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From the Editor

Three months ago I wrote that I was looking forward to spring. On the positive side, the river hasn't flooded, but our weather still seems to be dominated by grey or wet. Recently it has seemed more like November than May.

Regardless of the weather though, the local birds seem to be making the most of the spring. Whether it is in my garden or up in the woods, they sing away. I have been using the Merlin app on my phone to try and identify the songs that I'm hearing. Whilst I'm sure it is not 100% accurate (I cannot think there was a Merganser in Bucknell Wood, but who knows!), I still enjoy the feedback from the app and the immediate response to songs that my phone is hearing.



We hear a lot about AI (Artificial Intelligence). In my opinion, this is a very positive use for this technology. In my work capacity I have also tried using AI to write work content. I haven't used any of the results yet but the results I have been able to achieve in my "test phase" have been really interesting. It certainly has a place in kicking off the creative process. Hopefully you will be pleased to hear that there is no AI in my editing this time!

Thanks go to our regular contributors and advertisers. Without you, we wouldn't have a magazine. This time, I'm particularly grateful to Richard Chandler for his article and pictures on "the other Bucknell" - well worth a read. We always welcome any local contributions. So please, don't be shy, especially if you think something isn't getting the coverage it deserves. If you are not sure, by all means give me a call to talk it through.

David

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Flood Group - Update

The Flood Action Group met with the Environment Agency, Shropshire Council, Shropshire Highways, Severn Trent, and the Shropshire Wildlife Trust (SWT) at the Memorial Hall on 23rd April. SWT reported that ten leaky dams have been installed at New Invention and are already holding back water. The ambition is that further funding can be identified and applied for to extend the scheme. Local representatives were also reminded that problems, including blocked drains, can be reported using the Fix My Street facility, available at

<https://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk/>

When I looked at the website, I can see that there were 494 reports in the last week.
David Webb, May 2024

PROMOTION – MISSED BY A POINT

Well, what a season for Bucknell Quiz Team. A very creditable 5th place of 16 teams in Division 2 of the Shropshire Village Hall Quiz League. Promotion and relegation places have yet to be confirmed but it is likely that they will just miss out on promotion to Division 1.

Team Captain, Tony Cox, said “Over the season, we gradually climbed up the league table and it certainly gives us something to build on.”

The Quiz League runs from October to April, with one competition a month. The format is always the same – 6 rounds each of 12 general knowledge questions. The county is split into three regions – North, Middle and South for ease of travel but there are two divisions, each of 16 teams. So, at each quiz evening there is a mix of Division 1 and 2 teams. We all get asked the same questions on the same evening. Have you got that!!

The Final Division 2 League Table Top 5 was:

1.	Longden-on-Tern	394 points
2.	Lee Brockhurst	393 points
3.	Cressage	385 points
4.	Westbury	384 points
5.	Bucknell	383 points

So very close! The team is made up of four people and the mainstay of the Bucknell team is Marion Cox, Mic Blake, David Blake and Tony himself. Plus able help from Alison and Pete Gunning-Stevenson. Tony told us “ We are already looking forward to next season, when we hope to win a place in Division1”

Steam Comes to Bucknell

Shropshire’s railways regularly play host to mainline steam locomotives. As someone who has visited Craven Arms to observe our majestic visitors on several occasions, I was delighted to hear that a steam hauled train was due to pass through Bucknell on the 20th April. Those waiting for the train to pass were treated to a fabulous aerial display from a red kite as it circled and swooped around Sitwell Close. As it turned out, the “Great Britain XVI”, which passed quite slowly through Bucknell on its Liverpool to Swansea leg, was hauled by two locomotives. The Black Fives (44871 and 45407 The Lancashire Fusilier as seen on the front cover) were majestic as was the crowd which turned out to see this rare occurrence.



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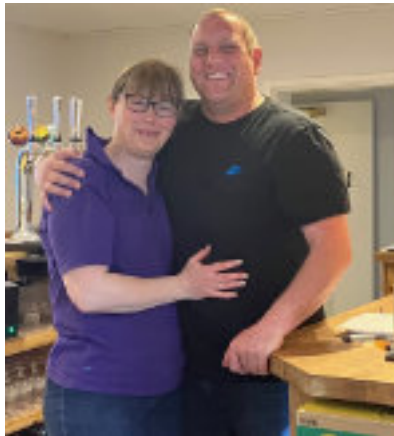
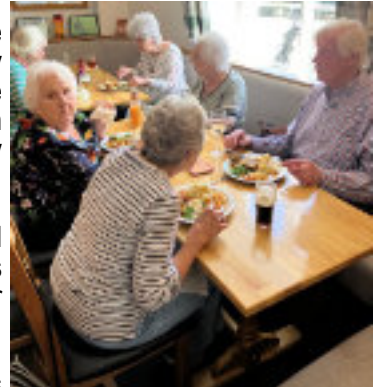
Opening hours - Every Wednesday 10.30a.m - noon.

Pop in Cafe hosts lunch at the Sitwell

Following the success of 2023 on a beautiful day in May the cafe hosted their second villagers lunch, once again kindly provided by donations received throughout 2023. The generous amounts of fish and chips and roast chicken dinner were cooked by Helen and Kaz and served by volunteers from the cafe.

A welcome drink was provided and served by Ross and there was a lovely buzz of conversation as our guests settled down for the meal. Transport had been provided for those who needed a lift

The main meal was followed by a choice of three puddings and finally tea or coffee.



There was a real feeling of community as old friends met and new friends were made.

We remembered those who are no longer with us and those who were poorly and not able to attend.

A very big thanks must go to all customers of the cafe who regularly meet up on Wednesdays between 10.30 and midday and who generously donate for their coffee and cake.

A huge thanks goes to Helen, Ross and Kaz who worked their socks off to make this afternoon the success it was.

Sue Fenlon



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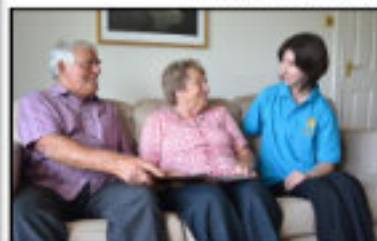
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Pop in Cafe - other news

On 27th March a very busy Pop in Cafe celebrated Jean Wood's 90th birthday by singing Happy Birthday as she cut her cake, opened cards and accepted flowers from her friends.

Jean was asked to pick the winning ticket from the free Easter Egg draw and her niece George was the winner.

The Easter theme ran throughout as the tables displayed mini eggs and Easter bunnies and the cakes on sale bore more chocolate egg decorations.

A lovely morning enjoyed by all.

Sue Fenlon



Severn Trent Water Quality

This may be of interest if your water quality is poor. In light of current adverse situations in two southern water regions it is perhaps encouraging to note the following activities supporting our own domestic water supply.

On 21st May a resident of Redlake Meadow had an unannounced visit from Severn Trent in order to test the condition of the water supply. On the form provided it stated that it is a legal requirement set by the UK Government that Severn Trent (and all other water suppliers) take random water samples and the quality of the water is also monitored by the Public Health Authority and Environmental Health Officers. It also stated on the form that in order to make sure Severn Trent meet the standards required by these authorities Severn Trent take 20,000 random samples of water from households across the Severn Trent Water Region each year.

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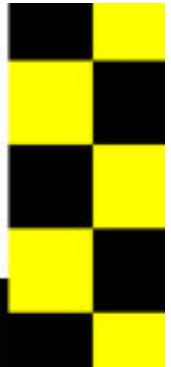
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	Days	Event	Venue & Time	Contact
WEEKLY	Monday	Bedstone Art Group	Bedstone Village Hall 10:30 - 13:00	Anne Holding 01584 874857
	Tuesday	PiYo Club	St. Mary's School Hall 19:30 - 20:10	Helen Bithell 07775 520968
	Wednesday	Grumpy Old Men's Club	The 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
	Thursday	Tots and Tinies Bucknell	Bucknell Memorial Hall 10:00 - 12:00	Kelsey Winter 07975546763
	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	Carol Davies Chairman 0774 428 373
	Third Wednesday	Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall 7:15pm	Marion Cox 07964 710983
YEAR	Bucknell Show			



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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INSPIRING WOMEN

Spring has been busy for the WI! We have a whole new programme of speakers and events arranged to see us through until April 2025, beginning with Nina Walmsley showing us exercises to do at home to keep us supple, flexible and to maintain our balance. Some of us have now joined up to Nina's Knighton class for a weekly reminder of what we should be doing.

We held our Annual Meeting in May, which some might expect to be boring but we got through the business part as quickly as possible and onto the entertainment – a Chocolate-themed quiz which gave a clue to the winning team's snacking history and a simple word game. Lots of laughing and lots of chocolate prizes followed!

Most of you will be aware that we held our annual Plant Sale as usual on a gloriously sunny Saturday, 18th May. It was wonderful to see so many people come along to seek out a home-grown bargain and have a chat. We hope some of the female plant shoppers might also come and see what the WI has to offer. We were selling jam and cakes at the Plant Sale – in true WI fashion – but it's not obligatory to bake, sew, grow or craft. In the words of the Cyndi Lauper song from the 80s, "Girls (women) just wanna have fun!" And support each other, and learn new stuff, and a host of other things....

Our subgroups have been busy, as usual, with lunches out at the Hotspur Café at Shobdon Airfield, and Berry's in Church Stretton. We visit a variety of local cafes and pubs during the year and it's a great opportunity to get to know each other better. The walking group is also popular and it's surprising how much chat there is during a couple of hours exploring local paths. Our



garden group visit gardens of note and each other's gardens, sharing knowledge, tips and spare plants. Some of the group visited RHS Bridgewater in Salford as part of a Shropshire WI-arranged trip and had a really enjoyable day out. A new subgroup is yet to get going properly but will offer members the chance to go together to visit local venues for plays, films, ballet etc.

As ever, the WI is delighted to welcome prospective new members at our monthly meetings – the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.15pm. We invite any woman to give us a try, and offer two consecutive meetings for free to find out more about us. We are not scary but if you'd like to walk in with someone, please give me a call on 07964 710983 and I'll arrange for someone to meet you.

Marion Cox (President)



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Brineddin Wood Update

It's a while since we've issued an update on the Redlake Community Benefit Society's activities – for the very good reason that we have been extremely busy. You may recall that In June 2023 the Society was granted a ten-year felling licence by the Forestry Commission to begin the process of rotational coppicing, our aim being to revitalise the biodiversity of the Society's portion of a long-neglected wood.

Conscious of the potential visual impact of such work, and not being entirely sure how quickly coppiced trees would regenerate and ground flora appear, we proceeded with caution by bringing in a contractor to create a small clearing by removing about eighty densely packed trees. Hearts in mouths, we watched 100-year-old trunks being hauled down the steep hillside and then along the footpath to where a supportive landowner had let us install a gate that gave access across his fields to the road. Once the felling was completed and trunks removed, volunteer work parties created a deer enclosure around the felled area.

The felling and fencing were substantially funded by Shropshire Hills National Landscape's (the new name for Shropshire Hills AONB) Farming in Protected Landscape (FiPL) fund. There is still work to do repairing pathways and clearing brash and smaller branches left over from the felling, some of which will be used for dead hedging to provide shelter for wildlife, but now the interesting part begins while we wait and watch. If all goes the way we think it will, shoots will appear from coppiced oak stools (trunks), seedling oaks which would previously have been shaded out or eaten by deer will survive the summer months, and a layer of ground flora that was largely absent beforehand will begin to establish itself. Although a condition of the felling licence is to create a slightly greater variety of tree species as a safeguard against disease and climate change, we will delay decisions on exactly which species to introduce and where until we know where there are gaps from natural regeneration. We will also delay any decision on any further clearing until we know how quickly the young trees are growing.

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Highlights include:

- ‘The Big Stitch Up’ on Saturday 15th June – join us for a day of stitching and weaving activities for all ages.
- A recital by internationally renowned organist David Briggs on Wednesday 3rd July.
- An evening of Javanese Gamelan music and dance on Saturday 13th July.
- Herefordshire folklorist Ella Mary Leather is remembered through our ‘Creative Collaboration’ concert on Friday 14th June.
- On 5th July, ‘Herefordshire Folk NOW’ featuring Leominster Morris, Fetch and About Face Theatre (presented by Leominster Museum).

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Update on rural burglaries and thefts

At the end of March, seven men were arrested as part of an operation targeting serious and organised crime across Shropshire.

The seven warrants were carried out at the same time by officers from West Mercia Police and Dyfed Powys Police following an eight month investigation into rural crime in the area.

The warrants targeted four addresses in Broseley, one in Cross Houses, one in Donnington and one in Shrewsbury. These were thanks to intelligence that was passed over to detectives in Shropshire following a massive spike in burglaries and thefts from farms and rural businesses over the last 18 months. Six of the men have been charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal in Shropshire and Powys.

Preventing vehicle thefts

This last month has seen a spike in thefts of vehicles around Bishop's Castle, believed to be conducted by a criminal gang travelling into the area. Please take note of the following security advice to help prevent any further thefts.

Keep your vehicle locked. Always locking your car when you leave it goes without saying, but make sure you double check the car is actually locked, check each door and the boot to make sure. Many modern vehicle's have wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, criminals will look for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out as it makes it clear that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Although we are aware of only one offence of this type in the last 12 months, another method of car theft is known as a relay attack, a method being used increasingly by car thieves on vehicles that use keyless entry. This involves two criminals working together using electronic signal relay devices to clone a vehicles key. One criminal will use a device to receive the key signal from inside the home, transferring the signal to a second box, which is placed alongside the car. This tricks the car into 'thinking' the key is there, allowing the thieves to unlock the vehicle and drive away. Although the signal can pass through doors, walls and windows, it cannot penetrate metal, so placing the keys inside a metal box, signal blocking wallet known as a Faraday pouch, safe or even your microwave should protect your vehicle from a 'relay attack'.

If you own an older vehicle which have poor locks that are easily bypassed like an old Land Rover or previous generations of the Ford Transit please consider fitting anti-theft devices like a steering wheel lock.

If you see any suspicious activity please try and report it at the time by ringing 101 or 999 if you witness a vehicle being stolen. Please try and gain as much information as possible when reporting such as a description of the offenders and the vehicle they are travelling in.

BUCKNELL NEW VILLAGE HALL UPDATES

Following the Pre-Planning submission and meeting with the Planning Officer a number of alternative layout options were investigated by the Committee's Architect and the Liverpool School of Architecture team. This review the Planning Officer's comments on the impact of the development on the openness of the site and, in particular, the view from the east (i.e. the Village). The Planning Officer commented that, "whilst the general principles of the proposal are acceptable, the long, flat elevation along the eastern edge of the site presented a 'heavy' elevation when viewed from the Village and that options should be considered to review the visual impact of the proposals". Several alternatives were considered/assessed against the overall principles. then discussed in detail with the Planning Officer who favoured the option which reduces the length of the eastern elevation by 'flipping' it to the west and by twisting the whole building slightly in a clockwise direction. Whilst these changes will reduce the size of the courtyard area to the south side, they will improve vehicular access to the rear and will allow for increased number of parking spaces both at the front and rear. The changes also avoid the overhead electric cables which are in fact, not positioned precisely where they are shown on available plans. Overall the size of the building changes very little and the internal accommodation remains much the same.

The changes to the layout of the New Village Hall agreed by the Memorial Hall Committee have now been incorporated in new design drawings prepared by the Architectural team. The changes were made after considering observations made by the Shropshire Planning Officer following his visit to the site of the New Hall. The Planning Officer has also confirmed that the Full Planning Application must be accompanied by an Ecological Impact Assessment of the land in and surrounding the proposed development and an assessment of any potential impacts resulting from the development including biodiversity net gain. This requirement has necessitated the appointment of specialist consultants and after a tendering process, Red Kite Network Limited of Telford have recently been appointed to fulfil this role. Unfortunately all this has delayed the submission of the Full Planning Application which is not now expected to be submitted until the end of June.

Mike Alderton

Bucknell Skittles Club has just completed 25 years since formation. Over the years we have seen members come and go. At the end of this season we have a total of 34 members with 3 of the original members left playing. They are President, Aeron Hughes, Chairman, Derek Meredith, and Jean Wood who was a committee member until last year. We meet every other week in the Village Hall starting in September until the end of May. In the Summer Months we play Boule and the proceeds go to help Fund the Midlands Air Ambulance.

For our 25 years celebrations the club held its annual Christmas Lunch at the Grove Bowling, Leominster. The club paid for all members lunch and bowling and a great time was had by all. With the demise of Brampton Bryan British Legion, we have not had any matches this season, we played the Legion for quite a few years to raise funds for them. The Boule season starts on Thursday the 6th of June at 7 o'clock on the field opposite the Recreation Ground { where the changing rooms are}. Anyone wishing to play, just come along. It will only cost you a Pound. Competition winners this past season are Mixed Doubles Winners Rose Sharp / Len Barrett, Runners Up Jean Wood / Paul Aplin, Ladies Doubles Winners Jean Wood / Sue Davies, Runners Up Alison Pettit / Dorothy, Mens Doubles Winners Roger Bates / Aeron Hughes Runners Up Martin Aplin / Len Barrett, Ladies Singles Winner Maria Aplin. Runner Up Jean Wood. Mens Singles Winner Derek Meredith. Highest Overall Score for the Season Ladies Winner Dorothy Edwards. Mens Winner Roger Bates.

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The Rev Dr Martin Quayle, Priest in Charge St Mary's Bucknell writes:

I have just listened to the reporting of the calling of a general election. We all knew that it had to come and so it was not a surprise, although the timing was uncertain until earlier today. The last election which was held in July was in 1945. The nation, with its recent victory in Europe, voted for a change, although the new Prime Minister had been part of the War Cabinet. Recently Fiona and I watched a play about Nye Bevan and his struggle to establish the National Health Service, which was one of the reforms which had been promised to the country by the incoming administration. It changed the life of the nation and the lives of countless people from that time to the present. At the time, the biggest call on the new NHS was for spectacles and false teeth. This was what many people needed to improve the quality of their lives.

Our Health Service today is something which many of us look up to. It provides a level of care which means that cancer is not a terminal diagnosis for those who receive such news. Acute illness, whether it is by infection or physical disorders can be treated successfully, and many of us at some time have received care which has either restored us to health, or has relieved something which has rendered us unwell or disabled.

I have worked and still work within the NHS, and I am the first to point to difficulties and problems within the service. And yet all of us use it, knowing that without it we would have to pay extraordinary fees to stay alive and well. For some of us, the fees of private healthcare would be affordable. For others, we would face difficult choices.

Our relationship with institutions is complex and sometimes difficult to fathom. At one and the same time we require the institution to be 'there', and we use it, because there is little choice. However, we often harbour grievance and resentment about when in our experience, things have not gone well for us. Last week we heard a report about the state of maternity service and this week we have had to reflect on the lessons of the contaminated blood products which have blighted the lives of so many. Life, and in this instance, life and death, are complex and difficult issues which provoke questions which we struggle to address, understand or answer. Although for most of us, our engagement with the Health Services is positive and of great benefit, for some, their experiences are painful and damaging.

We all should remember that institutions are not just organisations. They are social structures which may comprise buildings, traditions, equipment and economic power. But the most telling component are people. People with all their strengths and fallibilities. Many of us will have watched today astounded as Paula Vennells wept at the enquiry about the post office scandal. We know that the justice, compassion and humility which we would expect a public servant to show towards those under her care, and that of her colleagues went missing. The essential human quality of doing unto others what we would have done unto us is an imperative for all of us, whether we are serving or seeking help. We should all look forward mindful of the need for these qualities in our communities and nation. Regardless of how we may vote, or what we seek, the quality of care is needed as much as ever.



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The Other Bucknell!

There are plenty of place names that are duplicated in the UK; for example, numerous Newports and Newcastles are dotted all around different parts of the country. I only know of one other village called Bucknell, it's situated in Oxfordshire. I have often thought how interesting it would be to visit there sometime. I support Hereford FC (apologies Shrewsbury Fans!) and an away fixture on



Good Friday at nearby Banbury provided the perfect excuse to make a day of it and visit Bucknell in the morning before going to the match in the afternoon.

I had already done some research of historic and present-day Ordnance Survey maps, so when I arrived in the Parish, I could find my way round easily and have some clues as to what to look out for.

The village is situated 105 miles southeast of Bucknell, Shropshire, and 2.5 miles north of the rapidly expanding town of Bicester. The countryside is flat and farmed for arable crops, divided by hedgerows and

numerous coppices. There are some grazing pastures adjacent to the village itself. The population of the village is only about 260 compared to our 650 plus, yet it boasts a much larger church than ours. There is a substantial Manor House and grounds hidden behind trees adjacent to the churchyard. In 1909, the then Lord of The Manor provided Bucknell with a reliable water supply by building a tall tower and header tank next to Trow Pool in the west of the parish. It was in use until the 1950s when the village was finally connected to the mains supply. This was my first port of call and very impressive it was too! Unfortunately, the tower and adjoining pool has a very noisy neighbour in the form of the M40. I suppose I shouldn't complain as it was this that speedily had brought me there in 2 hours from Shropshire.

The parish was also dissected by a late addition to the railway map in 1910 when the GWR (Great Western Railway) created a shorter route from London to Birmingham rather than trains running via Oxford. A station was never provided, even though the line passes within a few hundred yards of the village.

I then headed into the village to park and walk round but had to dash for cover in St Peters Church as a torrential shower erupted. I spent quite some time in the church, and I was grateful for the shelter from the rain that was making quite a racket on the nearly flat, high roof of the nave. The prolonged stay did allow me time to study all the memorials and architectural details. The floor has escaped the ravages of Victorian 'restoration' and there were some fine original flagstones and gravestones. I duly signed the register sending greetings from one Bucknell to the other.



The storm finally passed, followed by a lovely clear blue spring sky and I was able to walk round and take a few pictures, although unfortunately I couldn't get a decent view of the large Manor House that no doubt has been an important feature in the history of the village. I did however find the remains of a huge abandoned walled garden that I guess supplied the Manor and much of the local area many years ago.

There were some very attractive limestone cottages, many still retaining their original thatch. The former school is now a house and there isn't a shop or Post Office, but it does have a nice-looking Village Hall powered by solar panels. Since the war, there has been quite a lot of new house building along the main street as well as some small plots that have been infilled. The home farm is now converted into residential use.



Last stop had to be the grade 2 listed pub for lunch before setting off for the match at Banbury. The curiously named 'Trigger Pond' is situated over the road from a delightful pond of the same name.

The building was originally thatched and dates back to 1637, although the building has had various other uses before becoming a pub. Outside was a large party of youngsters braving the cool winds and showers. Inside was very busy with diners enjoying the extensive menu. Although I guess much has altered to suit

today's food orientated clientele, its low ceilings adorned with fairy lights and tasty décor certainly made it a pleasant place to enjoy lunch or a pint of Wadworth's real ale that was on tap.

Unfortunately, by now I had been told that the match at Banbury had been postponed due to a waterlogged pitch! I decided to have a leisurely drive back, cross country via the North Cotswolds, rather than the busy motorway. Obviously, I was gutted the match was off, but at least I had finally explored the village that had the same name as ours and got to meet some other 'Bucknellians'.

One of them informed that there are plans to build a huge new development of 3100 houses in the south of the parish. This effectively will mean Bucknell Village will virtually become a suburb of the sprawling town of Bicester. As I headed home, on the narrow road across the motorway, I caught a last sighting of the Trow Pool Tower and wondered what would become of this pleasant Oxfordshire village if the development went ahead.

If you ever do travel south down the M40, look out to your right just after junction 10 and you will see the magnificent water tower and realize you are traveling through the parish of Bucknell, even though you left Bucknell 2 hours previously!



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