



**Welcome to the April 2023 edition of the
Badger, Beckbury & Ryton Newsletter**

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King Charles' Coronation Party on the Field

Please come and join in the party on the field on Sunday May 7th. The Coronation is on Saturday 6th and the Sunday has been declared as "Party Day".

We are planning a similar event to last year's very successful party which celebrated the Queen's Jubilee i.e. bring your own tables, chairs, food and drink and just enjoy the company whilst the children can enjoy the new playground.

The party will start at 1.00 pm approx. or as soon after you can get there.

Any queries or suggestions, please speak to one of our organising team:-

Clive & Tanya Punter

Julie Pleydell

Lizzie Doble

Peter Lawrence

Pete & Judith Gibbins

Beckbury Allotments Association

If you'd like to join the rising number of people growing their own vegetables and fruit to save money, benefit from organic produce and enjoy being outside, we have a vacant allotment. If you're interested, please contact us via Facebook or contact Linda Shorthouse on 07889 482614

Badger Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of Badger Parish Council was held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023. No parishioners were present for the Open Forum.

Matters discussed included planning matters (particularly relating to felling, pruning and re-planting of trees within Badger Conservation Area), flooding on the road between Badger and Badger Heath and arrangements for celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. This event for Badger villagers will be held on Sunday 7th June and more information will be sent out from the Organising Committee nearer the time. Further information about issues discussed in the meeting can be found on the Badger Parish Council website.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7pm. This will be held in St Giles' Parish Church, Badger, and all parishioners are invited to attend.

From the book 'What I Wish People Knew About Dementia' By Wendy Mitchell

It's Difficult to pinpoint a time when the social part of eating became difficult, when those conversations that crisscrossed the table became confusing to follow, when instead, I would drop my napkin into my lap and sit back, listening without contributing. Or when the metallic clang of cutlery on a plate became too loud for my ear, leaving me feeling anxious and unsure.

Eating is such a sensory experience, not in just terms of taste and smell, but also touch, sound and sight. A black tablecloth left me confused about whether the table it covered was a giant sinkhole in the middle of the dining room, and once my eyes had adjusted or my brain had caught up and I realised it was indeed a tablecloth, I had no idea where the table started or ended underneath it.

John Webb Six Parishes Dementia Awareness Co-Ordinator

QUEENS GREEN CANOPY IN BECKBURY

The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"

Everyone from individuals to Community groups, villages, cities, counties, school and corporates were encourage to apply.

At the end of 2022 Beckbury successfully applied for free trees to plant on the Beckbury playing field boundary and the young Cherry, Birch and Rowan trees arrived from the Woodland Trust on the 14th March. We needed to get them in the ground quickly and they were planted on the 19th March by a few volunteers.

Many thanks to the Cat Spickernell and family for all their help in planting the trees.

A Holly shrub gifted by the family of the late Mrs Crump of Beckbury was also planted next to the new play area.

Julie, Paul and Holly Pleydell





We are very pleased to announce that Beckbury Village Hall is to become an 'Arts Alive' venue.

'Arts Alive and Flicks in the Sticks ENRICH rural communities and the lives of those living within them by giving EVERYONE in our area the opportunity to participate in HIGH QUALITY Film and Live Events.'

In our initial year as a promoter we will host one performance so that we can be coached through the process but if that is successful we will then be able to invite a wide range of performers and entertainers to our village.

To find out more about Arts Alive go to: [Arts Alive - Films and live events for rural communities : Arts Alive](#)

Please look out for news of what we will be staging and do your best to support us.

In the meantime to hear more about this and about what we achieved in 2022, and our plans for 2023, please do come to our AGM in the Village Hall at 7:30 on Thursday 30th March. We really need your support either as a trustee or to help out with a wide range of tasks.

We hope to see you there.

Thank you.
Heather Thomas
Sec/Trustee

FROM THE RECTORY

"A moveable feast"

Dear Friends,

This year Easter Sunday is 9th April. Next year it will be 31st March, then in 2025 it will be 20th April. Such changes affect the Bank Holiday weekend dates for families and businesses planning holidays. I know of one school in Manchester – and probably many others - who in 2019 when Easter was 21st April took their two weeks break earlier in the month and just the bank holiday Easter Monday on 22nd April in their summer term. That was to avoid a very long winter school term and a short summer term. Even now school spring breaks may have Easter at the start or middle or end of the two weeks

The reason for this movement is because at the Church Council in 325 AD it was agreed to link Good Friday - and so Easter - with the Jewish Passover Festival when Jesus was crucified. But the Jewish calendar was a 13-month lunar calendar which didn't fit neatly into European 12-month calendar. So the formula agreed then, and still used today, is to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the [first full moon](#) on or after 21 March (a fixed approximation of the [March equinox](#)). This means that Easter can be fall between 22nd March and 25th April.

There have been attempts to fix the date of Easter. In the UK, the [Easter Act of 1928](#) set it for the Sunday following the second Saturday in April. However, the act has never been implemented, and successive governments have left it to churches to agree any such change.

The present Archbishop of Canterbury raised the issue with other Christian church leaders in 2016, and said that attempts to fix the date of Easter went back to the 10th century, and so "may take a while".

So, for the present (and foreseeable future?), Easter is very much a "moveable feast", although the Church celebrates Easter every week by meeting to worship on a Sunday, following the gospel story

*"On the first day of the week, while it was still dark
the women went to the tomb, but found the stone rolled away ..."*

Wishing you a happy Easter

Keith Hodson

APRIL	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
PALM SUNDAY 2			9.30am Morning Worship	11am Communion		
GOOD FRIDAY 7	1pm <i>Devotional</i>					
EASTER SUNDAY 9		9.30am Communion				11am Communion
16			9.30am Communion	11am Morning Worship		
23		9.30am Morning Worship				11am Morning Worship
30			9.30 Morning Worship	11am Communion		

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late David Field age 77 of Beckbury whose funeral service was held on 7th March at Coppice Baptist Church Coseley.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Easter)

God of Glory, fill your Church with faith, hope and joy
for a new day has dawned with Easter
and the way to life in all its fullness stands open
in our risen saviour Jesus Christ AMEN

CHURCH NEWS

Times and churches for the services on **Palm Sunday Good Friday and Easter Sunday**

can be found in the Services Rota elsewhere in this Newsletter

The **scaffolding** at Beckbury Church was in place for several weeks for a very simple job of replacing some missing and slipped tiles on the tower roof.

Our churches are still proving popular for visiting teams of **bell ringers**. Some of you will hear bells being rung on the morning of 29th April at Kemberton, Ryton and Beckbury.

The first wedding bells will be at Stockton Church on 8th April.

Revd Keith Hodson's **farewell services** will be on 18th June, with a farewell party in the week before. Arrangements are still being made, so final details will be publicized next month.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 1st March. We had hoped to be able to welcome our new Councillor Matt Wilde but he was unfortunately unable to attend. We hope for better luck next time.

The Parish Council has received an approach from Albrighton football club for permission to use the Playing Field. At present it is used solely by the under 14 team run by Gary Wellburn. The use by Albrighton would provide some funds which would offset the cost to the Council of mowing, insurance and maintenance. This issue remains under consideration but if anyone has any comment to make on this please get in touch with Peter Gibbins or myself.

We have agreed to the RAF WARMA using the Playing Field for their annual march on the weekend of the 15th/16th April. They used to do this every year until the pandemic brought it to a halt.

We are sorry to report that our Clerk Carl Steventon has resigned. Thanks to Carl for all his help and support. We now seek a new Clerk. We would ideally like to appoint someone from the Village. If anyone is interested please contact either myself or Peter Gibbins.

The new playground opened on the 1st January and has so far proved very popular with the children. New fencing and picnic benches have since been installed and further additions to the play equipment are planned.

The next meeting together with the annual parish meeting are on the 3rd May. As usual the first 10 minutes are reserved for any member of the parish wishing to raise any parish issues.

David Cummings. Chair. March 2023.

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Beckbury Community Shop, (fao Heather Thomas), by 24th April.
Thank you.**

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