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BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

From the Editor – *still ready to hand over to someone else...*

Welcome to the second edition of the revived **BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER**. As you can see we've expanded already – the larger format gives us more room for the issues that YOU have contributed. Thank you for your ideas, articles, and all-round good will. And THANK YOU also to the Parish Council for generously voting to fund the **BUCKNELL NEWSLETTER**. However, despite this larger format, I'm afraid we'll have to wait till the next edition to find out how Steve got on with his bees. (Perhaps "Who's Who?" should be published separately?) But do **please keep sending in** your reports, suggestions and event dates.

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NEWS ABOUT ...

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Council consists of six Councillors representing Bucknell and two representing Bedstone. Their details are listed on the Village Notice Boards. [And see 'Who's Who' on page 3 below – Ed.] The Council meets usually on the first Tuesday in the month, mainly in Bucknell Memorial Hall but three times a year in Bedstone Village Hall. The venues and dates are shown on the Village Notice Boards.

The meetings start with a general discussion for the first half hour for all attending the meeting and then move on to the Agenda set for the elected Councillors. Topics include, Clun Valley AED Scheme, Local Joint Committee, Roads (Bus services, Condition,) Planning submissions, Daffodil Lane, Parish Council finance. All attendees may contribute at this stage by permission of the Chairman. Minutes are displayed in the Post Office, the Village Hall and St Mary's Church.

Councillors are elected every four years. **The next Election is on Thursday 2nd May 2013.** Nominations from anyone interested in helping to make a difference in our villages are welcome.

From 11th March 2013 Nomination forms will be obtainable from the Parish Clerk, from Shropshire Council Offices at Stonehouse in Ludlow or downloadable from Shropshire Council's site – see

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/democracy.nsf/open/19FD5F1E5D99BB6580257AD800544075>. **The closing date for receipt of nominations is 12noon on 5th April 2013.**

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Nancy Adams 01686 670737 Chairman: Mr Trevor Hughes 01547 530532

BUCKNELL COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS – AWARDED

At an event last November, organised by the West Midlands' Ambulance Service to recognise the efforts of many volunteers including Community First Responders, our own **Nicky Edwards and Ian Owen received the Chief Officer's Commendation**. In May last year Ian and Nicky attended a family camping tragedy at the *Baron of Beef*. Readers will recall the tragic events. Nicky and Ian were quickly on the scene and provided assistance to all those involved in the incident. Although the event resulted in a tragic loss of life, it also involved other patients who have since made a full recovery thanks to the early medical intervention of Ian and Nicky.

We join in congratulating Nicky and Ian (whose second award this was). Well done!

ST MARY'S CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT

We are now within striking distance of being able to install the new heating system in St Mary's, replacing the 30-year old boiler. This will give us a well warmed church, year round, as well as taking full advantage of the government's Renewable Heat Incentive scheme. We have had a fairly good success rate in applying for grants, while private donations by mid-February totalled just over £5,800 with some more expected. We are so grateful to those of you who have contributed. It would be brilliant and enormously helpful if a few more of you could do so. This would not only help to close

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the remaining gap but give us a valuable start towards installing the toilet, kitchenette and other features that we believe will enable the church to serve the community much better.

It is worth pointing out that any new activities envisaged for the church will not compete with what happens in the Memorial Hall. Both buildings have their own functions and valuable roles to fulfill in our community.

We hope, by the time of the next newsletter, to report what has been done to date and how close we are to our ultimate goal of making St Mary's truly fit for the 21st century.

Ian Hay-Campbell and Jean Pryke, Churchwardens

BUCKNELL WI JANUARY 2013 MEETING

A good number of members braved the wintry weather on January 16 to hear our own Sue Wake talk on 'The Magistracy in Shropshire'. Sue sketched the history of the magistracy and gave us a fascinating account of some of her own experiences. We learnt that it is an important role and that magistrates are now drawn from a more representative section of the population. **But new magistrates are needed – especially younger people – so do think about applying!**

Light refreshments were served after the talk. The competition, for the oldest edition of a crime novel, was won by Joyce Wells. It was a very informative and enjoyable evening.

The WI meets on the third Wednesday of every month (except August) in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm. Our next meeting is on March 20 and will be 'An Evening with Nonny'. The competition is for a limerick. **New members are always very welcome. It's a great way of meeting people and finding out about the village community.**

Beryl Starr

THE MEMORIAL HALL

To 'refresh' the Hall, it was agreed at the November committee meeting to spend £1,500 approx. to repaint walls, skirtings and doors, and also to replace the curtains with blinds.

Nicky Edwards

THE 2013 BUCKNELL SHOW

An initial meeting was held on 22 January to start planning the **Bucknell Show** – planned for **7th September at Daffodil Lane**. A number of ideas were discussed, including:

- A Craft tent displaying Baking, Handicrafts, Flower arrangements and Photos;
- Small Games – Skittles, Children's Races, Coconut Shy, Face Painting etc. – to be provided at a small charge, possibly with the involvement of the Rotary Club;
- Vintage Vehicles would be invited; and a Fairground Organ would be investigated;
- A Hog Roast was suggested for the field on the day; and the WI might provide Tea & Cakes;
- An after Show Dance in the Memorial Hall in the evening with possibly a Bar-B-Q
- A film might be shown using the School's outdoor projector
- There would be a small entry charge – possibly £1.00 per adult and 50p per child.
- Prizes would be awarded – rosettes and/or certificates, with money for the craft classes. The original Bucknell Show Cups and Trophies are all still available and are at the Garage.

DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm on 19th March at the Memorial Hall - open to all.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE BUCKNELL DUCKS

Some of you may have noticed the ducks swimming on the Redlake and have wondered where they come from. When we moved here 10 years ago we were told that there was a tradition of ducks in Bucknell, so we decided to buy some. We bought 12 Indian runner ducks: 4 white, 4 black and 4 trout (mallard colouring). The ducks you see are descendants of the original 12 but the colours are now mixed up. We also bought a pencilled drake that has a white and brown body with a black head. He is called Donald! Indian runners have an upright carriage and they run about as well as swim. They are of a nervous disposition and are very vulnerable because they are domestic ducks and cannot fly far. Please keep dogs from chasing them.

They live in the garden of the Old School House where they have a secure duck house in which to spend the night, although in the day they are free to roam. They are fed every morning and afternoon but they are usually happy to accept any bits of stale bread on offer. You will need to approach them quietly because they are shy. In the winter they usually swim in one flock but as spring approaches you will see that they split into smaller groups.

Beryl Starr



Who's Who?

What other organisations, clubs etc. should be listed here?

DIRECTORY

ORGANISATION – NAME - NUMBER	
Belmont Garage (Green's) Dorothy and Shirley (530252)	Bucknell & Bedstone Good Neighbours and Community Cars Chair - Mike Starr (530179) Coordinators – Margaret Smith (530367) Sue Percival (530040)
Bucknell Memorial Hall Chair - Nicky Edwards (07973 563829) Bookings – Eddie Price (530249)	
Bucknell Post Office - Klaus (530201)	Bucknell Stores - Terry
Bucknell Walking Group - Mike Starr (530179)	Bucknell Craft Group - Gerri Jackson (530137)
Bucknell Book Group Margaret Hay-Campbell (530750)	Bucknell Women's Institute Secretary - Jean Roberts (530137)
Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council Chairman - Trevor Hughes (530532) Secretary - Nancy Adams (01686 670737) Councillors: Colin Carter (530666); Peter Davies (530207) William Davies(530207); Florence Hughes (530312) Katie Law (530467); Ian Owen (530616) Christopher Savery (530282); Beryl Sharpe (530246) website: bucknellandbedstone.org	St Mary's Church, part of the Middle Marches Benefice Vicar - Revd Diana Hoare (530340) Churchwardens - Jean Pryke (530231) Ian Hay-Campbell (530750) website: www.middlemarchesbenefice.org
Shropshire Council, Clun Division Councillor - Nigel Hartin (530400)	Coxall Baptist Church Minister - Revd Maggie Rich (01547 528443) Elder - Florence Hughes (530312)
Phillips' Butcher – Lance Phillips (530233)	St Mary's Primary School Head Teacher - Anna Cook (530264)
The Baron of Beef - Debra and Phil (530549)	Mothers' Union – Jean Pryke (530231)
Bucknell Nurseries - Andrew and Nick (530606)	The Sitwell Arms - Steve and Helen (530213)
	Allotment Society – Kate Fraser (530371)

WHY NOT GET INVOLVED WITH ...?

Nothing 'just happens'. Behind every event there's a team of people who generously contribute time and energy, making things happen for us. But we can't just keep relying on the 'the usual suspects'! So why not think about helping with these?

BUCKNELL SHOW – We need more people with **ideas and offers of help**, please. Do come along to the meeting on 19 March to see what YOU could do.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS (CFR) – A Community First Responder is available to be dispatched by an ambulance centre to attend medical emergencies in their local area. CFR volunteers are trained by the Ambulance Service to a nationally recognised level to provide lifesaving treatment. Contact Nicky (07973 563829) or Ian (530616) to find out what's involved.

MEMBER OF THE CLUN VALLEY AED (Automatic External Defibrillation) SCHEME - The AED scheme is solely concerned with responding to calls for aid for someone who has had a Cardiac Arrest. The more volunteers there are the more the rota can be shared round, so that operators might be on-call perhaps just twice per month. Contact Nicky (07973 563829) or Ian (530616) to find out what's involved. **Remember: It could be YOUR neighbour – or even YOU!!**

SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY CARS – are always on the look-out for drivers. Please have a word with David Baker (530495) or Mike Starr (530179).

THREE MEN AND A SWARM

Paul and I had caught the Bee Bug. We had been on the Beekeepers Taster Course, bought a bee-suit and a hive tool each and we both had an (empty) hive. Yeah. No holding us back. ...

[Except, dear Readers, we've run out of space! Which is a real shame. But we'll find out how Steve gets on with his bees in our next edition – promise! Ed.]

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Could your event be here?

COMING UP

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	CONTACT
11 March	Nomination forms for Parish Council elections available	Parish Clerk; Shropshire Council Ludlow; or download from Shropshire Council site	Parish Clerk; Chairman Parish Council
16 March 11.00am to 2.00pm	Soup & Sandwiches Lunch with Cake stall, Raffle and Handicrafts exhibition - £3-50	Memorial Hall	Bucknell WI – Jean Roberts (530754)
18 March 7.00 for 7.45pm	Easter Prize Bingo – in aid of Leintwardine & Bucknell First Responders	Memorial Hall	Ian Owen or Nicky Edwards
19 March @ 7.30pm	Bucknell Show Committee: all welcome	Memorial Hall	Show Committee: Nicky Edwards, Carole Garland, Ian Graves, Geri Jackson, Ian Owen, Annie Millen, Chris Sansom
28 March	School Term ends	School	See Who's Who?
5 April @ 12noon	Nomination period for Parish Council elections closes		
16 April	School Term starts	School	See Who's Who?
27 April	Concert: "Of One Accord" – tickets £6	Memorial Hall	
2 May	Parish Council Elections	Memorial Hall	
6 May	The Duck Race – weather and river permitting!	The Causeway	Watch out for Posters
15 May	Summer NEWSLETTER copy deadline	Jonathan Kemp, Clare Cottage, Sitwell Close – 530398 – jonathan@janekemp.plus.com	
24 May	School Half Term starts	School	See Who's Who?
3 June	School Half Term ends	School	See Who's Who?
7 September	THE BUCKNELL SHOW	Daffodil Lane	Show Committee

EVERY WEEK

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	CONTACT
Tuesday	9.00am-12.00pm: Mother & Toddler Group	Memorial Hall	?? [Please let me know – Ed.]
Tuesday & Thursday	12.00pm: Pensioners' Lunches	Sitwell Arms	See Who's Who?
Friday	7.45pm: Bingo	Memorial Hall	Dorothy (530252)

EVERY MONTH

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	CONTACT
1 st Tuesday	2.30pm: Mothers' Union	Check with Jean	See Who's Who?
	7.30pm: Bedstone & Bucknell Parish Council	Memorial Hall	See Who's Who?
3 rd Wednesday	7.30pm: Women's Institute	Memorial Hall	See Who's Who?
Fortnightly on Thursdays	7.30pm: Skittles	Memorial Hall	Sylvia & Derek Meredith (530422)