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From the Editor / Treasurer

I'm so glad that things are getting back to near-normality, it's time now we get back to living (albeit cautiously) and resume enjoying life once more.

Unfortunately, there's been no interest from anyone in taking over the editorship from me, but I've had some offers of help to encourage me to continue the newsletter for a little longer, (see page 5), subject to adequate advertising revenue of course, but I still hope that someone will take over the editorship from me in the near future. It would be very sad if this newsletter just fizzled out, never to re-emerge. So please keep the articles coming, they've been brilliant, demonstrating the talents of many of our readers, and the advertising too without which the newsletter would not exist.

I've broken one of my non-political editorial rules (partially) in publicising a housing development controversy that's going on in Kent, only because it reflects what we in Bucknell are experiencing with the intransigence of Shropshire Council in not seemingly prioritising development of brownfield sites, despite this being central government policy, which threatens our green areas and which swamps communities generally with over-development at the expense of the fabric of village life and the local environment. Pages 23-24.

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 34 of this edition. Stay safe everyone!

Beverley - beverley2019@gmail.com or telephone 07484 280 259

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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.



Bucknell Newsletter Update

I'm pleased to report that I've had some recent offers of help from two ladies who'll help me source both articles for publication and also liaise with potential advertisers, which will take some of the pressure off me to enable me to continue to compile and publish newsletters for the foreseeable future, but as always, all subject to

the very necessary funding from advertising to cover our publication costs.

The ladies are Debbie Pope who'll liaise with potential advertisers and she can be contacted by email at dp@haroldsharp.co.uk or on 07929 823 568 and Carolyn Wilde who's contactable by email at cmwilde@btinternet.com or on 01547 530 085 for anyone wishing to publish their articles or advertise charitable events for free.

I will therefore continue as Editor and Treasurer for now but I'm still looking for someone to take over the editorship from me eventually to keep the newsletter going into the future. I would still remain as Treasurer and help out with editing if required.

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

Thank you. Beverley Stone



FORTHCOMING EVENT

FESTIVAL CONCERT

Saturday 4th December at 7:30pm

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From Sylvia Meredith 01547 530 422 and Christine Price 01547 530 249



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

	Days	Event	Venue & Time	Contact
WEEKLY	Monday	Bedstone Art Group	Bedstone Village Hall 10:30 - 13:00	Celia Keane 01547 530397
	Tuesday	Bucknell Ukulele Group	Variable venues at 10:30am	Geri Jackson 01547 530137
	Tuesday	PiYo Club	St. Mary's School Hall 19:30 - 20:10	Helen Bithell 07775 520968
	Tuesday	Grumpy Old Men's Club	The Baron at Bucknell 20:00 - 22:00	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
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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
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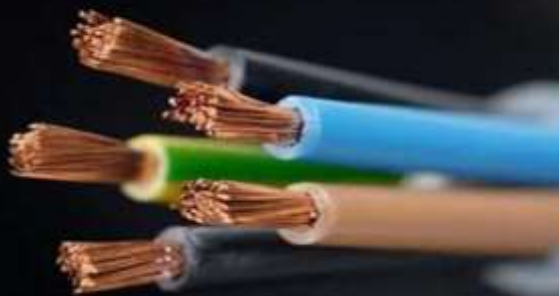
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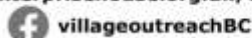
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This is the third W.I. news item I am writing while the country is still adhering to Covid restrictions, but allowing us more freedom of movement than in the early days of the Pandemic. Over the past months, we have been keeping in touch by phone, email, or seeing each other while out and about in the village.

Apart from the Christmas arrangement in December, each member received a pot of bright little tête-à-tête at Easter, which was much appreciated. Many of these bulbs have been replanted out in the garden in the hope that they will appear again next Spring.

As all our members had received two vaccinations, it had been hoped that we may have been able to resume our monthly meetings in The Memorial Hall, but this has not been possible, so the Committee have had to come up with other ideas for us to socialise.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon in May, twenty four ladies met with the W.I. President in the garden at Rickyard Place for afternoon tea. We were so lucky with the weather as the next day we had torrential rain and high winds.

With things still uncertain, our Secretary kindly invited us to The Old School House for our June meeting. Once again the weather was kind to us, rain had been forecast but fortunately that did not materialize.

We were welcomed by our hostess Beryl with a choice of Prosecco or home-made Elderflower Cordial, tasty nibbles and juicy strawberries picked fresh from her garden.

Our treasurer Jane was on hand to take any outstanding subscriptions and hand out the revised programme of speakers and activities for the next twelve months. As usual the programmes had been printed by Carol Garland. We are so lucky to have our own in-house printer, so a big thank you to Carol.

We were delighted to welcome three new members, two of whom are new to the village. The meeting commenced on a happy note when the President congratulated Jane, our Treasurer, on her marriage and presented her with a card and a garden voucher. We then raised our glasses to the happy couple.

With things a little uncertain, our July meeting will be a little different when we plan to go to the Wood 'n' Ribbon for afternoon tea.

Shropshire County W.I. issued a knitting 'lockdown' challenge to knit scarves the length of The Shropshire Way, which is a distance of one hundred and ninety miles. It was thought to be a good way to use odd balls of wool. The completed scarves have now been taken to the County office in Shrewsbury and will be passed on to the appropriate charities. As you can see from the colourful photo (right), members, friends and relatives have been busy with their needles and have completed forty two scarves which equates to just over two hundred and forty feet. This may seem just a small step along the way but it all helps towards the end result, so a very big thank you to all who helped in this challenge.

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf was the topic for the evening when Tom Kane, accompanied by his faithful dog Harvey, told us how these dogs had changed his life.

Tom has had three dogs over the years. Before he was introduced to these amazing animals he went to work, came home, shut the door and led a very solitary life. But all that changed with the arrival of his first dog, which made him get out and about and meet people. There were also changes at home. Harvey now alerts him to the ring of the phone or door bell and the ping of the cooker and should the smoke alarm go off this special dog is trained to convey the urgency of the situation.



We have many more interesting speakers and activities planned throughout the year:

Skittle evening ~ Travels with a penguin ~ An Indian adventure ~ An evening with Queen Victoria ~ A murder mystery evening ~ Thighs the limit ~ Blood bikes.

Should any of the above appeal to you do come along to The Memorial Hall on the third Wednesday of the month 7:30pm BST and 7:00pm GMT when the time changes, we would love to meet you.

Christine Price - WI President - July 2021



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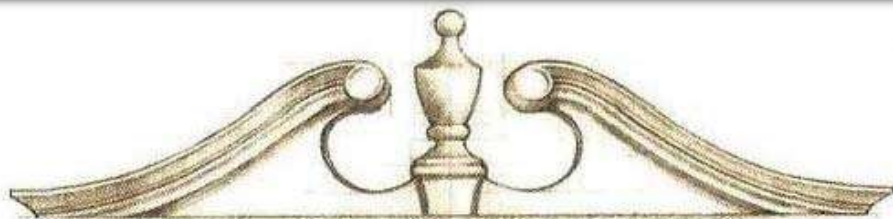
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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Two ladies have written to me regarding next year's Queens Platinum Jubilee and what we as a village can do to celebrate it. Editor

Sylvia Meredith ~ Queen Elizabeth's 70th Jubilee Celebration, 2nd to 4th June 2022

As a village it would be nice if we could come together to celebrate this special occasion. Has anyone any ideas, would like organise or can help in anyway?

These are some suggestions:

- A children's Fancy Dress Parade from the Causeway to the Memorial Hall for a party tea and games.
- Maybe a Big Breakfast the next day, and a 1950's Supper Dance in the evening.
- A Church Service on the Sunday morning and then in the afternoon we could have a Jubilee Picnic in the park with music.

As we have approximately 700 residents in the village, it would be great if somehow we could come together to celebrate this piece of history.

Call me please with your suggestions on **01547 530 422**.

Debbie Pope ~ With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee being celebrated next year I thought it might be a good idea if we could create a memento, in the form of a wall hanging, which involves the whole village and depicts not only the Queen but aspects of Bucknell history over the last 70 years and I'm hoping you can help me with this.

If you are a cross stitcher you can contribute by stitching a small panel for the finished item. There will be no financial outlay as all materials will be provided and I'm more than happy to help you with the instructions and pattern. If you are not a stitcher then you could help by telling me stories and sharing your memories of events in the village over the past 70 years which can then be stitched into a panel.

If you would like more information or think you might like to be involved get in touch and I'll explain more fully. No commitment, just give me a call or drop me an email. May I just say many thanks to all those people I have met so far who have made me so welcome into the village.

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Debbie

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Some of you may already know him as your dentist in Knighton. We are delighted that Martin and his wife Fiona are to join us here, and I know they are looking forward to the challenge! Initially we will keep to the same pattern of services with Martin taking a Holy Communion service on the 2nd Sunday of the month and taking services at the other six churches in the benefice the other weeks.

I hope we will all give them a true Bucknell welcome when they move into the vicarage later in the Autumn.



Jenny White - 14th August 2021



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Tories urged to rethink controversial plans for green-belt land amid fears they could otherwise pay the penalty at the polls.

While this newspaper article relates to some villages in Kent, it highlights the same problem that we're having in Bucknell by trying to restrict development in our village to brownfield sites only and to not desecrate any of our remaining green fields, but as in Kent by their Conservative run council, our Shropshire Council does not seem to be listening to their electorate and seems determined to press on with vast swathes of housing development throughout the county with complete disregard for the environment which they claim is of paramount importance. Editor

It was once described as one of the best medieval landscapes in northern Europe, with undulating fields dating back to the Domesday Book and boasting the only church in the world with all its stained glass windows designed by Marc Chagall, villages do not get more quintessentially English than historic Tudeley.

Yet residents of this sleepy slice of Kent countryside are giving new meaning to the phrase "Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells" over plans to build more than 5,000 homes in the area, destroying 600 acres of green-belt land including ancient woodland.

The proposed development - which would see 3,000 homes built in Tudeley and a further 2,160 in nearby East Capel - represents a 500-per-cent increase in housing in the Tory stronghold.

The row has already cost the local Conservative councillor her seat to the Liberal Democrats, and now threatens to knock another hole through Boris Johnson's Blue Wall after the party lost leafy Chesham and Amersham in a by-election in May.

More than 1,800 angry residents are now backing a "Save Capel" campaign to persuade the Tory-run Tunbridge Wells borough council to rethink the controversial scheme.

Ian Pattenden, who has lived in Tudeley for more than 30 years with his wife Angela, said: "This has happened under the Tories' watch. What's being proposed is sacrilege. It's going to completely destroy the Green Belt and change the entire complexion of an area that has been like this for centuries.

"We are not NIMBYist and are more than happy to have housing here. We have even suggested a number of brownfield sites that could be developed but the borough council doesn't seem to want to listen. It's as if they have already made their minds up."

A senior Conservative familiar with the plans admitted: "It's one of those moments when you say to yourself - what the hell is the point of being a Tory if you can't protect this?"

Seemingly determined to build in the parish of Capel, the borough council earmarked 2,100 new houses for Tudeley in its draft Local Plan to 2038, and then later added 900. A further 2,160 homes were proposed in East Capel between Five Oak Green and Paddock Wood.

In 2018, Hadlow Estate, which owns huge swathes of the land, submitted a "Masterplan for Tudeley Village", described as a "new community" of 2,800 homes, plus a new primary and secondary school, health, sports and leisure facilities and "a mixture of formal and open space".

Locals argue that it will not only result in the destruction of wildlife, biodiversity and agriculture but cause traffic chaos, flooding and put undue strain on existing amenities.

Continues overleaf ...

The borough is made up of 20 wards and yet all the housing has only been earmarked for just three wards on the border with Tonbridge, which is in a different local authority altogether.

Tom Tugendhat, the MP for Tonbridge and Malling, is understood to be strongly opposed to the plans while Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, is described as “sitting on the fence.”

The Liberal Democrat councillor Hugh Patterson, who unseated the incumbent Tory by winning 75 per cent of the vote in Capel at the local elections three months ago, said the development represents “an existential threat to the parish”.

Mr Patterson, who is also chairman of Capel parish council, added: “This is urban development pure and simple. The council is basically saying the Government wants us to build all these houses and this is where we are going to build them so suck it up.”

An independent planning inspector will have the final say following a public inquiry in the New Year. Those opposing the scheme have already spent an estimated £20,000 fighting the plans by submitting reams of paperwork as part of the ongoing public consultation.

The Save Capel group has proposed various brownfield sites in the parish for development instead - including former prison Blantyre House, which could accommodate nearly 1,000 new homes and another site where a commercial development has already been approved. This site near High Brooms station, which has direct rail links to London, could take another 1,500 homes.

Cllr. Alan McDermott, the cabinet member for planning and transportation, said the “process of producing the Local Plan has been extensive”, insisting it made “maximum use of brownfield land”.

“What the Plan proposes will mean using some Green Belt land. However all the testing done indicates that the urban expansion of Paddock Wood and the new standalone Tudeley Village is considered to be the most sustainable approach overall and that there are exceptional circumstances to justify the release of Green Belt land.”

‘The proposed Plan will change the landscape and we are mindful of the local concerns this raises.’

By Camilla Tominey, Associate Editor, The Telegraph.

Thanks to John Price for forwarding this article to me. Editor



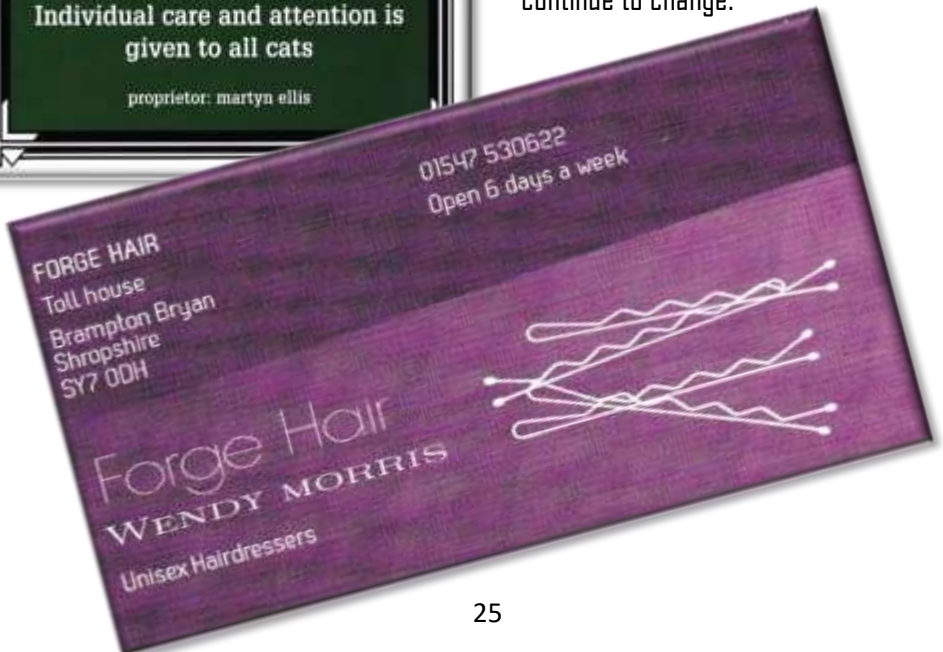
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Joyce Wells



Joyce was playing the church organ as she celebrated her 95th birthday in early June.

She has been the church organist for many years and still plays almost every Sunday at St. Mary's Bucknell.

She is also the church flower arranger and makes wonderful creations for the different seasons.

Her birthday was celebrated in the church after the Sunday service with coffee and cake and a bigger party was arranged for the end of June.

She is a wonderful lady and such an asset to St Mary's.



Dave & Sue Fenlon - 6th June 2021

TRACTOR RUN



The Old Timers Tractor Run from Knighton to Bedstone passed through our village on Sunday 20th June.

A very cheery group of drivers gave the spectators a wave and a toot as they wound their way towards the uphill lane to the Mynd.

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Bucknell Allotment Association

by Jim Hughes



Thanks to Carmen Locke for her reuse tips in the Summer edition, this helps save stuff from having to be recycled, incinerated or ending up in landfill.

We would love to hear from other readers who have similar ideas to share. Please let Beverley or myself know.

Continuing with the theme of reuse and innovative growing in a limited space, pallets make a useful raised garden bed. Securely attached to a wall, pallets can be used as troughs when lined and filled with soil and they also provide a vertical space for displaying plants in pots.

Pallet gardening is an easy way to grow fruits, for example, strawberries or edible flowers such as nasturtiums; small vegetables such as salad greens, spring onions, baby kale and dwarf peas, or they can be packed with lots of herbs including chives, oregano, parsley, coriander, thyme, basil, mint and rosemary.

Since the start of the Covid pandemic and its associated lock-downs, we have seen an uptake on the requirement for our allotment plots. Currently all are occupied, and we have even had a couple of people waiting for plots to become available.

Notwithstanding this, 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 the "Who's Who" page 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:

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