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

If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter online please email Heather on [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com). Or if you cannot access it online please request a paper version which will be delivered to you. Either email Heather or phone on 07938544804. But please only request a paper copy if you really can't access it any other way as we wish to minimise the amount of paper we use.



We need support with our web site administration. We would be very grateful if you could help us 'get to grips' with this. We have a Trustee who is willing to take it on and who currently has access to the 'back end' of the website, but they need support in moving on from there. Please get in touch with Heather at [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com) if you can spare us a bit of your time to help with this.

Many thanks  
Heather

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### *One Little Thank You*

**'I'd like to say thank you to the neighbours who put out our bins for emptying when we are away on collection day.'**

**Lesley**

*If you would like to thank someone for a kindness to you or a good deed or for a contribution to the community, please send your item to [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com) or post it to 64, Beckbury, SHIFNAL, TF11 9DJ for printing in the next newsletter.*

*Thank you*



**Severn Valley Steam Railway are looking for old towels, tea towels, bedsheets, pillowcases, duvet covers and any other cotton products that can be used as cleaning rags. If anyone has any, please contact Peter Lawrence 07909914723 or [peter.lawrence048@gmail.com](mailto:peter.lawrence048@gmail.com) and I will arrange to collect them. Thankyou**

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**Ever fancied a go at bell ringing?** Please feel free to join us in Beckbury Church at 8pm on **most** Tuesday evenings where we practice for an hour. Complete beginners to expert old hands are all very welcome, we would be very pleased to see you... there is usually someone there to teach you and, if you're an expert, plenty of us that you could teach!!

**Why not give it a go!!**

## **Shropshire Spring / Easter HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) Programme 2024 - OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!**

We are delighted to announce that bookings for the Shropshire Spring / Easter HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) Programme are now open. Following a successful 2023 where thousands of eligible children and young people benefitted from HAF, the Department for Education funded programme is continuing in 2024. Shropshire Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to run an exciting holiday programme this spring, Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

**During 25 March to 5 April 2024, eligible children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun free activities, happening at over 40 holiday clubs from across the county.**

Watch the [Spring HAF promo](https://youtu.be/7y1JeHY2S7M) film to find out more and get a taster for the kinds of activities on offer: <https://youtu.be/7y1JeHY2S7M>

What's On Guide and a searchable timetable of clubs is available on the Shropshire HAF webpages [Activities and events | Shropshire Council](#)

### **Who can Access the HAF Programme?**

There are free places available at HAF holiday clubs for:

#### **Core Eligibility Criteria:**

- Children and young people aged 4 (in reception class or equivalent) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.
- Ukrainian guests staying in Shropshire

These children and young people will receive a winter code and information about how to book onto a holiday club direct from their school.

#### **...and .....Wider Eligibility Criteria:**

- Children and young people living in areas of high deprivation and/or from low-income households who are not in receipt of benefits related free school meals. These children and young people can be referred onto the programme by a professional, by completing a [referral form](#).

### **Paid Places**

Many of the HAF programmes also include paid places for children and young people who don't meet the eligibility criteria. These spaces are generally very heavily subsidised and have been highlighted in the What's On Guide.

### **Sign up to the HAF e-news**

[Resources and HAF e-news sign-up | Shropshire Council](#): You will receive fantastic top tips, free resources, links to local services and opportunities.

### **More Information about HAF**

Lots more information about the programme, including the benefits to children and young people and their families is available on the Shropshire HAF webpages [Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(HAF\) | Shropshire Council](#)

**Contact:** Shropshire HAF Programme Manager, Alexa Pugh [HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.programme@shropshire.gov.uk)

## BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP



The shop retail group have been busy getting the shop ready for Easter, please pop in to see what we have to offer.

We have been planning our annual community events, we hope that this year this will include a Community Picnic and our Annual Apple Press, more details to follow.

Recently we delivered our annual training. This is when we update our great volunteers on new procedures, listen to their ideas and deliver mandatory alcohol sales training. We would love to recruit more volunteers, you could offer just one session a month, or more often if you like.

### **Here's what some said about volunteering in the shop.**

#### **I like to volunteer at Beckbury Community Shop because:**

- I enjoy meeting new people especially visitors to the village
- it's good to give back to the community
- being a volunteer gives the opportunity to:
- regularly meet people from the village
- be part of the community
- read the paper in peace!!
- it keeps me in touch with people in the village I wouldn't otherwise meet and I get to know what's going on!
- I like chatting to the villagers and meeting new people who come to the shop. Hear all the gossip! Help the community
- it enables me to meet new people and catch-up with people I already know
- I feel more involved with local people and to help with a very worthwhile project
- I get to meet others in the village and keeps the grey cells going in between looking after children!
- I catch up with people I don't otherwise meet and meet new people every time I am in the shop. I love it!
- we get to meet so many people and have a feeling that the shop is doing so much more than selling things
- it's very sociable and I have met new people- especially it has brought a lovely community spirit to the village
- you meet loads of new people and have a good chinwag

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE DO TAKE A VOLUNTEER FORM OR SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE SHOP**

**Please send items for the May newsletter to Heather at:  
heathert806@gmail.com or leave a written version in an envelope at  
Beckbury Community Shop, (fao Heather Thomas), or post it to 64,  
Beckbury, SHIFNAL, TF11 9DJ by 19th April.  
Thank you.**

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