and any County news the Secretary had received.

This report has been quite brief, but hopefully by the Summer we shall be up and running again, so there will be more news for the Autumn edition of the Bucknell Newsletter.



Christine Price - WI President - 16th January 2021



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Starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 (Rotary International Day), 25 members of the Knighton Rotary Club "climbed" Everest (locally) to support the "Feverest" Challenge set by the educational charity Classrooms in the Clouds (CITC Nepal) based in the Everest region of Nepal.

The Rotary members collectively cycled, walked, jogged and climbed the height of Mt. Everest (8.8 km) in one day or over a few days to raise a total of over £710 for Classrooms in the Clouds. Just some of the participants are pictured below. Many thanks to everyone who took part!









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## Crème Egg Chick by Debbie Pope



Sorry for the delay in publishing this article which was meant to appear in the Spring edition in time for Easter. Alas, the Spring edition had to be cancelled.

Welcome to Debbie Pope and her husband who relocated to Bucknell last year. Debbie has sent me her own knitting design for knitting a duck like the one pictured, to cover a Cadbury's Crème Egg.



You will need:

- A small amount of yellow wool about 10 grams, black wool for eyes, toy stuffing or cotton wool ball, orange felt for the beak.
- Size 4mm knitting needles.
- Use garter stitch throughout (knit every row).
- Beginning at lower edge under belly of chick. Cast on 36 stitches.
- Knit 8 rows.
- Increase one stitch each end of next and 3 following alternate rows (42 stitches).
- Knit 3 rows.
- Shape head.
- Cast off 11 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows (20 stitches).
- Knit 11 rows.
- Next row, knit 2 together 10 times across the row (10 stitches).
- Thread wool through remaining stitches and draw up tightly.
- Over-sew all rows ends. Stuff head area and upper part of body only to leave room for the egg.
- Thread a length of wool around neck area and draw up slightly to give the neck its shape. Leave the cast on edges open for the egg and pop a crème egg inside to form the chicken body.
- Sew on the felt for a beak and make the eyes with black wool as shown.



If you no longer wish to keep <u>this copy</u> of the Bucknell Newsletter, please recycle it by leaving it at Greens (Belmont) Garage where I can collect it and redistribute it to other communities.

#### Bucknell Allotment Association by Jim Hughes



With having to Stay Home, people have been making more use of their gardens

than ever before. However, for some, growing space is limited and even though Bucknell allotments have a couple of plots available, not everyone can afford the time to maintain a plot. In this issue, as one alternative way of growing flowers and crops, we're having a brief look at vertical gardening.

This may surprise those with limited space who hadn't realised what was possible. Moreover, it's about making use of what you may already have in an innovative way. For example, reusing lengths of second-hand guttering. These can be securely attached to a wall and are ideal for growing seedlings or perhaps strawberries, as your juicy fruits will have a better chance of eluding slugs and snails.

Left over trellis from a previous project can be used for supporting climbing nasturtiums - the leaves and flowers can be included in salads and sandwiches. They'll need to be planted in a well-drained soil and not allowed to dry out.

If you have any further ideas for vertical gardening, and even better if it involves re-using materials, please let us know.

We 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. For contact details see page 37 "Who's Who" in this edition.

#### Bucknell Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Contact me, the scheme coordinator, if you would like to join the scheme by telephoning me or sending me an email: Telephone: Jim Hughes on 01547 530 077 / 07980 883 785 or Email: hughes\_jim@msn.com

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#### Bucknell and Bedstone Good Neighbours and Community Cars – see also page 35

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