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From the Editor

The winter period is with us and already we have experienced an autumn with some meteorological extremes. Whilst much of September and October was relatively dry, when the rains came on the 15th/16th October, they came with a vengeance, with four inches of rain in 30 hours. The resultant flooding caused much hardship for several families in the village. After a brief respite, we were treated to snow, ice and then more rain.

In between these two episodes we saw bonfire night pass by. My wife and I really enjoyed the display at Aymestrey. Following on, our church was beautifully decorated for Remembrance weekend as well.



Progress on the new Village Hall continues, with planning permission granted in mid-October. Personally, I am happy that Mike Alderton will continue in his role as Project Co-Ordinator. The Liverpool University Architects team will be back in Bucknell in the spring to present the current position at an open-day event. Before that, the Village Hall Committee will hold their AGM and all Bucknell residents are able to attend.

May I take this opportunity to thank the team that make this magazine possible, most of which happens in the background. My thanks go to Christine Aplin, who has joined the team, my proof readers, Peter, Mel, Brian, and Jean and those making the deliveries. Finally my thanks go the people who contribute the articles and photographs and the advertisers without whom there wouldn't be the finance for printing. All the best for Christmas and the New Year.

David

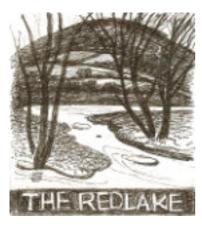
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Mortimer Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Hello Bucknell,

I'm a member of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) for the Mortimer Medical Practice. The group was set up in 2012 with the aim to act as a channel of communication from the patients to the practice and visa versa. It provides a patient and carer perspective and a forum to discuss concerns or questions that patients may have. We are a friendly group representing our own villages in the practice catchment area and unfortunately Bucknell village does not have a PPG representative. The role isn't an onerous task and is in fact interesting.

We all meet four times a year at Kingsland Surgery where the practice manager and a GP are also present to update us with practice news, we also share any patients questions or concerns (these are anonymous). It is then helpful if each rep submits the information to their local village magazine. This can be taken from the minutes that are sent to us after the meeting. A rep also lists their name and contact details for any future questions or concerns a patient may like raised in the meantime.

If anyone is interested in representing your village and would like any further details please contact me and I would be delighted to have a chat.

Thank you, Sue Plant (Chairperson). PPG Representative Richards Castle theplants2018@gmail.com 01584 831105

Thirty Years and Three Months

Rob and Kerry have now been at the Sitwell for three months. Klaus Steffes has just celebrated 30 years at Bucknell Post Office. What they both have in common is that neither knew the area before coming here.

Klaus, who lived in a rural area on the outskirts of Bonn, agreed to come to England with his now wife Karen, but he had certain criteria to be met. He didn't want to live in a town or city. He also wanted somewhere to be able to enjoy the countryside and mixed woodland. North Devon or South Shropshire were the choices. On a trip around Worcestershire, Hereford and South Shropshire, he stopped for lunch at the Baron. The rest is history.

Rob and Kerry took the Sitwell on before visiting Bucknell. They have no regrets. They feel welcome in the village and are grateful for local support. The family is well settled and so Oliver can be seen pulling pints behind the bar. The family also have two other children (Jessica and Delilah) as well as three spaniels, including Rob's "special one", Doris. A combination of food, darts and pool teams, together with sports on TV mean there is something for most appetites. Theme nights will continue in 2025. The Grumpies also meet every Wednesday evening.

Christmas Opening Hours: Christmas Eve: open to 8pm, Christmas Day: 11am-1pm (drinks only) New Years Eve: open to midnight, New Years Day: closed. Pub closed 6-13 January.

David Webb, Editor

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News from the Pop in Cafe

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

The cafe still proves to be a village success and we have continued to welcome new customers this year while increasing the donations pot to be distributed at the end of the year.

We have already sent the takings, an amazing £260.75, from our October Macmillan morning to the cancer support charity. A big thank you to all who gave very generously to this worthwhile cause.

The good news is that our wonderful volunteers are all keen to continue next year and we have found a new member to join our team. Should there be anyone out there who thinks it might be a good way of meeting people and making new friends and who can spare a few hours each month then please get in touch with me (530105).

The last cafe of 2024 will be on 11th December, re-opening 8th January 2025.

All our volunteers wish you a very Merry Christmas and our wish is for a peaceful and happy New Year.

Sue Fenlon (Treasurer)

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Landscape The Fund supports projects to deliver practical conservation work in the Shropshire Hills and/or educational and awareness-raising activities relating to the Shropshire Hills and its conservation, especially involving young people.

From September 2024 we have 2 rounds of funding available:

We can support activity over this winter. Projects must be completed by March/April 2025. We can support year-long projects to start in April 2025 and complete by end of March 2026.

Grants range from £500 to £2,000. Grants can be of up to 75% and match funding can be made up of "in kind" and "volunteer time" contributions as well as cash. Further information about the Fund and how to apply is on our website, search Conservation Fund - www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk. Or email stephanie.hayes@shropshire.gov.uk, or telephone 01743 254746.

The Conservation Fund is administered by the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. The funding is from Friends of Shropshire Hills subscriptions, the Millichope Foundation, Moonshine & Fuggles, and individual contributions.

Shaun Dutton - Electrician

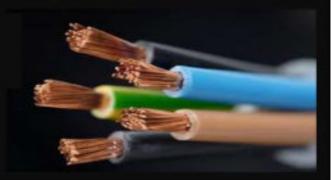
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Flood Group - Update

October 16th delivered a deluge and from conversations which I have had, resulted in the worst flooding in living memory. Many properties had flood water inside the house and many more had flood water in their gardens. As most village people will have heard, the flood water took away the bridge joining the two halves of our garden. This is a minor issue compared to those who had water in their properties and who have had to leave their homes while reinstatement takes place.

By the time this magazine is circulated, the Flood Action Group will have met with the statutory authorities to outline the real hardships and stresses which people have endured as a result of the flooding itself. In anticipation of this meeting, the Flood Group held an open drop-in session at the Memorial Hall on the 19th November. I feared that numbers may be severely restricted by

the snow which fell on that morning. I worried unnecessarily as 30 people called in to outline their personal experiences, their suggestions about possible solutions or to record their offers of help should we find ourselves in this situation in the future. This will build on the excellent work of Annie and Carol in correlating offers of help.

My thanks go to everyone who braved the snow to pass on their experiences, which the Flood Group is writing up into a dossier of impacts. This will be used as part of the evidence we will share with the statutory agencies and with our MP. We very much hope that the impact of flooding will this time press those who can into action. If some steps can be taken that slow the rate of river level rise, that will mitigate the impact of flood water on people's houses. This was the level at the ford at 17:30. By 22:30 the level had risen to the top of this measure, above the "feet" wording.

David Webb Bucknell Flood Action Group, December 2024.







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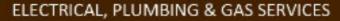
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	Group		10:30 - 13:00	01584 874857			
	Tuesday PiYo Club		St. Mary's School Hall	Helen Bithell			
			19:30 - 20:10	07775 520968			
	Wednesday	Grumpy Old Men's	The Sitwell	Just turn up for a			
	Club		20:00 - 22:00	chat about anything			
	Wednesday	ednesday Pop In Café St. Mary's Church Bucknell 10:30 - 12:00		Sue Fenlon 01547 530105			
-	Thursday	Tots and Tinies Bucknell	Bucknell Memorial Hall 10:00 - 12:00	Kelsey Winter 07975546763			
	Saturday	Indoor Circuit	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Helen Bithell			
	Saturday	Training	08:30	07775 520968			
	Monday Bucknell Walkers		Lych Gate	Mike Starr			
			St. Mary's Church	01547 530179			
FORTNIGHTLY			09:00 - sharp!				
	Wednesday	Mobile Library	Belmont Garage end of	Shropshire Library			
	Service		the Causeway 14:05 - 14:25	Service 01743 255024			
P. P.	Thursday		14:05 - 14:25	Sylvia & Derek			
	Skittles		Memorial Hall	Meredith			
			19:30	01547 530422			
				Carol Parisa			
	First	Bedstone and	parish notice boards	Carol Davies			
בׂ	Wednesday	Bucknell Parish	19:30	Chairman			
MONTHLY	vveullesudy	Council	23.00	0774 428 373			
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	Third	Women's Institute	Bucknell Memorial Hall	Marion Cox			
	Wednesday		7:15pm	07964 710983			
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YEAR		Bucknell Show					



Bucknell Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

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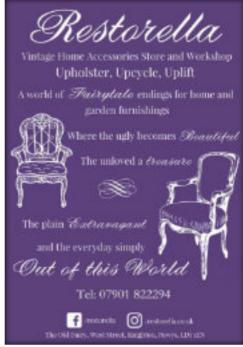


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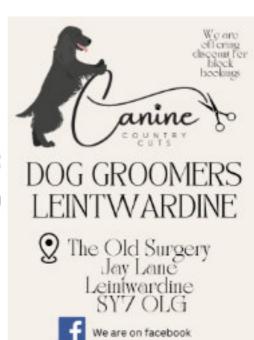




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William Pearce Cycles Downhill Race in Bucknell Woods

The event took place over the weekend of 31st August and 1st September. Thanks to Sue Fenlon for these pictures.









Well, what an autumn we've had! Two of our monthly meetings were hit by bad weather — October's was flooded out and November's was struck by ice! We live in a wonderful spot, tucked away from the madding crowd, but the downside of that is that we are vulnerable to impassable roads. Never mind, both of those speakers will be re-booked.

INSPIRING WOMEN Our September

Our September meeting, however, was a huge

success – we drew on the talents of three of our own members to demonstrate their hobbies and give us a go. Dressmaking, embroidery and spinning were this meeting's featured skills and it was very interesting that the women who showed off their skills didn't appreciate just how clever they were, and the rest of us thought we were 12 years old!

Meanwhile our sub-groups have continued to be popular. Lunch Club has been sharing their business round local pubs and cafes, the Walking Group is out and about regularly and the Garden Group has shared knowledge and enthusiasm as well as visiting each others' and local open gardens.

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.



Whatever you may think of the WI, we are that and more! 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)

BUCKNELL NEW VILLAGE HALL

Mike Alderton announced his resignation as a Trustee of the Memorial Hall Committee last month and also from his role as Co-Ordinator for the new Village Hall Project. However, at a recent Committee meeting Mike, whilst confirming his resignation as a Trustee, agreed to continue in his role as Co-Ordinator for the New Village Hall project. This should now ensure that we have the ongoing support of the Liverpool University School of Architecture over the next phases of the project which will include developing architectural and engineering technical design, possible phasing of the development and the use of local sub-contractors. Mike will report regularly to the Committee on progress.

The team from Liverpool University plan to visit Bucknell next Spring to present their work at an "open day" to be hosted by the Committee in the Memorial Hall.

Nicky Edwards

Chairman, Bucknell Memorial Hall Committee, Update 2024/9 issued 4 December 2024

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Scammers often try to create a sense of urgency to panic victims into action without the time to think through the implications or details that may look out of place. This scam is no different, with the text telling victims that this is the 'last notice' before the deadline.

If you've already responded to such a scam, end all further communication immediately.

Call your bank directly and cancel any recurring payments.

Report the scam to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or on the Action Fraud website

If you want more help, contact Citizens Advice Scams Action via the Citizens Advice via their website, or call its Scams Action helpline on 0808 250 5050.

Crime Prevention - Lighten up your home

It's that time of year again when the darker nights are upon us. A simple method of leaving a light on in your home in the evening or late at night can significantly reduce the chance of being a victim of a burglary. This time of year there is generally a peak in dwelling burglaries across the county. Thankfully we do get very few dwelling burglaries in our policing area but having a light on may help deter any opportunist thieves looking to target outbuildings.

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

Train Timetable Changes

If you use the train from Bucknell, you may already be aware that from 15th December 2024 Transport for Wales have reduced the number of trains on our line from 5 to 4 through trips. There is also no longer an evening train from Shrewsbury at 21.27.

The new times are as follows:

Monday to Friday

Bucknell	depart	6.49	8.16	12.24	16.17	21.08
Shrewsbury	arrive	7.38	9.03	13.12	17.04	21.55
Arrival	Platform	4	4	3	5	5
Shrewsbury	dep.	5.25	10.02	13.54	18.35	
Departure	Platform	7	4	3	5	
Bucknell	arr.	6.08	10.44	14.37	19.19	

Saturday times are broadly similar, but show a few minutes difference on some services (why?). Sunday trains remain at two a day at the same times as before. The full timetable can be seen on Bucknell Station or on the Transport for Wales website.

Transport for Wales claim that they need to reduce the service to save money and due to lack of passengers. However the company doesn't seem to recognise that unreliability of the service over the last few years has played a major contribution to people not travelling.

The new timetable will be inconvenient for those of us who use the train. Specifically the 8.16 train is too early for a shopping trip to Shrewsbury, the train back to Bucknell at 18.35 is too late a return for people who work in Shrewsbury, and the lunchtime train arriving/departing from platform 3 gives more difficult connections to/from Birmingham, Manchester and other destinations.

Train timetables are prepared around 6 months in advance, so there is little prospect of an immediate change. However now is the time for us to make representations to Transport for Wales, its owners the Welsh Government, or Stuart Anderson our MP, for an improved timetable in June 2025.

As an alternative to the train, bus routes 738/740 are run by Minsterley Motors. They still run 4 times a day to and from Ludlow and Knighton. Timetables are on bus stops in the village or the Minsterley Motors website. Unfortunately the Lugg Valley service 498 to Hereford on Wednesday no longer starts from Bucknell, but can be joined at the Lion in Leintwardine at 9.22am where there is easy car parking.

Brian Willson

Editor's Note: Thanks to Brian for putting this information piece together.



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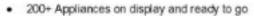
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Do you feel a little lost using technology? Need help using the internet? Do you feel nervous about using a computer or frustrated about being left behind as everything seems to be online these days? Getting to grips with the internet means you can keep in touch with friends and family, get up-to-date information and see the latest news, have shopping delivered to your door and better manage your health and finances.

Shropshire Council is supporting residents to learn to use technology safely through The Digital Skills Programme. The service has 25 digital hubs across the area for people who need help to use their laptops, mobile phones or tablets. Learning slowly, taking small steps and having the time to practice are keys to success.

The programme is delivered by experienced, friendly digital volunteers based within Shropshire Libraries and local community organisations. Free data and devices are available for those in greatest need.

"I felt left behind and knew I needed to do something to bring myself up to date," said Peter, who has benefited from the programme. "My digital volunteer was so knowledgeable and patient. His kindness helped me to realise that I knew a lot more than I thought I did. Getting out of the house hash week to learn something new gave me a beest and I thoroughly.

each week to learn something new gave me a boost and I thoroughly enjoyed my sessions."

For more information visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/computer-skills-for-all email Susie.Hancock@shropshire.gov.uk or telephone Andrea Miller, on 01743 254834

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Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society

Each year, the Royal Forestry Society present awards to winners and runners up in competitions to recognise best practice in forestry and woodland management. Our Society took part in the Community Woodland Competition. We didn't win an award, but we were shortlisted and were visited by two RFS judges who said, 'We warmed to this unusual project run by the Redlake Village Community Benefit Society which owns and manages parts 'quillets' of a larger complex of ASNW [Ancient and Semi Natural Woodland] oak woodland on a very steep challenging but attractive wooded hillside in a National Landscape. The goal is to reverse the declining condition of the woodland through reintroduction of oak coppice to enhance light levels, improve the woodland structure and species diversity. A further purpose is to strengthen the historic connections of guillet owners with the village. The reintroduction of small coppice coupes has begun. We suggest that a pragmatic level of monitoring is commenced to assess the effectiveness of this regime and that National Coppice Federation advice is sought on the best approach to coppicing of oak. The community served by the site is small in size but we commend the concerted effort to work with schools, educationally challenged groups and vulnerable adults through the arts, as well as the local community through woodland fairs and events. The group is well run and all shareholder members who contribute to the Society have equal voting rights. On this occasion the entry was up against strong contenders in terms of the scale of impact for communities; nonetheless we encourage the Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society to continue their excellent work and apply for other awards in future.' So that's what we'll do, and congratulations to Astbury Mere Country Park and Boston Woods Trust, this year's winners of the Gold and Silver awards.

Pressing Matters

Helped along greatly by the absence of rain (and you can't often say that at the moment), yet

again the Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society enjoyed a successful apple-pressing day on Sunday 13th October at the village hall in Chapel Lawn. For the fourth year now, the Kemp Valley apple pressers arrived with their equipment and ensured a successful event. 310 bottles of truly delicious pasteurised juice and 76 litres of unpasteurised were produced for satisfied customers who came and went throughout the day bearing baskets, bags and boxes of apples to be pulped, pressed and pasteurised. As ever, it wasn't just about the



apples. It was a very friendly, sociable occasion and, who knows, maybe some new friendships were formed. Thanks, of course, must go to all who turned out that day to help, resulting in £465 raised for the Society's funds.

More Mere Markers

In the late 18th Century, the lower boundaries of the Brineddin quillets at Chapel Lawn were delineated by stone markers or Merestones (from mære, Old English for 'boundary'). It was not an uncommon practice in previous centuries to delineate boundaries in open fields, but less frequent in woodland. Tales are told in Chapel Lawn of dark deeds whereby quillet owners crept out at night to move their merestones to the right or left in order to enlarge their quillets. Over time, the original stones have disappeared and there is now thought to be only one survivor towards the eastern end of the wood – more visible in winter when the vegetation has died back. To the rescue, though – the Redlake Valley Community Benefit Society!



In about 2011, after purchasing its first quillet, plot number 2879, the Society decided to mark the bottom left-hand corner with a stone. Unfortunately, the first attempt failed as Diana Hoare - vicar at the time but former stone carver – carved the plot number beautifully on a stone but it cracked on attempts to erect it. Undaunted, Simon Jameson created another.

Fired up with success, Simon carved a third stone to mark the purchase of quillet 2880 that had belonged to the late Henry Richards of Purlogue. And now, carried away by success, two more have been installed – numbers 2878 and

2877. So, we now appeal to other quillet owners: why not install your own stone, or ask the Society to do it (in return for a modest donation)? But don't you dare creep out at night to move ours!

Patrick Cosgrove







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We are usually CLOSED on Mondays, apart from Bank Holiday Mondays. However, we will be OPEN on Monday 23rd December this year, from 10am to 4pm, for Christmas shopping!

Open as usual on Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) and then we will be closed on Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day) and Thursday 26th December (Boxing Day). We will reopen on Friday 27th December, usual hours from 10am - 4pm. The cafe will resume on this date too!

We will be closed on Wednesday 1st January (New Year's Day) and reopen as usual on Thursday 2nd January.

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All residents of Bucknell are welcome to attend. More information and the agenda will be available in January.

Please email the secretary, Carolyn Wilde, at cmwilde@btinternet.com if you would like to get a copy of the papers, including the Annual Report, before the meeting, or if you are interested in standing for election as a Trustee at this AGM and would like more information.

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