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From the Editor

By the time this is printed and distributed, we will be well into December. It is quite startling how quickly the quarterly newsletter comes around and how quickly my first year as Editor has passed. I wonder what events we will be marking locally in the next year? One event I'd like to cover in the magazine, but didn't this year was the Tractor run. What a splendid event this is to spectate!



We seem to have had a lot of rain, since last I wrote, but the last few days have been drier. As dog-owners, my wife and I are always very grateful for dry days in the autumn and winter seasons. I do enjoy watching how the changing seasons impact on the species of birds we see in the garden. The siskins have left for their winter holidays and will usually return at the end of January. Recently I had the great joy of seeing a kingfisher land on my garden bridge during my lunchtime. I was delighted further to see a pair of dippers on the water's edge on Bridgend Lane within a couple of hours. It really is a very beautiful area to live in.

It is always good to receive feedback (most of which has been very positive) as well as contributions to the content within, whether that be written, photos or recipes. If you have any thoughts on what we should try and include, by all means drop me a line. After all, it is your magazine, not mine. I should also say a big thank you to our advertisers, without whom we would not have a magazine.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful 2024.

David

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Flood Group -Update

The flood group has continued to meet with the statutory agencies and progress has been made with the planned introduction of Natural Flood Management upstream in the Redlake. Funding has been secured (via the Shropshire Wildlife Trust) to install 15 leaky dams and to reinstate some natural flood plain in the New Invention area. Landowners have been keen to engage and we are hopeful that following a recent information event further sites will materialise. A funding bid has been submitted to support an expansion of the Natural Flood Management scheme to allow a greater number to be constructed.

Other work to alleviate the impact of flooding has been taking place, although this didn't stop the water build up on the 20th October. The storm drain in Dog Kennel Lane has been cleared of a silt build up which was reducing capacity significantly. Water build up on the 20th seems to have been caused by the build up of leaves around the drains. We have been encouraged to get people to report blocked drains via Fix My Street. I have used it and it's quite a simple process - <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>. Later in this newsletter, there is some information from Severn Trent Water about the common problems found with drain blocking. Something we can all help with.

David Webb

Village Hall Update The team from the Liverpool University School of Architecture returned to the Village on Saturday 14 October to present their updated design plans and models in the Memorial Hall. This presentation was open to the public for four hours and during that time members of the team and members of the Committee were available to listen to observations and deal with questions. Comments were noted and will be carefully considered before plans are finalised and before a planning application is taken forward. The Memorial Hall Committee met on Monday 16 October to review the “open day” and to consider the next stage which will take the project from concept design through to the preparation and submission of a planning application.

Contrary to rumours circulating in the Village concerning the financing of the new Village Hall the Memorial Hall Committee wish to make it clear that there are NO plans to “sell-off” parts of the Daffodil Lane playing field to fund the construction of a new Village Hall. Neither is there any truth in the rumour that the cost of construction will fall on the public purse or that of residents through taxes or levies of any kind. It is intended that this project will be mainly funded by grants and donations with proceeds of the Memorial Hall site in due course providing the Village contribution.

The Memorial Hall Committee recognise the importance of eventually incorporating the word “Memorial” in the name of the New Hall. However, at this stage, by adopting the title New Village Hall a clear distinction is being made with that of the Memorial Hall. The existing Memorial Hall has been a big part of Bucknell life for such a long time and means so much to so many people but to an outsider the name means nothing but everyone knows what a Village Hall is. This clarity is important when dealing with the Shropshire Council planners and eventually making funding applications. The Committee are in full agreement that, when the New Hall is completed, it will bear the title “Memorial Hall” and that there will be a re-dedication service to mark the change and to honour the men from the Village who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

The Public Consultation Event held jointly by the Memorial Hall Committee and the Liverpool School of Architecture in the Memorial Hall on 14 October was well attended and more than 24 people left written comments in the suggestions box. These comments have been analysed by the University Team and will be taken into account as the design of the New Hall is developed.

STOP PRESS - At their meeting earlier this month the Memorial Hall Committee formally appointed Prince Architects of Liverpool to work in collaboration with Liverpool University School of Architecture to move the project forward to the next stage. The first task is to prepare and submit a pre-planning application to Shropshire Council which will be based on the designs presented at the Consultation Event. It is an opportunity to respond to community feedback and to discuss the proposals with Planning Officers prior to the submission of a full planning application. Pre-planning application to due to be submitted in mid-December. **Mike Alderton**

The Value of Old Age - One of our older readers suggested I took a look at this poem, which made me chuckle. In a humorous way it talks about some of the inevitable impacts of getting old. It includes reference to your permanent sidekick Arthur Ritis. If you feel like investing three minutes of your time, you can hear it on the BBC website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0402yhh> - It certainly made me chuckle and Angela from Belfast, who reads it, has a most infectious laugh. I particularly laughed at the punchline about the hereafter (can you have a punchline in a poem?). I won't spoil the treat by revealing it here.



We are now into the darker evenings so it's out with our torches as we make our way to The Hall for our W.I. Meetings.

In September we were introduced to Indian cookery then invited to sample the dish for supper. Later in the month, we hosted The Annual Group when members from Bettwys, Chapel Lawn, Clun, and Hopesay were our guests. President Marian Cox gave everyone a warm welcome. We then sang Jerusalem accompanied by Beryl Starr and Mic Blake on recorders. The entertainment was a rousing performance by the Shanty Group

"The Lower Deckers". The Bucknell ladies spent a busy afternoon preparing for our guests, resulting in a tasty supper with various quiche, salads and accompaniments. An amazing choice of desserts followed supplied by Clun WI. The competition followed the nautical themed evening; Mic Blake was awarded 1st in the Knot competition, with Sue Barrett a prize winner with her Cornish Pasty.

October meeting was an open meeting when Peter Dunhill spoke with slides on the Shipping Forecast. Robert Fitzroy was disturbed that so many ships were wrecked during storms around the British Isles, which resulted in great loss of life, so he decided something should be done about it. This resulted in the Shipping Forecast. It was first broadcast in 1861 and is still broadcast on Radio 4 four times a day, heralded with its very familiar music.

For November, we had a Christmas-themed flower demonstration by Cynthia Preston Jones. December will be Line Dancing and Secret Santa then a visit to The Sitwell for Christmas Dinner. In between the above activities we managed to fit in a work shop, when several ladies spent the morning making sanitary products, which Helen Braden will take with her when she travels to Rwanda next year on one of her many humanitarian trips. Mic Blake and Christine Aplin are already working on the 2024 programme. Perhaps you would like to join us and see what exciting things are planned in 2024.

Bucknell W.I. wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christine Price November 12th 2023

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News from the Pop in Cafe

Opening hours - Every Wednesday 10.30a.m - noon.



The cafe has again exceeded the previous years with attendance records and money raised for village and village related projects.

We have already donated £140 to MacMillan cancer support charity from the week in September when the charity held their annual coffee mornings fund raiser.

Thank you to all our customers who come in week after week to sample the delicious and varied cakes with a fresh coffee or tea. We love that regulars from cycling and walking groups have also found their way to our little cafe.

A huge thank you must go to our sixteen lady volunteers who bake and donate the cakes without taking a penny towards the cost of the ingredients. Also to all the chaps who wash up, move tables and chairs and Hoover. We could not function without them.

Thanks must go to Reverend Martin who continues to let us use St Mary's Church and who supports us by popping in whenever his very busy work life allows him.

The volunteers will be holding their annual meeting in early January to decide how the funds raised are to be donated. Should anyone from the village have a good idea for a small project we could support then please let me know before the end of December.

If anyone would like to join our team then please contact me as we are always looking for new members. Usually duty is only one Wednesday a month for about two and a half hours and the ability to provide a cake or two.

The cafe will be closed on the Wednesdays of 20th & 27th December and 3rd January 2024 for the holiday celebrations.

Finally from all of us to all of you -

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Should anyone wish to join one of our volunteer groups then please contact Sue Fenlon - 01547 530105

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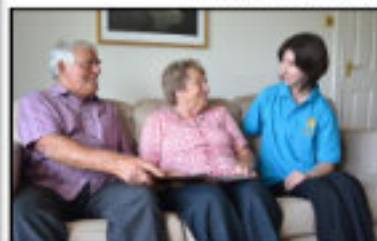
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Featured Photograph



Thanks to Sue Fenlon for the cover picture - it was so beautiful that I had to hold on to it for the most appropriate occasion. The one above is mine - to brighten things up during the dull winter months. A Beautiful Demoiselle from my garden on 27th May this year - Editor

Have you got a photo or photos 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 it should have a local relevance. If so, please send it over to editor@bucknellnews.co.uk and we will feature it in future issues.

Bucknell 1000 Club

We are contemplating starting the village lottery again next year from 1 April. To make it viable we need at least fifty members. It will be £1 per week, which can be paid in four quarterly payments of £13 by standing order into the club account.

As before it is based on Saturday evening Lotto. Each member will be allocated three numbers, one of which will be a bonus number. If yours matches the lotto one, you win £10. If you match the bonus number and one other you win £35 and if you match the bonus and two others you win £250. It is held to benefit the church, the school, the youth club and also the new village hall fund.

If no one wins one of the four jackpot prizes there will be a random draw at the end of the year for ten members. The amount paid out will depend what prizes have been paid out over the year. If you wish to participate please email Bucknell-1000@outlook.com.

Alternatively let either Doug White or Len Barrett know.

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	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
	Wednesday	Grumpy Old Men's Club	The Sitwell 20:00 - 22:00	Just turn up for a chat about anything
	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	Memorial Hall 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 7:15pm	Marion Cox 07964 710983
YEARLY	Bucknell Show			



Bucknell Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

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Bishop's Castle Library, also run by Enterprise House, continues to be an active and vibrant community hub welcoming people on Mondays 10am – 1pm, Tuesdays and Fridays 10am - 5pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm. This winter we will once again be a Warm Hub and everyone is welcome. In addition to our extensive range of fiction, non-fiction and audio books, we also offer free computer access, magazines and local papers and craft activities for children. We now host a monthly hearing support hub on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (appointments to be prebooked by calling 01743 342 168) plus a drop in clinic with the local dementia awareness co-ordinator on the 3rd Friday of the month between 10am & 12 noon and further outreach support is planned for the new year.

With many exciting projects planned to support South West Shropshire communities, including an online community events calendar and community support drop-ins, the coming months will see us continuing to evolve and fulfil our valuable role supporting the local and business community.



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Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society - RVCBS - The Taming of the Stew

On Saturday 18th November, fifty eager diners (including several Bucknell residents) and six competitive cooks turned out for 'The Taming of the Stew', an evening of wine, fine food and high tension. All were eager to know who would be chosen as the winning casserole maker using venison from a wild one-year-old red deer hind specially selected for the occasion. Miles Lawton, who works with landowners in the Redlake Valley to keep the burgeoning deer population under control, was tasked with the difficult job of deciding which of the six casseroles was the best.

After polishing off generous helpings of casserole, baked potatoes and peas, and consuming eleven delicious puddings (Chapel Lawn is well known for its puddings), the guests hung onto every word of Miles' illustrated talk on the many aspects of deer management, explaining how it protects crops and woodlands and keeps the deer herds healthy. Finally, the winner was announced. Miles' job was all the more difficult because the six recipes were not only delicious, but startlingly varied. In the end, Janet Tudor from Pentre near Chapel Lawn won with her Italian Agrodulce recipe. The five runners-up were Simon James from New Invention, Alison Gunning-Stevenson and Karen Sharpe from Bucknell, Ryan Davies from Heyope, and James Middleton from Chapel Lawn.

Janet's prize was a bottle of St Emilion Grand Cru, while the five runners up were presented with boxes of Belgian Chocolates, giving the very local occasion a slightly European flavour. All competitors received certificates. RVCBS chairman, Mark Limbrick, thanked Miles and the helpers who had made the evening possible and explained that the money raised from the evening would help fund deer fencing around a recently felled area in the Society's Brineddin Wood quillets. By protecting the area and encouraging growth of young trees, it is anticipated that the biodiversity of the wood will be boosted. The evening raised just over £300.

RVCBS was formed in December 2011 and is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (CCBSA2014) to own assets or manage activities within the Redlake Valley and its environs that are solely for community benefit.

For more information, please visit <https://redlakevalleycbs.org/>



News from St Mary's CE Primary School, Bucknell – November 2023

SIAMS Inspection

On Tuesday 17th October, we had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools) and we were absolutely delighted with the report which recognised many of our school strengths. As you know our school vision is 'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives' from Proverbs 22:6

Here are the headline school strengths:

- Leaders clearly understand how St. Mary's Christian vision is rooted in the context of the Bucknell community. This drives the strategic actions of the school, contributing significantly to the flourishing of all.
- Inspired by the vision of wanting all to achieve their best, leaders have actively created a nurturing, inclusive, learning environment. Staff ensure vulnerable pupils and those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are well supported. As a result, all pupils achieve and thrive.
- Invitational, inclusive and inspiring, collective worship is a powerful expression of the school's Christian vision and values. Pupils and adults cherish calm and peaceful opportunities for reflection and prayer, enhancing the spiritual growth of all.
- Relationships are excellent, with pupils and adults valued for their uniqueness. Leaders use overwhelming Christian love to break down barriers to enhance good mental health for all. As a result, a compassionate culture has been established where everybody is treated well.



Of course, there are areas for development which we plan to develop over the next few terms but we are thrilled that the work of our pupils, school staff and governors has been recognised in this formal report. Please contact the school office if you would like to see a paper copy of the full report.

Rach Braybrooke, *lead teacher at St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell*

Remembrance Day Celebrations

Two events were held in the week of Mon 6th November to celebrate Remembrance Day. Firstly, we had a celebration at the front of our school thinking about remembrance generally and all those who had fought in the world wars. The front of the school was covered in beautiful, crocheted poppies made by Mrs Parker (Lel's Mum).

On Friday 10th November there was a special service held outside the church by the war memorial, led by Debbie Pope, with poems written by our Y5/6 children. Every child was involved putting poppies and little wooden crosses in a trough while we heard the names of the seventeen soldiers from the Bucknell area who were killed in action. It was a very special respectful service. Thank you to everyone who took part. The prayers are displayed in the church, please go and look at them.

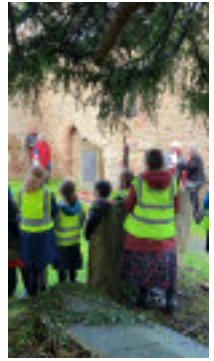


The service was arranged especially for the children and they took part by reading prayers they had written and by placing poppies and crosses at the foot of the stone as the names were read out by Sylvia Meredith and Julie Parker. Each soldier's name was accompanied by a little bit of information about why they appear on our memorial through their connection to Bucknell.

The last post followed by the silence, eleven o'clock chimes and the reveille added to the solemnity and the children were impeccably behaved throughout the moving little service.

The Kohima epitaph was read by Sue Fairclough and it remains as poignant today as it ever did.

"When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today"



Additional content and photo courtesy of Sue Fenlon

November 11th 2023



In the sunshine of a glorious autumn day villagers gathered at the Memorial stone in the churchyard to pay their respects, lay wreaths and remember the boys from the village who died in both world wars. The remembrance service on Saturday 11th November was also the final outing of the Royal British Legion Brampton Bryan branch standard as the branch sadly closed this year.

Peter Barron gave a poignant speech reminding us of the horrors of war and its aftermath and of the sufferings of the men who were fortunate to return home. He also gave a brief history of the Brampton Bryan men who formed a support group for these men helping them into jobs and uplifting their families. This group, along with many other small groups nationwide, was eventually incorporated into the Royal British Legion.



His final role was to hand the Brampton Bryan standard to Debbie Pope, churchwarden, who promised to keep safe the standard which represents so much to so many people, past and present, and to place it in St Mary's church where it will remain.





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The 'Lighten up' top security tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in and not unoccupied
- Use timer switches to turn lamps on when you are out
- We recommend dusk 'til dawn lighting, which is the type that stays on through the hours of darkness, switching off before the sun comes up.
- Don't just set a light on a timer in the hall or landing area, try and set the lights up in room
- Consider other types of lighting, such as devices that simulate the light of a TV
- Invest in external lighting such as PIR lights to light up outbuildings and yards
- Always lock windows and doors and keep gates and side entrances well secured

Romance Fraud

Locally we have seen an increase in victims of romance frauds, a scam which can last over several years. Romance scams involve people being manipulated into sending money to criminals who go to great lengths to gain their trust and convince them that they are in a genuine relationship. They use language to manipulate, persuade and exploit so that requests for money do not raise alarm bells. These requests might be highly emotive, such as criminals claiming they need money for emergency medical care, or to pay for transport costs to visit the victim if they are overseas. Scammers will often build a relationship with their victims over time.

It is important that no matter how long you've been speaking to someone online and how much you think you trust them, if you have not met them in person it's important that you do not:

Send them any money, Allow them access to your bank account, Transfer money on their behalf, Take a loan out for them, Provide copies of your personal documents such as passports or driving licences, Invest your own money on their behalf or on their advice, Purchase and send the codes on gift cards from Amazon or iTunes, Agree to receive and/or send parcels on their behalf (laptops, mobile phones etc.)

How to report it

If you think you have been a victim of a romance scam, do not feel ashamed or embarrassed - you are not alone. Contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

As supplied by West Mercia Police



Legal Corner: Thinking of “Giving Your Home Away”?

I received some information from one of our advertisers, PCB Solicitors LLP, and it did make me want to read on. For me it was the title that drew me in. Having read something about scams from the Police, I thought perhaps this was referring to a scam, but no, it was genuine information. Perhaps I'm becoming too cynical in my old age!

The document is a bit too long to repeat in full here, so I've extracted a few bits that I thought were worthy of sharing. I should also point out that I have never used PCB and the only contact I've had is regarding their advertising. So here is an extract from their document.

For a variety of reasons many people wish to transfer their home from their names into that of another e.g. parents putting their home in the names of their children. It is important that the implications of transferring your home are fully understood, so the advantages can be weighed against the disadvantages and you can make the appropriate decision for you, this is especially important if your home is your main asset.

Families

We only mention this from long experience spent dealing with problems caused by completely unforeseen family fall outs. All families have their ups and downs, it is only natural. What can be the happiest family can suddenly and unexpectedly be torn apart by seemingly insignificant events. When making major decisions relating to your valuable assets you should always consider the worst case scenario.

Responsibility for the home

Although you may give your home away, you may agree to be responsible for the buildings insurance and general maintenance. You might be quite happy with the responsibility, but what may seem straight forward in the early stages could cause problems later on if you cannot financially afford to continue these payments. To prevent any future problems, discuss and establish who is to pay for all major outgoings of the property. Although it is your home, if you no longer own it, you could be asked to pay rent by the owner(s). They may even sell or mortgage the property and you could have no home.

Other areas where this might apply are:

Divorce/bankruptcy

Death

Inheritance Tax

Tax

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The Rev. Dr. Martin Quayle

November is usually a gloomy month. Thomas Hood's poem sets it out all too prosaically,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, November.

The weather has been miserable as another storm has swept around, or is it through us? On top of that, the news has been awful. Winter is usually a time for us to 'hunker down', as it were. We enter a phase of hibernation, with our minds becoming a little less 'busy', and an inclination to be a little quieter and more focused on the home, and our own lives, rather than being outside and active in the world around us.

The temptation when the news is bad, and the weather is inclement is to remain introspective, and not take in the details of what is going on in the world. Our preference may be to day-dream and perhaps read another book or watch some more television, rather than think about our role in the world, and how we can contribute in a positive way to our community.

Not only is our global world in a difficult time, but locally some are finding life very tough, as prices have risen and our economy has been close to a recession for some months now. The news from our local food bank has been disturbing. Applications for help have been rising, and they are seeing more families seeking help to feed themselves. In terms of donations, food donations have decreased, but financial help has gone up, as people like us have recognised that there is a need to help our neighbours who may not be as fortunate as ourselves.

Those who give are to be commended for their generosity. There is a principle in life that what we give out, we receive back in some kind of proportionate measure. Of course, our giving should primarily be about what is needed and how we can help, but it is the case in life that if we are feeling a little flat or low, one way to help ourselves is to find it within ourselves to be generous to others, and to think about those around us, and their needs.

I wish all of you a comfortable winter, and that November passes without too much gloominess.

5.11.23

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“The Day I Met the King”



Monday, the 13th of November 2023 is a day that Di Cosgrove (pictured at the event with Annette Booth) of Chapel Lawn will always remember. To celebrate his 75th birthday on the 14th November, King Charles put out a request for people born in the same year as himself who have put a lot back into their communities, to be nominated as guests to a celebratory tea party at Highgrove house in Gloucestershire.

Di's name was put forward for her work in education, both as Chairman of Governors of the Blue Hills Federation of primary schools in South Shropshire, and as co-founder of a charity, Redearth Education, which she and two friends had established in 2007, and works in rural Uganda to improve teaching and learning in primary education. Invitees were asked to take one guest, so Di took Annette Booth, her very best friend of 50 years standing.

Di has yet to come down from her amazing experience. "It was a privilege to talk to the King for a short time, who was clearly enjoying himself immensely. We all stood around as he cut the cake and we all sang Happy Birthday. He was such a lovely chap. I also enjoyed meeting Jay Blades of The Repair Shop."



For several years of my time in Hampshire I was involved in advocating on behalf of the rural community. This came about by accident really. I was working with the FSB

on behalf of small businesses and was invited to join a rural funding group. Although we lived in a village, we were only four miles outside a city. I really only learned about rural living when we moved to Shropshire.

However, one name I had heard of was the Community Council of Shropshire, these days known as Community Resource. They have been around for 60 years in a number of different guises and today its focus is in three parts:

Wellbeing and Care: Hearing Loss Support, Falls Prevention, Health Awareness Events, Buddy System, Social Groups


Community and Support: Oil Buying Club, Latest Savings, Community Buildings Directory, Good Neighbours Schemes, Voluntary and Community Infrastructure Support

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Community Resource is part of a national network of similar organisations with a long and proud history of supporting rural communities throughout England. The latest name change allowed them to move on from the past, giving a fresh start as they grow and evolve as an organisation.

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Tips to keep our drains clear!

Top tips to avoid blockages in the **bathroom...**



Only ever flush pee, poo and toilet paper



Bag up and bin sanitary towels, tampons and applicators



Use a bin for items such as cotton buds, razors, dental floss and nappies



Bin all wipes (never flush) to avoid blocked drains

Top tips to avoid blockages in the **kitchen...**



Scrape all pots, pans and plates before washing



Use strainers in your sink to catch leftover food



Reuse leftover food, including soups and sauces. If you can't, put it in the bin



Once cool, scrape used oil/grease in a container and bin it

Severn Trent Water provided these graphics to give guidance on what we should and shouldn't put into our drains. A lot of drain blockages are caused by disposing of items into the drains which should go in the bin rather than down the drain. For more information visit:

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Featured Favourite Recipe - Lemon Jelly

Ingredients

Rind of one lemon
Juice of two lemons
3 Eggs
6oz Caster sugar
One packet of Lemon jelly

Method

Make up the jelly with a ¼ pint of water.
Add the lemon juice and rind to the jelly mixture.
Beat the egg yolks with the caster sugar and add to the jelly.
Beat the egg whites until stiff then stir into the jelly mixture.
Leave to set in the fridge.

Serve on its own or with double cream.

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