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### **BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER** ~ Summer 2023

#### From the Editor

Many thanks to everyone who got in touch after my first newsletter came out and thanks also for your kind words. I must say how grateful I am to our regular contributors who have once again really stepped up to the mark with some really interesting locally focused content. I've had some great photos submitted and some are included in here. We also have a featured recipe - if you have a recipe you'd like to share, please get in touch.

Since our last newsletter, our King has attended his coronation and there are some reflections on this within this newsletter - from the school, to a church event and our parish priest's reflections on the day. On a personal note I shall be very sorry to see the Baron close, Phil has prepared a piece which is included. Since my last newsletter, I have enjoyed a couple of visits to Enterprise House in Bishop's Castle - a great location for home workers needing a change of scene.



David

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### Flood Group - Natural Flood Management Event Memorial Hall - 12th July - 7.30pm

Bucknell flood action group, working with Shropshire Wildlife Trust have secured small scale funding from the Environment Agency to deliver some trial Natural Flood Management features in the Redlake catchment after receiving reports that suggest the catchment would respond well to such interventions. We would very much like members of the community affected by flooding, landowners and farmers to join us to discuss how we might begin to work together to tackle the issue.

We are having a film screening and discussion about Natural Flood Management that will help us all understand what has happened in other areas and provide an opportunity to ask questions of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust Technical Manager, Luke Neal, about how previous similar projects have worked in Shropshire.

High Water, Common Ground – a film about flooding and what we can do now. By the Top of the Tree, Produced by Andy Clark.

### Bucknell Allotment Association by Sally Sparrow

Dear Residents of Bucknell,

We are delighted to announce that the Bucknell Allotment Association will be hosting an Open Day on Saturday, July 22nd, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to come and have a look at our beautiful allotment site.

Whether you are an avid gardener, a nature enthusiast, or simply curious about the allotment lifestyle, we invite you to join us for a quick look around. The Open Day will provide a chance to explore the allotments, meet fellow gardeners, and gain insights into the joys of growing your own produce.

Our dedicated gardeners have been hard at work cultivating a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. The Open Day will showcase the impressive progress they have

made and offer inspiration for your own gardening endeavours.

For those interested in becoming a part of our vibrant allotment community, we will have membership information available at the event and you will be able to put your name on our waiting list.

We hope to see you at the Bucknell Allotment Association Open Day on Saturday, July 22nd, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your family, friends, and a sense of curiosity as we celebrate the joys of gardening and community.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sally Sparrow Secretary Bucknell Allotment Association





At the time of writing we are all enjoying beautiful warm sunny weather and many of us are making plans for the Summer.

We held our A.G.M in April, President Marian Cox was re-elected, Carol Garland was happy to stay as Secretary and Jane Pallet will continue to be our Treasurer, we also welcome two new Committee members so we have a full Committee with all offices filled .This is a very pleasing result as several W.Is have had to close owing to lack of members willing to stand for Committee.

The competition cup was presented to Carolyn Wilde having gained the highest number of competition of points throughout the year.

Following the A.G.M my Sister and I spoke about our recent holiday in Vietnam and Cambodia. Our plant sale was well supported with plenty of healthy plants for sale. We held a Coronation Lunch for members past and present, numbers were a little disappointing but nevertheless most enjoyable.

Marian Cox, Geri Jackson and Mic Blake attended the Spring Council meeting in Shrewsbury The speaker was Chris Loobe he told of his traumatic Childhood during apartheid and his time as Nelson Mandela body guard, he travelled the world with Mandela meeting most heads of state including our Queen. A large entry of hand made tea cosies were on display and we were delighted to hear that Mel Webb had been awarded third prize and our President Highly Commended.

We will be busy in June when we shall be hosting afternoon tea to our Group W.I.s ,one of the ladies has kindly offered to host this event in her garden. We have offered to provide refreshments at Bucknell Show, which will be held in The Hall this year. In September we shall be hosting The Group Meeting and shall be entertained by The Lower Deckers.

In between all the activity we have interesting monthly meetings to look forward to, Indian Cookery ,B.B.C. Shipping Forecast, Floral Art, Another Man's Shoes and Old Farmyards of Shropshire. You may be interested in one of the above, if so do come and join us.

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month at 7-15 pm.

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Christine Price May 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

### News from the Pop in Cafe

On Tuesday 16th May the Pop in Cafe hosted a lunch for 35 of our senior villagers at the Sitwell Arms. The menu was either fish and chips or roast chicken dinner followed by a choice of 3 puddings and tea or coffee. The first drink was also provided. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon including the hard working volunteers who helped transport and serve our guests. A lovely buzz of conversation could be heard throughout the afternoon with many catching up with old friends. It was a worthwhile event and the cafe was very pleased to be able to make this happen. A very big thanks must go to Helen, Ross and Carrie from the Sitwell who provided the beautifully cooked food and to the cafe staff and to everyone who attended.

Sue Fenlon (Treasurer) Tel. 530105









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### **Coronation Celebrations at St Mary's Primary**

We celebrated the Coronation in several different ways.

Firstly, we went to Newcastle Primary for the day to meet the High Sheriff of Shropshire who awarded us with precious coronation medals for us to treasure for the rest of our lives. Newcastle community had prepared us a delicious buffet of sandwiches, cakes and other royal-themed goodies. Finishing off the day, we played fun games alongside our friends from the other schools across the Blue Hills Federation.

Fast forward a few days and we were celebrating the King's coronation within our own school by participating in a range of royal activities including making union jack flags out of wool, creating jewelled crowns, painting tiles for our outdoor area, decorating biscuits and preparing mouth-watering sandwiches fit for a king as well as crafting a whole school collage. Later that day, we sang and celebrated with our parents and the wider community outdoors in our exquisite and welcoming school environment. As a special part of the celebration, Mr Whippy's carriage of ice creams turned up to cool us all down on the hot summer's day!

We were also very lucky that members of the community came into school to talk about their memories and experiences of the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Most had watched the ceremony on the one television for the whole street. They had lots of memorabilia to show us. It left us wondering, in years to come will any of us be going into schools to talk about our experiences of the Kings Coronation?

We would like to thank everyone who has worked hard behind the scenes to make Charles III's coronation celebrations a special childhood memory for us all.

Class 3, St Mary's Primary.



### **Featured Photograph**



Thanks to Mike Starr for this one

Mike has commented "I have responded to your request for interesting photos with this one, which I took last summer whilst walking with Bucknell Walkers from the Stiperstones.

Over the years we have rescued many sheep on our walks - cutting them out of brambles, lifting them out of feeders or ditches, releasing them from wire fences and so on.

We came across this sheep whose curiosity had got the better of it and had stuck its head through a gap in the trunk of an old tree.

All it had to do was lift its head and step backwards, but as sheep don't seem to have a reverse gear this was how we found it. Its mate is behind, looking on."

It certainly put a smile on my face! Have you got a photo that you'd like to share - colour or Black and White?

Have you got a short story to go with it? It can be new or old, but with it should have a local relevance.

If so, please send it over to me, editor@bucknellnews.co.uk and we will feature it in future issues.

### **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   | PiYo Club                               | St. Mary's School Hall                    | Helen Bithell              |  |
|             |   |   | 19:30 - 20:10                             | 07775 520968               |  |
|             | Tuesday   | Grumpy Old Men's                        | The Baron at Bucknell                     | Contact the Editor for     |  |
|             |   | Club                                    | 20:00 - 22:00                             | location post July 23      |  |
| WE          | Wednesday   | Pop In Café                             | St. Mary's Church                         | Sue Fenion                 |  |
|             |   | Bucknell                                | 10:30 - 12:00                             | 01547 530105               |  |
|             | Friday  | Bingo                                   | Bucknell Memorial Hall                    | Dorothy Edwards            |  |
|             |   |   | 19:45                                     | 01547 530252               |  |
|             | Saturday  | Indoor Circuit                          | Bucknell Memorial Hall                    | Helen Bithell              |  |
|             |   | Training                                | 08:30                                     | 07775 520968               |  |
|             | Monday  | Bucknell Walkers                        | Lych Gate                                 | Mike Starr                 |  |
|             |   |   | St. Mary's Church                         | 01547 530179               |  |
| FORTNIGHTLY |   |   | <b>09:00 -</b> sharp!                     |                            |  |
| E E         | Wednesday   | Mobile Library                          | Belmont Garage end of                     | Shropshire Library         |  |
| Ξ           |   | Service                                 | the Causeway                              | Service                    |  |
| ÖR          | -, ,  | 01:01 (0                                | 14:05 - 14:25                             | 01743 255024               |  |
| _           | Thursday  | Skittles (Sept -<br>May) Boules (June - | Memorial Hall or The<br>Baron at Bucknell | Sylvia & Derek<br>Meredith |  |
|             |   | Aug)                                    | 19:30                                     | 01547 530422               |  |
|             | First Monday  | Bucknell Book                           | Variable venues                           | Doug White                 |  |
|             | First Widilday  | Group                                   | variable vellues                          | 07734 166634               |  |
|             | First   | Bedstone and                            | Variable venues - see                     | lan Owen                   |  |
| ∄           | Wednesday   | Bucknell Parish                         | parish notice boards                      | Chairman                   |  |
| MONTHLY     | Wednesday   | Council                                 | 19:30                                     | 01547 530 616              |  |
| MO          | Third   | Women's Institute                       | Bucknell Memorial Hall                    | Marion Cox                 |  |
|             | Wednesday   | Women's mistitute                       | 7:30pm                                    | 07964 710983               |  |
|             | ,   |   | (7:00pm Winter period)                    | 07504710505                |  |
|             |   |   |   |                            |  |
| 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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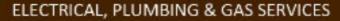
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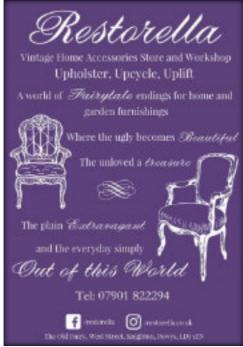


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### The Rev. Dr. Martin Quayle

It is astonishing how quickly time moves on. It is now over a month from when the coronation took place. Most of us watched it on the television, and for the most part, the commentary and punditry added to the occasion and the enjoyment of the spectacle. One contribution particularly impressed me and has stayed with me. It was from David Olusoga.

David Olusoga is a historian and broadcaster. I think he is of mixed race, being of Nigerian and British origin. Even on the television, he has a remarkable presence. He is a big man and is attractive and well-presented. His voice is soft and gentle, and his words are chosen carefully, so that his speech is deft and precise. He doesn't waste words.

His observations on the spectacle were for the most part, sensible and thoughtful. One particular observation of his has stayed with me. He pointed out that the ceremonies have for the most part disappeared from our communal life. We don't attend and participate in as many of these events as we used to. This is particularly so in comparison to other developed countries. He went on to say that we are said to be becoming a nation of those who no longer believe. He said he disagreed with that. To his mind, he said that the predominating approach to Faith and civic life is that we are no longer interested. We are just inclined to not show or take any interest.

I regret to say that from my perspective as a Parish Priest, I have to agree with him. I entered the priesthood with a determination to see the best in those I serve, and to do what I could to bring comfort to the bereaved, and understanding to those puzzled and hurt by life events. Increasingly, I have to deal with attitudes of belligerence and incomprehension about life, faith and the quality of compassion.

David Olusoga has shone a light on an aspect of our national life which demands attention. The media for a long time has been hypercritical about many aspects of our national life. The predominance of cynicism and hypercritical complaint has whittled down and destroyed many of those good things in communities and our society.

Things will only get better if as individuals and families we contribute to our communities. Participate, believe and be positive. Take a risk, and you never know, you may even start to enjoy yourselves.

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### **Bucknell School News – Crime Investigation Day**

On arriving at school, we noticed that the staff room had been sealed off with tape stating "Crime Scene- Do not enter." We all wondered what had happened. Class by class, we were led into the hall where we were told a serious incident had occurred and that it was our responsibility to solve the crime.

A lot of suspicious characters had been photographed lingering around the school but luckily photos had been taken and we were able to see their mugshots. I think we recognised one or two of them!

We were split up into seven groups and throughout the day visited seven different activity stations. Each activity gave us a clue as to who might have been the culprit. The activities included fingerprinting taking and analysis, handwriting analysis of a ransom note, studying footprints left at the crime scene, chromatography, using our observational skills when at the crime scene (the staff room) as well as being able to handle and wear the clothes police officers use.

We enjoyed all the activities but our favourite two were chromatography and studying the crime scene. Chromatography is a process for separating components of a mixture: it involved placing different colour inks on filter paper and adding a small drop of water and watching the different colours separate out. I thought it left a very cool design behind. We could use this technique to find out which pen had been used to write the ransom note.

At the end of a fantastic, exciting day, we met back in the hall to discuss "who was the culprit." Opinions were divided, although evidence did seem to point to two culprits!

Erin Walmsley and Aphra Burrage













### Baron closes its doors on 30th July

We are very sad that the pub hasn't sold as a going concern, but happy that we will continue to live in the village with the Baron as our family home. We have mixed emotions about closing. We are terrified but also excited about what other opportunities we can pursue.

We have had our very best times over the last 17 years and want to say thank you to all our customers, past and present, for their support.

To our lovely staff, our Baron family, we love you all – we couldn't have done it without you!

And finally a huge thank you to Janet for looking after the girls when they were little and running the house for years when we first bought the pub. Lauren, Katie and Hannah who grew up waitressing, serving, housekeeping and cooking, stepping in when we needed help - we are very proud of them.

Debra and Phil
The Baron at Bucknell



### **Coronation Evensong Service**

On the 5th May Rev. Martin Quayle conducted a short evensong service to celebrate the coronation of King Charles the following day. He was ably assisted by churchwarden Debbie and accompanied throughout by singing from the renowned Llanfair Choir. It was a moment to reflect on the service and leadership that the monarch provides and to wish both King Charles and Queen Camilla well in their new duties.

A bring and share supper was well received and it was lovely to see representatives from the Benefice churches in attendance. A meaningful thanks must go to the ladies who organised the supper, all who provided food and the gents who ably assisted with the washing up.





### Mothering Sunday at St Mary's

On the 19th March, Mothering Sunday was a real success story, with the children taking part in lighting a candle and handing out flower posies to the ladies in the congregation after presenting their own mothers with a posy. The children were all ages, ranging from 5 years old to people in their 60's whose mothers had accompanied them. Debbie Pope, our church warden, held a lovely service aimed at the young and she had everyone joining in with her theme of love and sharing love. Many stayed for coffee and biscuits and a chat afterwards.

The posies had been made by ladies of the village the day before and a huge thanks goes out to all who helped and made the morning a happy celebration.



### Village Hall Update 2023

The team from the Liverpool University School of Architecture returned to the Village in April with updated design plans and models reflecting comments and proposals made by the Committee during their visit to Liverpool the previous month. The updated plans incorporated, for the first time, a suggested internal layout with a multi-purpose hall opening on to an outside seating area, a stage, a reception/lounge area with adjacent kitchen and toilet areas, a plant room and storage. Whilst these plans are still subject to some final adjustment the project is now beginning to take on the look of a new Village Hall.

The Committee considered the detail of the latest plans at their April and May meetings. Other than one or two minor suggestions, which were passed on to the Liverpool team, the Committee were very pleased with the work done on their behalf. After a short break for exams and award ceremonies, the University team are to continue their work and still expect to be able to present final designs and models to the Village in August. These will be displayed in the Memorial Hall and members of the Liverpool team will be on hand to deal with any queries from the public.

Roger Bates - Vice-Chairman, Bucknell Memorial Hall Charity

### **CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?**

The Bucknell Memorial Hall Charity secured the assistance of the Liverpool University School of Architecture in the design and planning of a new Village Hall on the Daffodil Lane site and has offered their ongoing project support to completion. This work is well under way and as above, expect to be able to display the final design in the Memorial Hall in August.

The Hall Management Committee recognise that the fulfilment of this project will require a huge commitment and a range of skills and experience that we, as a Committee, simply do not have. If we are to take full advantage of the generous offer by the University we have to fill this void to ensure that our New Hall is built. The Committee have decided therefore to establish a New Hall Focus Group comprising people from within the Village who ideally have skills, qualifications or experience in the following fields:

- Project management
- Publicity/Promotion
- Event organisation

- Construction
- Fund raising

Members forming this Group are not required to be members of the Hall Management Committee but would work as a team advising the Committee as required throughout the development period. Meetings would be held as and when necessary with the minimum of formality. The overarching aim of the Group would be to make a positive contribution to the building of a new Village Hall for Bucknell.

Please contact me if you are able to help: Michael Alderton, Project Co-ordinator (New Village Hall), Weir Cottage, Bucknell SY7 0AA, <a href="mailto:bmhc@btinternet.com">bmhc@btinternet.com</a> 07802 367126

### Our Green Spaces Are Under Threat Once Again

As a resident in Redlake Meadow for nearly 40 years, and whose house overlooks pasture land that is being threatened with housing development yet again, I naturally attended the Parish Council meeting on 3rd May, as did many other concerned villagers, where a Mr. Harpreet Rayet of Cornovii Developments came to speak of their intention to develop the green field, located to the east of Redlake Meadow.

This field as I recall, has for many years had planning applications submitted by the then owners, the Morgan family, for the development of various numbers of dwellings, but thanks to the many villagers who had objected each time, including our Parish Council, each application was either refused by Shropshire Council, or withdrawn. The three main reasons for refusal were; a) environmental factors, b) the field lies outside of the village development boundary, and c) there is a brownfield site available for development in the form of the old timber yard. However, it transpires that the field, known on plans as BKL008, (BKL008a seen on some plans refers to the northern half of the field), was quietly purchased by Shropshire Council from the Morgan family around July 2022, apparently at agricultural land rates, but the former owners will I understand get an uplift if the field is eventually developed. Cornovii Developments was formed back in July 2019 by Shropshire Council who are the single shareholder and funder of Cornovii Developments. The company has a shareholder forum made up of councillors and council members, an independent board made up of council officers, and uses our council tax money to pay for outside consultants and advisors.

The primary aim of this company is to buy land already owned by Shropshire Council and to develop it for timber-framed housing, which they claim is 'sustainable construction'. But surely, the most environmentally friendly way forward is to leave our green fields green for food production and carbon capture, and not to destroy hedges and remove quality soil solely to permanently cover good arable land with a layer of tarmac and concrete. Mr Rayet said it is easier to develop a brownfield site than a green field but it was clear from his speech that he hadn't looked into the history of the village to fully understand that we have a brownfield site waiting for development, which begs the question, why didn't Shropshire Council buy the old timber yard, instead of using our council tax money to buy a green field that they, Shropshire Council, have refused development on at least twice in the past.

It should be noted that any further development on the scale that Shropshire Council is seeking isn't for the benefit of villagers as they suggest, as they want 110 houses built in Bucknell by 2038. Building such a large quantity of houses will likely increase the population from around 750 at present to in excess of a thousand, and our village infrastructure I'm sure will not be improved proportionately to cater for the extra people and vehicular traffic.

Some like-minded residents in the village thought it would be useful therefore to carry out a survey using the Bucknell Newsletter for distribution, so that residents can have their say as to whether they would prefer another green field be lost to development, or whether we should continue to push for the old timber yard to be developed for housing instead. Please complete the accompanying survey form and return it as quickly as possible.

Many thanks. Beverley Stone 5th June 2023

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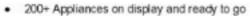
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### How Things Have Changed and How They Continue to Change

I received some words from a newsletter reader, which referred to all the words and references we use today which were not around if you were born before 1940. The original piece was written by Joyce Gibson and appears on the BBC's WW2 People's War archive. It is well worth a read, and I've included details below of how to access the piece!

As someone who didn't enter life until the late 1950s, I can look back on so many monumental changes in my day to day life during that time, but going back another twenty years adds a whole lot more change. The piece starts with the words "We were born before TV, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Zerox [sic], contact lenses," and it made me realise that some of the items which came, disappeared almost as quickly.

For many, live TV is a thing of the past as we now either record or stream what we want to watch, when and where we want to watch it. Penicillin is one of a huge number of antibiotics available and these days we are concerned about antibiotic resistance or penicillin allergy. Lives have been transformed because of polio shots and we take this for granted, but before the vaccination, the effects were devastating – according to the NHS, there hasn't been a confirmed case of paralysis due to polio since 1984.

Xerox, like Hoover was a brand that became the name for a process. I still struggle with calling the Dyson anything other than a hoover that does hoovering. Contact lenses have transformed the day to day lives of so many people, including several from my own family. I'm lucky in that I only need glasses for reading but they are transformational for those who need more.

Our abilities to live with change, our resilience, make us all special, but the longer you've been around, the more you have experienced change. I've typed this article on a machine that didn't exist fifty years ago – as a student I remember the mainframe computer from the Polytechnic (another term we have lost) was so heavy that it was causing the building to sink. I probably have more power in my laptop than the heavy computer from 45 years ago.

So, to our readers born before 1940, well done on surviving all this change. One thing is for



certain and that is we haven't run out of change and I suspect the pace of change will continue to accelerate!

If you would like to read the full text of Joyce Gibson's piece, please go to <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/91/a6963591.shtml">https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/91/a6963591.shtml</a> or put "joyce gibson survivors" into your search engine. I'm sure you will smile.

If you have any thoughts or feedback, or if this inspires you to put pen to paper (even that could be seen as a phrase from the past!), please come back to me – my details are on page 34 of the magazine. Editor – June 2023

### Featured Recipe - Lemonade Scones

With thanks to Sue Allen for this one:

- 300g self raising flour, sifted
- 55g caster sugar
- 125ml double cream
- 125ml lemonade
- 40ml milk

Preheat the oven to 220°C. Lightly grease a baking tray.

Place the flour, sugar and ½ teaspoon of salt in a large bowl. Add the cream and lemonade and mix to form a soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured workbench and knead lightly until combined. Press the dough with your hands to a thickness of about 2cm. Use a 6cm round cutter to cut out 8 scones, place on the baking tray and brush the tops with some milk. Bake for 10-15 minutes until lightly browned. Serve warm with your favourite jam and clotted cream.



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