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From the Editor / Treasurer

I'm very pleased to be able to produce a bumper edition this quarter and delighted too to announce that we've a new member joining the Bucknell Newsletter team this year. He is David Webb and he'll be joining initially as sub-editor for the remainder of 2022 with a view to taking over the editorship fully for the 2023 editions and beyond.

The front cover picture is from David 'Harry' Hargreaves whose article about travelling to Poland and back to deliver donated items, features on pages 20-21. Thank you very much to all of the contributors who've sent in articles for publication this quarter. They are very much appreciated and it's been quite a challenge 'cramming' them all in even after increasing the number of pages to 40.

Thanks as always 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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TAKE FIVE OVER TEA by West Mercia Police



The aim of Take Five over Tea is to encourage families to sit down with parents, grandparents and anyone else they think may be vulnerable to financial fraud, whether in their own home, or online, and then discuss the advice provided.

Fraud and Scams have a devastating impact on all those who fall for them, and this is a summarised format of the Take Five toolkit to help families set up their own discussions.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

We all think we are savvy when it comes to fraud and scams, but the truth is any one of us can fall for one, especially in the heat of the moment. Criminals are increasingly becoming more sophisticated, using many tactics to gain our trust and make it harder for us to spot the obvious

signs of a scam. By taking the time to talk to your loved ones, including those who are not online, they have a much better chance of spotting a scam and more importantly, preventing themselves from falling for one.

TYPES OF FRAUD AND SCAMS

As technology becomes more sophisticated, so do the techniques used by criminals. They now use a wide variety of methods to trick people, the most frequent are listed below:

IMPERSONATION SCAMS: Criminals are experts at impersonating trusted organisations, including banks, the police, and government departments such as HMRC and DVLC, to convince you to make a payment or share your personal and financial details.

- They often use alarmist language and time-pressure to convince you to take immediate action,
- They may already have some of your details, which they use to add a layer of authenticity to their scam.
- If you receive an urgent request for your money or personal information STOP: take a moment to pause and think.

INVESTMENT SCAMS: There are numerous paid adverts or comparison sites claiming to be legitimate firms offering guaranteed returns with minimal risk. You may be asked to complete a "Contact Form" with your personal details for a Call-Back. The use of genuine company logos, celebrity endorsements and testimonials may often be fake.

PURCHASE SCAMS: It can be easy to fall for a purchase scam. Criminals advertise goods/services at "too good to be true" prices often via social media or auction sites to trick people into purchasing something that does not exist. They often use images taken from genuine sellers to convince you they are the real deal. They may also ask for payment prior to delivery and send fake receipts and invoices that seem to be from the payment provider.

ROMANCE SCAMS: The ease of online dating services often means you can find the love of your life in the comfort of your own home. However, this also provides criminals with an opportunity to gain your trust and build a relationship with you by using information and fake identities found on social media – also known as catfishing. Criminals will claim to declare strong feelings for you just after a few conversations before pretending to need money for a personal emergency or flights to visit you.

COURIER FRAUD: If you're contacted by someone purporting to be from your bank or the police, take a moment to question their authenticity. If the caller is from the bank, they may claim that their system has spotted a fraudulent payment on your card or that it is due to expire and needs to be replaced. They may even confirm personal details about you, such as your full name and address and offer you peace of mind by having someone such as a courier collect your card to save you from having to go to your bank or local police station. You may even be asked to write down your PIN and place it in a separate envelope to that of your card.

DOORSTEP SCAMS: Doorstep criminals can come in all sorts of disguises, from dodgy salesmen to unscrupulous tradespeople and, can be very convincing. They may claim to have noticed something about your property that needs work or improvement, such as the roof, and offer to fix it for an inflated price with payment required upfront. Some criminals may even convince you to visit your bank branch to withdraw money whilst they set up their equipment.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAMS

If you receive a request to provide personal or financial information whether that's over the phone, in

an email, online or through social media always remember:

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop and think - It could protect you and your money.

STOP: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- Avoid disclosing security details
- Emails. Phone Calls and Texts may not be authentic
- Always make direct contact with any organisation by using a genuine phone number
- Stop and Challenge any unexpected requests
- Protect others by reporting Fraud and Scams

If you've fallen for a scam, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks. Forward Fake Emails received to report@phishing.gov.uk. A full PDF leaflet can be downloaded from Take Five at:



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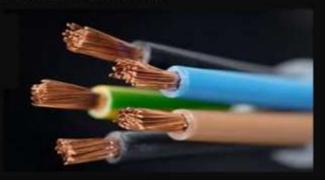
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REGULAR DATES – All subject to things getting back to normal!

	Days	Event	Venue & Time	Contact		
WEEKLY	Monday	Bedstone Art	Bedstone Village Hall	Anne Holding		
		Group	10:30 - 13:00	01584 874857		
	Tuesday	Bucknell Ukulele	Variable venues at	Geri Jackson		
		Group	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 20:00 - 22:00	Just turn up!		
	Wednesday	Pop In Café	St. Mary's Church	Sue Fenion		
	,	Bucknell	10:30 - 12:00	01547 530105		
	Friday	Bingo	Dorothy Edwards			
	•		19:45	01547 530252		
	Saturday	Indoor Circuit	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Helen Bithell		
		Training	08:30	07775 520968		
	Monday Bucknell Walk		Lych Gate	Mike Starr		
			St. Mary's Church	01547 530179		
.LY			09:00 - sharp!			
ᇤ	Wednesday	Mobile Library	Belmont Garage end of	Shropshire Library		
Ž		Service	the Causeway	Service		
-ORTNIGHTLY			14:05 - 14:25	01743 255024		
Ĭ.	Thursday	Skittles (Sept -	Memorial Hall or The			
		May) Boules (June -	Baron at Bucknell	Meredith		
		Aug)	19:30	01547 530422		
MONTHLY	First Monday	Bucknell Book	Variable venues	Doug White		
		Group		07734 166634		
	First	Bedstone and	Variable venues - see	lan Owen		
	•		parish notice boards	Chairman		
		Council	19:30	01547 530 616		
	Third	Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Marion Cox		
	Wednesday		7:00pm (Winter period)	07964 710983		
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Bucknell Show 2022 - Cancelled

With great regret the Show committee has decided to cancel the Bucknell Show for this year. If enough volunteers come forward to help, the committee hope to begin planning for a bumper Bucknell Show to be held on Saturday 2nd September 2023.

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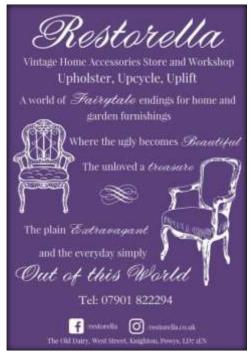
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The Rev. Dr. Martin Quayle



Credo 3

In this article, I wish to consider 'belief'. We use the word nowadays in all kinds of ways. A definition might say that it is a predisposition of our thinking or mind, in relation to a particular subject. Our behaviour or attitudes are probably directed by our inclination or beliefs, so in terms of the kind of people we are, our beliefs are important. In terms of contemporary philosophy, there is a tendency to say that people or humans are defined by their sensitivity to moral facts or decisions. Essentially, we are saying that our behaviour is not just about narrow selfish inclinations. We like to see certain behaviours as being 'good' or 'bad', in relation to their consequences or effects. So we will sometimes act or not act in ways that do not immediately work to our advantage, because we want to remain 'good'.

I know that the above is a little simple, but our identity in philosophical terms, is deemed to be about our moral choices. What beliefs and inclinations we have, or live by, are important in terms of 'who we are'. Of course, many good and moral people claim that they lead good lives, but do not believe in God. And I am afraid that some who believe in God, will sometimes act or behave in ways which are far from good. But as a generalisation, it might be said that belief is perhaps not so much about what we hold in our heads to be true, but it is about the way that we lead our lives, or by how we behave and talk, and relate to, and with one another.

For my part, I feel that it is easier to think ahead with hope and optimism whilst holding to a belief, or set of beliefs about God. I acknowledge that for some, those beliefs may not make sense, or may even be counter-intuitive. These are for each of us as individuals to decide. But fundamentally, I hold that belief is about living well, generously and selflessly, seeking the best for all in those situations in which we find ourselves. My sense that there is a God, makes it easier to see the world as a benign place, in which good things happen. And it also enables me to think that there is a purpose and meaning to life.

In the next article, I will write about God, and what Christians mean when they talk about the divine.

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Our April meeting was a little different this year. It was also our A.G.M. which has always been held in November, but it was agreed to hold the meeting in April this year to bring us in line with the County's Financial Year. This meeting was also at the commencement of our year so Jane, our Treasurer, was on hand to take the yearly subscriptions and give out our new W.I. programmes. The evening then commenced with our usual monthly meeting.

Marion Cox our President, and Alison Gunning-Stevenson will be attending the Council Meeting in Shrewsbury. Members were reminded about the forthcoming Plant Sale on May 14th commencing at 10:30 on the Green near to The Sitwell Arms. We expect to have an array of healthy plants, potted up and labelled. A sub-Committee has been formed to organise the tea tent at the forthcoming Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Tea or coffee will be free, with a small charge for a slice of cake. We also plan to treat ourselves to a Jubilee lunch in the Memorial Hall.

After a little more W.I. business, it was time to move on to the A.G.M. which commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. The President, Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports. The Treasurer indicated that our funds would need to be replenished following the lockdowns so watch this space for more exciting fund-raising events. The Committee were re-elected en-bloc, President Marion Cox, Secretary Carole Garland and Treasurer Jane Pallet all agreed to stay in office. Yvonne Alderton announced the winner of the monthly competition, Jean Hughes-Pryce. She won the cup having gained the greatest number of points over the past few months. Jane Pallet came second and Debbie Pope third. All three were presented with a rose bush. With the conclusion of the A.G.M., we then moved on to the fun part of the evening, which was a Beetle Drive organised by Debbie Pope and Fran Turnbull. Jane Pallet proved to be the winner and was presented with a big, red 'beetle' filled with chocolates. Our new programme should have something to suit all tastes. Next month we have a refresher course on using a defibrillator and the following month a talk entitled Sex Scandal and Censorship, for which we must wait for to hear what that's all about. Coming up, there will also be an enamelling workshop, a cookery demonstration, a talk on local history, and later in the year Helen Braden will be showing slides, and telling us all about her trip to Africa where she joined a group taking wheelchairs out to disabled children.

If you think you may enjoy any of the above, why not come along to one of our meetings where you will be assured a warm welcome. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7:30pm.

Christine Price - 28th April 2022

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

On Sunday 4th June a Jubilee Thanksgiving service will be held in Bucknell Church. This will be a special service as all seven parishes in the Middle Marches benefice have been invited to attend. Early June is not the best time for garden flowers but it would be lovely to decorate the church with seasonal flowers and greenery. Could you help the small band of ladies (who decorate the church for the weekly services) by providing an arrangement in a vase or jug for this special occasion? They could be flowers from hedgerows or flowers from your garden. We are not expecting shop bought flowers but preferably British flowers for a very British event. If you would like to offer flowers please can you let Carolyn Wilde know by email cmwilde@btinternet.com or phone 01547 530085. Many thanks.



Aardvark Books

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Upcoming events

Saturday 28th May, 9am - 3pm: our popular Car Boot Event with live music, fabulous antique and vintage stalls and café refreshments – begin your Jubilee holiday with a bang!

Sunday 12th June, 10am – 4pm: Poetry in the Barn event hosted by Anna Dreda, with author Pamela Petro, author of "The Long Field"

Saturday 2nd - Sunday 31st July - The Big Aardvark Book Sale! Lots of books must go at bargain prices.

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August: The English Civil War Society return with their biggest ever re-enactment of the Sieges of Brampton Bryan.

Monday 29th August, 9am - 3pm: our August Bank Holiday Vide Grenier /Car Boot Sale - antiques, vintage, bric-a-brac, plants, live music, with hot and cold refreshments too!

The Café is open so why not sit down with your chosen books and relax with a hot drink and a choice of home-made cakes! Telephone and website book sales are available too.

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Pop-In Café - Ukraine Trip Donation

Due to exceptional world circumstances the Pop-in-Cafe decided not to wait until the end of the year to donate and at the beginning of March gave the sum of £220 to David (Harry) Hargreaves as he set off for his long journey to the Polish / Ukraine border. This represented one weeks record takings which was doubled up. Thanks to Mike and Yvonne Alderton for suggesting this to the cafe volunteers who, without exception, all agreed it was a very worthwhile cause.



Harry's van was packed with clothing and equipment supplied by Bucknell village residents and beyond. Harry and his friend 'Benji' McGregor, had a very fruitful journey and delivered their donations without any personal incidents. They were very moved by what they saw and the stories they heard. We all wished them a safe journey and return before they set off and they are both now safely back home.

See pages 20-21 for Harry's article.

Dave & Sue Fenlon ~ 8th April 2022

Brineddin Wood

When visiting or driving through Chapel Lawn, it is difficult not to be impressed by the 50-acre stretch of Brineddin Wood on the northern side of the river valley. The steep slope, densely packed with Sessile Oak, a tree that favours higher altitudes than the traditional English Oak, provides a constantly changing backdrop according to the seasons and the weather. Its history is also noteworthy.



Thought to be an outlying spur of the medieval 'Purloke Hunting Chase' (for which, read the township of Purlogue further up the valley), it has been divided into unfenced portions called quillets since at least the early seventeenth century. These small plots of woodland were attached to local freeholders' properties, generally farms, for the purpose of fencing, construction and firewood. The upper reaches of the wood, however, although now in private ownership, were never 'quilletted', but used by 'commoners' for firewood. The name itself is Welsh in origin meaning 'Gorse Hill' from bryn, 'hill' and eithin, 'gorse or furze'. Tantalizingly, the name Gwellinharat is on record from 1637 as an earlier or alternative name for the eastern end of the wood, providing fascinating evidence of medieval Welsh land tenure practice. It derives from Welsh, gwely meaning 'family land owned by common ancestors of a named person', in this case someone called Agharat ('Angharrad') who may have been the daughter of Willim ap Clone ('William son of Clun'), known from a document dated 1387. When the tithe map of 1847 was drawn up, quillets were numbered from 2868 (towards the Bucknell end) to 2888 (at the Pentre end)' although by now the eastern end of the wood was no longer subdivided. Those numbers are still in use today. Quillets vary in size between two and five acres, although boundaries, sizes and ownerships have changed over time. Nearly all are registered now, therefore well-defined, providing little excuse for owners to creep out at night and move the stone markers that used to divide them!

Traditionally, the wood has been intensively managed by coppicing – both Oak and the Hazel understorey - and by clear-felling. A photo from the Edwardian era shows a large swathe of the wood completely felled. Aerial images taken by LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) show channels that guided felled trunks to the bottom of the wood prior to transportation – probably to Bucknell woodyard for whom in the 19th century the bark may have been as valuable as the felled timber. Many oak trunks show evidence of coppicing, being either double or triple stemmed on older 'stools' which may themselves have been coppiced at least once before, if not more. Much of the hazel is past its natural life-span of about 70 years if left unmanaged, and desperately requires coppicing to keep it alive. Hazel can live for 3-400 years or more if regularly cut back close to ground level to permit regrowth. The external appearance of the wood is therefore masking a picture of overall decline, made worse by the predation of deer in recent years which prevents the growth of a healthy ground flora and the natural regeneration of oaks from acorns. Fortunately, deer aren't fond of bluebells, but much other ground flora has been largely grazed out. Most recently, it has been discovered that because of the unnatural density

of the oaks through lack of management, relatively young trees are rotting internally. This does not bode well for the wood in coming decades when it will also have the pressure of a warming climate to contend with: which is where the Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society hopes to help. The Society was founded in 2011 by sixteen residents of Chapel Lawn and surrounds in order to purchase the two-acre quillet number 2879 directly across from the village hall.

It was set up on a not-for profit, co-operative basis (no-one may benefit financially; one vote per person irrespective of how many shares held;) and very quickly grew to forty shareholders. Its aims are social, educational, and environmental. In 2020, an adjacent guillet, number 2880 of about five acres was purchased through expansion of the shareholder base to over 60 people. further fundraising, and the assistance of an interest-free loan which is almost repaid. Since inception the Society has provided primary and secondary school pupils, unemployed adults and young adults with learning difficulties with opportunities for practical activities. Successful woodland fairs were held in 2012 and 2017. Rustic steps have been built to create a circular walk around the two quillets and far up the slope. An area of fencing has been erected to demonstrate how readily ground flora spring backs when deer are excluded. During autumn and winter, monthly working parties carry out conservation activities. More recently, from growing awareness of the plight of the wood, discussion has taken place with the Forestry Commission about how best to manage it for future generations, as without management this wonderful asset and landscape feature will only deteriorate, as will its already depleted biodiversity. Plans are at an early stage, but to create a more varied age profile of trees, selective felling will reduce tree density and let light in to enable regeneration of oak and hazel - preferably from seed or by coppicing, but with some new stock introduced. More fencing will be required to exclude deer, but in such a way that it will not be unsightly, and members of the public will still be able to enter the wood and appreciate it.

Although much felled timber will be poor quality, it is hoped that some can be used more sustainably for fencing materials and craft purposes such as greenwood chair-making. All this, of course, will cost money, so fund-raising will constantly feature in the Society's ongoing work. The Society always welcomes new shareholders and volunteers on its work parties which will start again in the autumn.





For further information, please visit its website at https://rvcbs.org.uk or contact the Chairman, Mark Limbrick, at redlakevalley@gmail.com or 01547 530002.

Patrick Cosgrove - 2nd April 2022



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UKRAINIAN MISSION by David (Harry) Hargreaves

They say that given unlimited visibility and laser vision, you could see the Kremlin from the top of Clee Hill, which is why there is a pub of that name there. As Benji and I drove across the billiard table flat countryside of Holland, Northern Germany and Poland, we could see where that

idea was sown. We had set off on the 12th of March, following a frantic week that started with my wife Glyn asking me "when are we going then?" We had just watched the evening news and the coverage of the worsening situation in Ukraine. "I've fought my war" I replied but the next morning whilst taking in the local views walking the dogs and thinking that you couldn't get further away from a war zone than Bucknell on a sunny morning. The Aid to Ukraine mission was decided.

Within hours of a Facebook post and

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fundraiser we were amazed by the response as offers of help, clothes, medical supplies and money swelled. Our house was soon brimming with items of clothing, all of which was sorted into age groups and gender then vacuum packed to save space.

With 3 days to go to departure, the scale of the task was growing fast, as was the responsibility. HM Customs and Excise were entirely negative in their response for advice but Customs Clearance Company in Harwich did excellent Pro Bono work and got the export paperwork to allow us to leave the UK. The AA gave us free breakdown insurance and Daylnsure got me covered for my son's van at a very reasonable cost.

We arrived in Przemysl on the Polish / Ukrainian border on the 15th, after 1300 miles, an overnight ferry and 24 hours behind the wheel. We had 1½ tonnes of donated clothing, goods and supplies including sanitary and baby products, push chairs and a defibrillator. En-route we had purchased £200 worth of Polish SIM cards as Ukrainian SIM's do not work outside of Ukraine.



Our first stop was a Red Cross site about 3km from the border; they were very thankful of medical supplies and took half of the SIM cards before directing us to the two major

humanitarian centres in the area. These were an industrial complex and a shopping arcade that had been taken over by the Polish authorities. The sight of 1500 women both old and young, many with children, living cheek by jowl on camp beds in open warehouses is one which brought a huge reality check to both of us. These people had only the few items that they could carry. It was impossible to comprehend the enormity of the situation they had escaped, nor the anxiety felt of the fate of those still in Ukraine or what the future held for them.

From these centres, buses led to train stations and transportation hubs where travel for all Ukrainians was free of charge. Food and clothing advice and help with paperwork were all on hand provided by both Government and NGO's along with numerous civilian volunteers. We organised through the Polish Military for half of the aid to be transported into Ukraine itself and distributed the remaining clothing, SIM cards and supplies between these centres. Our next day saw us transporting young women



and children into Rzesnow from their temporary accommodations to the administrative offices, set up to process the paperwork required to start a new life in Poland or beyond.



We transferred £1700 of the money received to help towards organisation, travel and repatriation costs for individuals escaping Ukraine to a local agency. That evening as we cooked and shared a meal with our Ukrainian hosts, living in a shared house near Rzesnow we heard the news that the business they ran in eastern Ukraine had been destroyed by

artillery fire. Later still we discovered that 4 of their friends had been found dead in a car that had been ambushed by Russian forces as they tried to escape from Karkhiv: As we were leaving the next morning it was a sad end to our time with them.

Our spirits on the journey home by the reverse route was lifted by the reactions we got from the Ukrainian drivers whose fuel we paid for at the service stations that we had stopped at. In this manner we used up the last of our donated cash. As we left Poland, we remarked on the excellent work we had witnessed of the Polish authorities.

We were both humbled by the trust shown in us and inspired by the support of all those who had helped in whatever capacity they could.

This journey could not have been undertaken without the support we got from all our community. As we returned past Clee Hill, the idea of firing a laser at the Kremlin did not seem at all remarkable.

POPPY APPEAL





Here are three types of poppy which can easily be made at home. The top one is crocheted, the bottom left is sewn and bottom right is knitted.

If anyone would like to contribute some poppies to go into a display for Remembrance Day in November, please can they contact me, Debbie Pope, on 07929 823 568 or email me at dp@haroldsharp.co.uk or just put them in my letter box at Bergamot in Chapel Lawn Road. The more we get the better display we can make.

We are hoping to get enough to drape down the Bucknell church wall, across the grass and towards the memorial stone. It's an ideal pastime if you have a spare hour in the evening. Thank you.

Tales from the Coop

I suppose when a couple of 'townies' move to the countryside and decide to keep chickens there were bound to be fun and games ahead – but nothing like what came our way!

After hubby built the Tudor mansion style chicken coop and fenced in the run area, off we tootled to Cyril Bason to collect the 'girls'. All went well on the journey home and the subsequent release into the run area. First mistake – apparently, we should have put them into the actual coop so they could get used to it and know what it was for.



So, bedtime arrived and they were still happily strutting around the pen with no sign of going up into the coop. This meant hubby and I attaching night lights to our heads and chasing chucks around the pen in semi-darkness. We then had to 'walk' them up the steps to the coop so they knew how to get in! After doing this every night for a whole week, with our Rocky movie like chase, I'm not sure who was more tired as we were more ready for bed than the girls. I'm sure when the morning arrived, they looked at us with a glint in their eyes thinking, "That was fun, can we do it again tonight?"

All the girls now have names and I'm happy to say we are living together as one happy family. Although I did have to explain to my grand-daughter on her recent visit, that even though Granny cleans the coop every day you are not allowed to sleep in there with them!

We'll let you know our further trials and tribulations in the next issue but in the meantime, does anyone know of a good Poultry Psychiatrist?!

Debbie & Ronnie Pope ~ 24th February 2022

The Royal British Legion

A group of local ex-servicemen met in March 1920 to form an association which they named the Brampton Bryan Post, for the purpose of providing assistance to the many from this area who had been damaged, physically or mentally, during the Great War of 1914-18 and to the surviving families of those who gave their lives in the defence of our nation. Money was raised through raffles,



competitions, dances, sports days and the collection of donations. This was to help those who had returned from the war to seek employment or to set up their own businesses. Records show these to include shoe repairing, hairdressing and chicken farming amongst others. Money was also given to families facing particular hardship, for relatives wishing to travel to visit wounded relatives in hospital and for those needing to move their household to seek employment elsewhere. A year later, the Post was incorporated into the newly formed Royal British Legion, becoming the Brampton Bryan Branch of that organisation and since then has continued to raise money to help the Legion to provide a complete network of facilities to assist ex-service personnel or their dependents at times of need.

Your local Branch meets for various activities throughout the year, particularly on Remembrance Day every November to honour those who, since 1914, lost their lives in conflict. The list of names of the fallen from the small communities of Bucknell, Brampton Bryan, Lingen, Wigmore and Aymestrey, currently stands at 63 and many more will be remembered by families who have moved into the area since the last war. For many years, the membership of the Legion was based, almost exclusively, on ex-service personnel, but more recently, this was thrown open to all so now anyone can join, even you! Think about it. We have all been locked down to some degree for far too long due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so maybe this is the time to meet new friends and to do something worthwhile, and perhaps a little bit different.

If you are interested in joining and would like more information, please give me a call on 01568 770044 and we can talk about it. Taking one step further, I feel there must be so much talent amongst our local residents currently being unused. Do you have experience in management, organisation or finance? Have you any special skills in literary or computer fields?

If so, we would much appreciate your help. Fresh faces and new ideas would be most welcome. In fact, I shall be retiring as Honorary Secretary of the Branch at the end of this year and there is no need for my successor to have to be an existing member. I have found the role to be a very interesting and rewarding experience, and would of course be available to offer help and advice if required.

Covid restrictions have eased considerably, summer is coming and it's time to reach out to you all. If you think you might like to join us, in any capacity, please pick up the phone and call me. Thank you.

Mike Oliver, Honorary Secretary, Brampton Bryan RBL. ∼ 12th April 2022

BRAMPTON BRYAN AND LEINTWARDINE CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The Annual meeting was held recently at The Sun Inn, Leintwardine, with a small dedicated group who keep the Club alive, and their enthusiasm for our local game is tremendous. Much effort and hard work by a few people ensures our survival. Financially The Club is in the black and looking forward to playing again after the Covid problems. New Sponsored shirts got an airing on the catwalk!



The equipment is in good order. The wicket received professional end of season maintenance and will get a pre-season fettling.

Club Captain Ed Williams is working hard once more, arranging a fixtures list for this season. He strives to get a well-matched list of opponents of comparable skills. Several final over results last year provided exciting matches. Keep watch on your local notice boards for the fixtures list.

Numerous new people live in the area so please spread the word to all and sundry who might be enthusiasts. Come and get involved or come to games. Watch a home game in a beautiful setting. Forget everything for a few hours.

Apart from Luctonians at Kingsland and us, there are no other sports grounds that we can think of in all North Herefordshire.

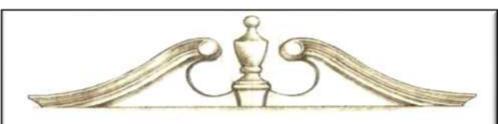
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Mike Oliver ~ 15th March 2022

Brampton Bryan & Leintwardine Cricket Club Fixtures 2022								
Date	Opponent	H/A	Time		Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
May 1st	Kinslet	Away	2pm.		July 17 th	Clee Hill	Away	2pm.
May 8 th	Ludlow	Away	1.30pm		July 24 th	Dales	Away	1.30pm
May 15 th	Dales	Away	1.30pm		July 31st	Corvedale	Home	1.30pm
May 22 nd	Burwarton	Home	1.30pm		Aug. 7 th	C. Stretton	Away	1.30pm
June 5 th	Bank holiday				Aug. 14 th	Acton Scott	Away	1.30pm
June 12 th	Acton Scott	Home	1.30pm		Aug. 21st	Clee Hill	Home	2pm.
June 19 th	L. Nomads	Home	1pm.		Aug. 28 th	Bank holiday		
June 26 th	C. Stretton	Away	1.30pm		Sept. 11th	L. Nomads	Home	1pm.
July 3 rd	Dales	Home	1.30pm		Sept. 18th	D. Venner XI	Home	1pm.

Mike Oliver ~ 13th April 2022

Abbreviations are: Ludlow Nomads, Church Stretton, Dickie Venner XI



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	This is a fundraising event in aid of Bucknell Church.				
Friday 3rd June	Village Quiz Night at 7:00pm at Bucknell Church. Refreshments available. Ticket details from Roger Bates on 01547 530 062				
Saturday 4 th June	Jubilee Dance with live bands / licenced bar in the Memorial Hall. Times / tickets TBA. Contact Roger Bates on 01547 530 062				
Sunday 5 th June	Picnic in the Playing Field – Bring Your Own picnic and chairs. W.I. tea tent, Youth Club activities, Dog Show plus much more. The Knighton Town Silver Band will be there from 2:00pm. Contact: Carol on 07774 428 373 or Viv on 01547 530 478 for further details.				

KNIGHTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Do you need help to get you to hospital appointments? We are a charity based in

Knighton but our services are available not just in Knighton but to the wider district which includes Bucknell. We have a team of volunteer drivers who can take people from their home address to a hospital appointment further afield i.e. Ludlow, Hereford, Gobowen, Shrewsbury, Telford, Birmingham etc. We operate this on a first come, first served basis, so it is best to notify us as soon as possible for any transport requests. Journeys are costed at 40p a mile from door to door. We also have an electric vehicle to transport people for local journeys i.e. into town for shopping, to Knighton doctors / dentist / hospital / opticians, for any appointments etc. for which we charge a small fee for the return trip.

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Calling Bucknell and District drivers!

Do you have any spare free time, a day or two per week? Do you own your own vehicle? If you've answered yes to these questions, have you thought about giving something back to the community by becoming a volunteer driver? Drivers from Bucknell and surrounding area would be particularly welcome. No matter how much or little time you can offer – it all helps those people that do not have transport of their own. You will be paid 45p per mile (standard on HMRC website). If you feel you could help, please contact Debbie in the Knighton Community Support office on 01547 520653 or pop in: 21 Broad Street, Knighton LD7 1BL. We would be delighted to see you.



The Queens RightBy Charlotte Lamb



70 years ago, in 1952, Queen Elizabeth II became Queen. In June this year, the Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. The May Bank Holiday will be moved to Thursday, June 2nd and there will be an extra holiday on Friday, June 3rd. There are lots of events and activities happening that weekend. Hopefully, it will be warm and sunny and we can all come together and have a party.

Many people have met the Queen over those 70 years, including many people in our village and school, I'm sure. I want to tell you about how my Great Grandfather met the Queen, what he did and what she thought about it!

When the Queen became queen, nobody knew where she was, except that she was in Kenya. This was a long time ago, when you couldn't track anyone and people only sent telegrams and phone calls, and if people were in remote places it was almost impossible to find them.

At the time, my Great Grandfather was an Officer in the Royal Air Force and he was in the team who flew out to Kenya and found the Queen and brought her home.

Two years later, the Queen made my great grandfather a Member of the Royal Victorian Order for his help in finding her. He worked on the Queen's Flight many times until he retired.

Charlotte's article was reproduced from the school newsletter with kind permission from Mrs. Juliet Morgan, Administrator, St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell. 4th March 2022



Young Photographer Competition

Exciting display of photos from Knighton Rotary Club's Young Photographer Competition at the Knighton Library



The Rotary Club of Knighton and District recently held its second Young Photographer Competition with the theme 'The Colours of Nature'. We had 32 entrants aged between 6 and 18 years old and there was a high standard set throughout the age groups.

On April 19th 2022 at the opening in Knighton Library of an exhibition of all the 32 entrants in the competition, representatives of Knighton Rotary Club presented several of the winners with certificates. As incoming President Kim Smith said "We are very pleased to see the photographic entries from so many talented Young Photographers. In our eyes everyone is a winner!" Knighton Librarian Hannah Isaacson added "We are proud to be able to display these

amazing photographs both in the main library and in the hallway. We also thank the Knighton Rotary Club for all their efforts in creating such a beautiful display from such a wonderful collection of photographs on the Colours of Nature theme".

The photos taken on the day show Florence Kuipers who was first place in the 12 to 15 age group and who also was Rotary President Margaret Thorp's choice of the competition. Certificates were also presented to Robin Fletcher (second place in the 12 to 15 age group) Ellie Hunter (first in the 6 to 11 age group) Paige Wood (second in the 6 to 11 age group) and Rhea Scragg (third in the 6 to 11 age group).

The display will continue for four weeks during the opening times of the Knighton Library which are Tuesday 10.30am. to 1pm. and 2pm. to 5pm Thursday 10.30am. to 1pm. and 2pm. to 6pm. and Friday 8am. to 12.30pm.

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Colours of Nature winners receiving their certificates.

With Paige Wood.

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MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

Proposals to replace the existing Memorial Hall were given a recent boost with confirmation that the Liverpool University School of Architecture have agreed to assist with the design and planning of a new Hall on the Daffodil Lane site. Final year Degree students working with a staff member will start on this project in late June after final exams and degree ceremonies.



It is expected that the final design will provide about 420 sq. metres of space which would be big enough to accommodate a single court badminton size hall and stage together with a meeting room or club room, kitchen, toilets and store rooms. The new Hall would be more than three times the size of the existing Hall with a building cost of about £546,000.

Final designs will be on display in the village before a planning application for the development is submitted to Shropshire Council later this year.

Plans to replace the existing Memorial Hall go back decades and have, for one reason or another, come to nothing. Plans approved in 2011 failed to secure Lottery funding and a funding application made to Shropshire Council in 2019 was turned down the following year.

It is clear that funding for this new project is likely to come from more than one source. It is also clear that for funding applications to be even considered in the future, schemes have to be "shovel ready" — in other words complete with site availability, planning approval and contractors appointed (subject to finance). It is expected that, with the assistance of Liverpool University, we will be able to produce plans for a new Memorial Hall which will value the character of the site, be energy and carbon efficient and be economic to run and fit well with the needs of the local community.

Nicky Edwards, Chairman, Bucknell Memorial Hall Charity, April 2022

LITTER PICK

On Friday 18th March, Colin Cummings and myself carried out the second litter-pick of the year. We collected rubbish from Bedstone Road and from the road between the station and the Knighton road.

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Martin Garland ~ 18thMarch 2002







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RIVER WATCH 2022

Further to my article in the Spring edition, I've since learnt that the Environment Agency hotline telephone number shown on their website puts you through to EA Wales. They blame the BT telephone system for not knowing which side of the border we are on. So to correct my previous information, the Environment Agency incident hotline number for England is 0114 282 5301 and their General Enquiries number is **03708 506 506**.

All is not well at the Environment Agency it seems.

A Times newspaper article says: The Environment Agency has too little money to carry out its enforcement work effectively. EA chair Emma Howard Boyd last August wrote to Environment Secretary George Eustice to warn that funding cuts meant England's environmental performance was deteriorating. In the letter, obtained under Freedom of Information legislation, The Times reported Ms Howard Boyd saying cuts of more than half to the EA's enforcement budget had come on top of new statutory duties. "All this is allowing more people and businesses to break the environmental rules". she said.

The EA nevertheless emphasise the need for people to continue to report environmental incidents to their Incident Hotline. The more people that file reports, the more likely they are to investigate.

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Bucknell Allotment Association by Jim Hughes

Busy time ahead and energy costs and other household bills are increasing - so we all need to get saving and planting now whether on

an allotment plot, in a garden or even in containers on a window sill. Anything can be grown with some patience and perseverance. Why not try some tasty salad leaves, such as lettuce together with rocket, beetroot, cress, chives or the exotic sounding pak choi, mizuna and choy sum.

Many veg seeds can be grown in this way and pea shoots eaten when they are about 5 to 6 cm tall are delicious. They will be fresh and they vary from sweet to peppery tastes. Meanwhile, with at least 15 types of lettuce, there will be lots of variety to add to a summer salad.

Get some packets of seeds and sow a mixed combination in any container – pop them on a sunny window sill, water well and in a few days green shoots will appear. Leave for another week or so until the true leaves appear. Then cut the seedlings off at the first pair of leaves so that the plant can bush up and grow for your next feast. You should be able to have about four cuts from each seedling. In the meantime, plant some more seeds to germinate so you have a succession of wonderful green and nutritious leaves. Why buy lettuce from shops that may have been sprayed with insecticide, when you can grow your own for the cost of a packet of seeds and some compost.

We always welcome enquiries from potential new members of all levels of ability and experience. We have a couple of plots vacant at present. 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 "Who's Who").

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- Shopping, appointments, classes, social visits

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