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From the Editor / Treasurer

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Like most of the population of the UK, she was the monarch that we have grown up with and has been a part of our lives. Whether you are a monarchist or not, she has served this country well and will surely be missed.

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Bucknell Allotment Association by Sally Sparrow



Winter is on the horizon and much to do! Putting a mulch of leaves / straw / grass cuttings on plots will insulate crops, suppress weed growth over winter, improve soil and retain moisture. Garlic, Shallots and Onions have been planted for next year. First attempts at growing them were such a success this year that we took on an extra plot and cannot remember the last time we had to buy these items. We are planting larger quantities as well as elephant garlic (!) for next year to help feed our family with fresh local food. Food prices are soaring and it makes us feel a little smug that we are less reliant on trips to the shops for some of our basics. We feel less like boasting about our carrots, which when dug looked like aliens, huge and twisted and unlike any carrot we'd seen before! They certainly caused a few raised eyebrows and rude jokes but tasted delicious once we had managed to peel them.

We now know our soil is heavy and stony and they will need better prepared beds to grow straighter next year. 'Growing our own' is affordable as other plot holders share tools, seed and harvests of vegetables, flowers and fruit. We are now branching out into 'Brassicas' (a whole new world of organic battles with the cabbage white butterfly, where I intend to call rank!) One new member has joined us and we still have a plot looking for a new 'Allotmenteer' (is that even a word?) If you seek a healthy challenge and want to start preparing for a bumper crop in 2023, let us know. Some members are experienced, many less so and, best of all, there is no judging! If you would like to know about adopting a plot or to arrange to come down and have a look at what we do please get in touch via sallysparrow17@btinternet.com.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and healthy 2023 from all the Bucknell Allotment Association members.



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What a lovely summer we have enjoyed and despite the lack of rain the fruit trees have been laden. Apples have been especially plentiful. As we leave summer behind and our clocks go back, our monthly meetings also change from 7.30 to 7 o'clock. We have had a busy summer. Several of us enjoyed a visit to the walled garden at Delbury Hall. After tea and a stroll round the garden, time was spent in the little shop, where many of us could not resist the temptation to buy some plants to take home.

We don't usually hold meetings in August, but having lost so many meetings owing to Covid it had been decided an Earring Enamelling workshop would be a little different. This proved to be a popular choice and by the end of the evening we had created very wearable earrings and pendants. In September we had another workshop with Alice Draws the Line. We were given various leaves, ferns and berries to draw in pencil and charcoal. Rita Burns was judged to be the most artistic. Also in September we attended the Group Meeting at Newcastle. This is a special meeting held once a year when Bucknell, Hopesay, Clun, Chapel Lawn and Bettws-y-cryn join together. We usually have a special speaker and this year Margaret Thrower was invited to join us. She was an excellent speaker and was thanked by our President, Marion Cox.

Rose Sharp and Sue Davies did a brisk trade on the Bring and Buy, and our hosts, Bettws, provided a beautiful buffet supper. Hopesay produced amazing fruit kebabs for dessert. Diane Ryley entered the Collage competition and was highly commended. Congratulations Diane.

We move on to November when Debbie Pope will be guiding us through the process of making Christmas crackers. December is Christmas party time and we join in seasonal fun and games. We are very much looking forward to the January meeting when Aeron Hughes and Derek Meredith, who have grown up in the Village., will be sharing past memories of Bucknell.

Our membership has grown during the past year, but we are always pleased to welcome new members. If you are interested do ask our Secretary, Carole Garland, for a Welcome and Information Pack.

Bucknell WI wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Christine Price ~ 14th October 2022

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From the Editor

I just wanted to say a BIG thank you to all the people who have thanked me for continuing to produce the newsletter during the past six years of my editorship, to our proof-readers, helpers and distributors, and to all of the advertisers who have supported it financially. I will of course continue as treasurer, and as sub-editor when necessary, to support David Webb who takes over the editorship from me commencing with the Spring 2023 edition. Long may it continue!



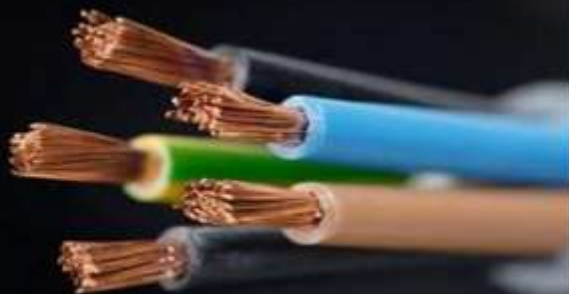
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Village Playground is Getting a Makeover

During the summer the Memorial Hall committee asked Ron Pope to take a look at the swings in the play ground and much to everyone's satisfaction he undertook to replace the whole structure.

A galvanised steel box section was donated by and transported free of charge from Manchester to Bucknell by Ron's employer.

A huge thanks goes to Robin Taylor CEO of Indupart, Stockport, who held Ron in such high esteem that

he did this for Ron and ultimately our village. The swings will now last a lifetime. The total cost was £305 covering the postcrete, new seats and steel fixings and as there was no labour charge, this saved the Memorial Hall thousands of pounds. The picture is of Ron declaring them open. He will be renovating the seesaw and then the climbing frame in 2023.



Dave & Sue Fenlon ~ 19th October 2022

Tommy and The Knighton Breezers



On 15th September, Sylvia and Derek Meredith hosted a group of lady cyclists from Knighton (The Knighton Breezers) in response to a request from their leader, Maureen Conway. The ladies are fairly regular attendees at our Pop in Café and as Covid was still around they wondered if Sylvia would allow them to stop by her garden on their cycle route that day for a coffee, as they didn't feel comfortable being inside.



Well, Sylvia as always, went one better and provided three cakes, tea and coffee and raised £50.50 in donations which, after checking it was okay with the Cafe committee, she used to start her collection for a Royal British Legion soldier for the churchyard.

Within 24 hours and by word of mouth only, she had collected £220 which covered the £210 purchase and delivery of the Tommy figure. The remainder will be given to the RBL.

Dave & Sue Fenlon ~ 19th October 2022

St Ethelbert's Award Ceremony ~ Sunday 9th October 2022



Picture kindly provided by Roger Bates

St Ethelbert's award was initiated by the previous Dean of the Cathedral, Michael Taviner, to recognise the work of laity within the diocese who have often worked through their lifetimes to serve the church in their parishes. This year, Jean Pryke and Joyce Wells were nominated from St Mary's Bucknell, and their nominations were accepted by the Bishop of Hereford. The awards were presented to them during the Evensong service at Hereford Cathedral on Sunday 9th October. Several of the congregation from St Mary's attended the service in support of Joyce and Jean. Both these awards were richly deserved, and although they were both very modest about the achievement, no-one in the congregation of St Mary's were in any doubt as to how much is owed by the community to both of them. We are all grateful to them and thank them for their devotion and hard work over the years.

Martin Quayle, Priest in Charge, Middle Marches Benefice

Shropshire Village Halls Quiz



Information about the venue for the first round in the Shropshire Village Halls Quiz was sent out to halls rather later than usual which left a short time to get a team in place ready to compete. Nevertheless, Quiz Co-ordinator, Nicky Edwards and her team did make it to the first quiz of the new season on Friday 7th October. They joined others from across south and west Shropshire at Caynham village hall. Future rounds will be held across the area with participating halls taking it in turns to host the event. Whilst some of the questions proved challenging, the Bucknell team enjoyed the evening and look forward to competing in future rounds. It is not too late to join the group of quizzers. You do not have to be on the Hall Management Committee. Anyone interested can volunteer, so if you enjoy quizzes, please contact **Nicky** on **07973 563 829**.

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	Anne Holding 01584 874857
	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
	Saturday	Indoor Circuit Training	Bucknell Memorial Hall 08:30	Helen Bithell 07775 520968
FORTNIGHTLY	Monday	Bucknell Walkers	Lych Gate St. Mary's Church 09:00 - sharp!	Mike Starr 01547 530179
	Wednesday	Mobile Library Service	Belmont Garage end of the Causeway 14:05 - 14:25	Shropshire Library Service 01743 255024
	Thursday	Skittles (Sept - May) Boules (June - Aug)	Memorial Hall or The Baron at Bucknell 19:30	Sylvia & Derek Meredith 01547 530422
MONTHLY	First Monday	Bucknell Book Group	Variable venues	Doug White 07734 166634
	First Wednesday	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council	Variable venues - see parish notice boards 19:30	Ian Owen Chairman 01547 530 616
	Third Wednesday	Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall 7:30pm (7:00pm Winter period)	Marion Cox 07964 710983
YEARLY	Bucknell Show 2023			
	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.			



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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The Rev. Dr. Martin Quayle



November is not usually one of most people's favourite months. The weather is getting colder and damper, and the nights continue to draw in. It is another month before the nights will begin to draw back again, and although some will begin to plan and look forward to Christmas, it isn't a time of great jollity. The Church calendar includes the festivals of All Souls and All Saints at the beginning of the month, and the Remembrance Day commemorations are usually a sombre affair.

However, in the Christian calendar as we get to the end of the month, we reach Advent, which is the start of the Christian year. We begin a month of expectation and looking forward to Christmas when we celebrate the gift of the Christ-child. We also look forward to a New Year, and usually that involves plans and thoughts about the previous year- the things that have gone well, and the things that might have been disappointing.

2022 has been a dramatic and eventful year. We are now unsure in a way that we would not have been at the start of the year. For some it is painful, and for others, the uncertainty can provoke anxiety. And yet for most of us, life is good. Here we live in a beautiful part of the world, and we have freedom to roam which many don't have. There is also a sense of community which doesn't exist in other parts of the country. Despite some of the complications and difficulties which may afflict some of us, life is, and will remain good.

Even in adversity, and times of uncertainty, nurturing a sense of gratitude, is a powerful and positive way to develop and improve our mood. Particularly at this time of the year as many days are dark and dismal, to work on our minds by making ourselves think about positives, is a direct and sensible way to empower ourselves and to promote resilience in our thinking. For those of Faith, it gives us a focus for our positivity and sense of thankfulness for the good things we enjoy. For many of us, that includes our homes, our families, our food, and our security.

So as we begin to plan for Christmas, it is important to take time to reflect on the positives in our lives. Nurturing thankfulness for the gift of life, and the good things we have brings many benefits to us, and those around us. Whether we are of faith, and direct those thoughts to God, or are of no faith or uncertain faith, when we nurture a sense of kindness to those around us, good things will return to us.

I wish all of you well as we approach Advent, and pray that this coming year will be positive and a time for optimism.

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Keeping Bucknell Tidy by Eleanor Lamb



In September, I set out to raise money for my school by collecting litter from the play areas, the causeway and the school car park. Altogether we gathered four bags of rubbish. This was surprising because Bucknell seems so tidy.

We looked deep into the hedges for rubbish because that's where a lot of it was hiding, having been blown in by the wind or put in there on purpose.



Altogether we raised £160 for the school's Forest School area.

I have also completed the part of my Gold Award for citizenship which asks us to raise money for charity independently. I also recorded my litter hunt online with Keep Britain Tidy, where I logged the items I found and the date of my litter hunt.

All in all, I really enjoyed being out tidying up the village. Thank you to everyone who supported me and donated to the cause.

Eleanor Lamb, aged 9 ~ September 2022



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DEN & ECOLOGY DAY



Years 4, 5 and 6 from Bucknell and Clunbury primary schools have participated in a fun and exciting Den and Ecology day. The first task of the day was to collect as many dry sticks as possible to enable our group to make a fire to roast marshmallows.



The next task was to go scavenging for a good place to build our dens. Once we had found a suitable place to make our dens, each team collected sticks to form the structure of the dens, then added bed sheets, waterproof covers and various other materials.

This was challenging, exciting and great fun. The most exciting activity was lighting the fire and toasting the marshmallows. They were very gooey, melting in the mouths leaving us children wanting more. A very tasty morning was had by all. After a break for lunch, we were split into groups ready for more challenges, such as making a bug hotel, alphabet nature scavenger hunt, filtering water, weaving spider webs and discussing which birds had the best beaks. Mostly, we enjoyed making the bug hotels which were great to create.



Poppy Jones and Brooke Johnson ~ September 2022

MY PASSION FOR STEAM



Back in the mid 1970's, Dick Woolley of R.M. Woolley of Bucknell was to sell his pair of ploughing engines to Nanteos Stately Home near Aberystwyth. These engines were driven over the course of three days from the Bucknell area to Aberystwyth. My dad, Norman Wheeler, took me out of school to experience the last day of travel. This event was to spark an interest in steam that's never left me. I remember that day in May 1978 in great detail, I was around 10 years old.



The Sentinel in Dick Woolley's yard in 1966

Dick Woolley had worked at the Sentinel Works in Shrewsbury from about 1933-1934 where he learned much about Sentinels. He was encyclopaedic on them and much of his knowledge he passed on to my dad. Dick Woolley had owned 32 Sentinel steamers in his time and it became my ambition to find one which I could restore and get back on the road.

This particular waggon, numbered 3976, was the last Sentinel to leave Dick's yard. Dick never ran it after he acquired it from a scrapyard in 1962, but thankfully he did save it from being broken up.

A Mr. John Nudd bought it in 1976 and restored it. He liveried it as Crosswell's Brewery of Ely, Cardiff, as it was when new.



Photograph taken in 1987 at the Bishops Castle Rally



The Sentinel when we bought it in 1999

We bought the waggon in 1999 by which time it was now in need of boiler work, so a decision was made to completely dismantle it and carry out a full rebuild.

The rebuild was a privilege to do, many hours of hard work and much learning.

On completion, I wanted to really express my appreciation for a local company who employed many and owned another 37 steam engines apart from Sentinels.

It's been a pleasure to own, to share with others as we take it out. Many memories, and of the people who helped me, and it's good to be able to keep a little of our heritage alive.



As it is today – the return journey from Onslow Park in 2022 after four days in steam

Andrew Wheeler ~ 14th September 2022

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Jack and Bill Owen - The Bucknell Blacksmiths



Two old ledgers were loaned to me by Bill Owen's son, Bernard, who thought they should not be thrown away, so they will be kept in the archives of Leintwardine History Society where they are available to view.

John (Jack) Owen was born around 1890, and died in his 40's at the Railway Tavern in Bucknell where he and his wife lived when Bill was born in 1912. Bill was married and living in Bedstone in 1939 according to the pre war register. In 1947, he and his wife Flo, moved to No.3 The Square, behind Smith's shop in Bucknell. He died in 1992 living in his own bungalow just next door to No.3.

Bill (on the left in the picture above) is stood by his father outside the Blacksmith's shop.



The Railway Tavern (shown in the photo left) was owned by Charles Sherwood at the turn of the twentieth century and the family also ran the butcher's shop.

The ledgers contain lists of customers and work done from around 1912 until the late 1930's with Bill joining his father in the business as soon as he was old enough.

Customers with accounts include farmer, Mr Bright, whose account begins in 1915. He lived at Upper House and was an important member of the Clun sheep breeders association.

Mr. Richard Crowe from Weir House was a farmer and boot and shoemaker who started at the Desert. Oscar Evans, a well known local man, was an apprentice leather worker who learned that trade working with Crowes. His account starts in 1914, dealing with any metal work including shoeing horses and ponies, soldering milk pans, removing and adding chain links etc.

One of the Crowe daughters married Geoffrey Sherwood, son of Charles from The Railway Tavern and his account starts in 1912 – he farmed at Lower House and was the father of Martin Sherwood.

During World War 1, Jack Owen had a contract to supply the British Army with horse shoes and they were stamped with the number 3 to identify him as the maker; this would have been a reliable income at that time. Mr Stedman's account starts in 1912. Two brothers, Harry Stedman (New House) and Henry Stedman (Bucknell House) - known by the locals as Black Harry and White Harry, fell out and went through legal proceedings to split everything 50/50, even the house and barn were sectioned off into two parts and can be seen today.

Mr Stanley Harris (Hall Farm) starts his account in March 1913 and Jack Owen is regularly shoeing horses and mending farm implements. Work was done for the Sitwell estate by both Jack and Bill and a substantial bill of £19.15s.4d was paid on Aug 19th 1929 which would have been a welcome settlement for the blacksmiths.

Hurt Sitwell, whose 'seat' was Ferney Hall, Onibury was living at The Cottage, by the church at the time of the 1911 census but in 1922 there was a sale of most of its land and properties.



Mr Channon lived at the Cottage by the mid 1930's and a payment of £1.11s.9d was made in January 1937, which included 11 dozen thatching hooks, suggesting recent work on the roof.

Left: The Cottage newly thatched.

By the 1930's, the country saw farmers suffer as a result of the 'depression' and the account of Mr. Grimes of Lower Lye perhaps indicates this.

The blacksmith accepted 2 pigs to the value of £3 as part payment for a bill of £7.2s.6d in July 1934. By January 1935, the bill was paid off in full. 'Payment' of this kind in lieu of money was common place in rural areas.



The Smith Family shop on The Square

The Smith family, who ran the shop on The Square, also had an account with the blacksmiths as they were neighbours. In the 1970's when the third generation Mr. Darry Smith ran the business, he sold it when he retired. The shop continued for a little while longer under new ownership until it was sold again in the 1980's. The site is now covered by two houses. Both blacksmiths saw to the needs of the vicar, the Woodhouse family and the church. They were always soldering the bath or coal bucket or putting the hinges on the 'wicket'.



On The Square (to the left in the picture) are the blacksmiths with a horse stood outside. It became a blacksmiths in the 1870's when the house to the right was The Plough public house, owned by John Dodd and he and his family were the blacksmiths. The Plough became a house (Harrow House) in the 1930's when one of the Smith's from the shop owned it. It looks like shop assistants are posed outside for this photograph.

An early account revealed that William Ireland Davies started the timber firm which became B&J Davies under his sons Bernard and Jim. Pre WW1 saw oak bark ricks built alongside the railway because the leather industry of the north-west needed the product. As the firm grew so Jack saw much work come his way, but payment seemed a lengthy wait at times. After nearly a year a bill of £20.4s.7d was settled, by cheque.

The Davies family of timber merchants played a big part in the life of the blacksmiths. Jack's eldest son Ernie, went to work for them when he left school leaving Bill to join the family business and after Jack died, in the mid 1930's, Bill went to drive machines that had replaced horse power and therefore replaced the need for much of Jack and Bill's earlier work. However, B&J Davies did build him a 'shop' with a forge in the timber yard, as it was found his welding and metalwork skills were often needed by the firm and by other villagers as well.

Vivienne Dodd ~ September 2022

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Over the last few months many ladies in the village have been busy sewing and knitting poppies to create a Bucknell Poppy display for Remembrance Sunday. There have been some amazing efforts and well over 3000 poppies have been created.

The organiser, Debbie Pope, was astounded at the response when the idea was first mooted so her husband Ron built a supporting frame so that the poppies can be seen to tumble from the church to the ground at the Memorial Stone.



There are also two displays for the lychgate. Many hours were then spent tying the poppies to the frame and on the 18th October a reporter from the Shropshire Star came to the Memorial Hall to photograph the assembly process. A special mention should be given to Julie Parker who knitted 762 poppies.

Not all the poppies were red as some were done in purple wool to remember the animals and birds who also lost their lives helping our soldiers in battle. All three displays were then carefully rolled up and stored until erection of the display which took place on 3rd November (pictured right). Refreshments were served in the church afterwards for all who attended.



David & Sue Fenton

Harvest Festival 2022



A harvest festival was held in St Mary's Church on 2nd October and the church was beautifully decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Debbie Pope had baked a wonderful harvest sheaf complete with mouse. A light lunch was served in the church after the service. Items donated were taken to Craven Arms food bank.

David & Sue Fenlon ~ 18th October 2022



What's Happening?

FESTIVE CONCERT on Saturday 3rd December in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 pm. With the Knighton Town Silver Band and guest soloist Melanie Page. Tickets £10 to include light refreshments. For tickets and details ring Sylvia Meredith on 01547 530422 or Christine Price on 01547 530249.

CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 18th December at 6pm in St Mary's Church followed by sherry and light Christmas refreshments. ALL WELCOME !!

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE including Communion for those who wish to take it. Saturday 24th December at 6pm in St Mary's Church. ALL WELCOME TO BOTH SERVICES

A Stationmistress Abroad

In August 2022 my family and I went on holiday to Switzerland for one week and did numerous outdoor activities during the stay. We stayed in a mountain hut. One of the activities we did was Via Ferrata.

So, what is Via Ferrata?

Via Ferrata started in the Dolomites (Italy) during the first world war. Soldiers fighting in the mountains fixed metal wires and ladders to cliff faces so they could move around more easily to spy on enemies. Via Ferrata is now a popular sport with some routes still consisting of a mixture of fixed equipment such as metal and wooden bridges, ladders, and fixed ropes, but you may find many other obstacles. Those that take part in this sport should keep themselves safe by wearing a helmet, harness, gloves and most importantly two karabiners on slings to secure themselves to fixed wire throughout the route.

This was the first time I had ever tried Via Ferrata and found it great fun. I had to focus every minute of the activity and think about where I put my feet to stay balanced. My muscles were exhausted by the end of seven-hour adventure. I felt very proud of myself as there are many exposed sections on thin logs and wires 20 metres above the water. It gave me a massive adrenaline rush but I stayed focused and loved the experience. I recommend it to anyone who loves an adventure and a challenge.



Erin Walmsley ~ 5th October 2022

Changes to Train and Bus Services by Brian Willson



On 11th December 2022, Transport for Wales are increasing our train service from 5 to 6 services each way (Monday to Friday) with better spacing between trains. This will now allow short or long visits to Shrewsbury, or time in Knighton or Llandrindod Wells. There is also a useful evening train leaving Shrewsbury at 21.29 (Mon – Fri only) There remains five trains each way on Saturday and two on Sunday.

~~ The new service from Bucknell is as follows ~~

Monday-Friday: 06.05 to Swansea, 06.49 to Shrewsbury, 08.57 to Shrewsbury, 09.39 to Swansea, 12.07 to Swansea, 12.23 to Shrewsbury, 15.00 to Shrewsbury, 16.00 to Swansea, 17.46 to Shrewsbury, 18.51 to Swansea, 21.34 to Shrewsbury, 22.12 to Llandrindod.

Saturday: 06.07 to Swansea, 08.57 to Shrewsbury, 09.38 to Swansea, 12.09 to Swansea, 12.25 to Shrewsbury, 15.00 to Shrewsbury, 16.07 to Swansea, 17.46 to Shrewsbury, 18.51 to Swansea, 21.33 to Shrewsbury.

Sunday: 12.47 to Swansea, 14.28 to Shrewsbury, 17.03 to Cardiff, 18.44 to Shrewsbury.

You can check individual train times on the National Rail or Transport for Wales journey planners putting in a chosen date for after 11th December 2022. By 11th December there should be an updated timetable on the notice board at the entrance to Bucknell Station.

Change of Bus Operator After several years of being operated by Arriva, our local 738/740 Routes are now operated by Minsterley Motors, to the same timetable. Minsterley have for some while successfully operated bus routes in Ludlow. The weekly Lugg Valley service 498 to Hereford continues as before.

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