



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

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BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on the 7th June and we were pleased to welcome our new Councillor Mat Wild.

Further discussions have taken place regarding the future use of the football pitch and it has been agreed that for the immediate future Beckbury Boys will continue to have exclusive use although this issue will remain under review. We have however decided to impose a small charge for the use in line with what all councils charge for their pitch hire. Currently the Playing Field costs around £2500per annum to run and maintain which is approximately 25% of our income and Councillors felt that a small charge was appropriate.

We are still looking for a Parish Clerk. We would very much wish to recruit someone from the Village or nearby. Volunteers please! Contact David Cummings or Peter Gibbins.

The Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 have been approved and are being audited. Copies can be seen on the Parish Council website.

Sadly our Vicar has retired. We wish Keith and Frances a very long and happy retirement and thank them for all the help and service they have both given to the residents and parishioners of Beckbury. I think they came to Beckbury around 17 years ago (although it seems like last year) and they have become part of the Village. They will be badly missed.

The new playground equipment on the Playing Field has been well received and July saw phase 2 of the project being completed last Saturday in the rain with more equipment being added. Well done to all the volunteers who gave up their time in the wet.

The holidays are now here so let`s hope the weather improves and we can enjoy the rest of the summer. Our next meeting will be 7.30 pm Wednesday 6th September. As usual the first 10 minutes is reserved for Parishioners to raise any parish matters.

David Cummings (Chair)

Bridgnorth Patch & Quilt

We are a friendly group of sewers who are always happy to welcome new members. Although we have 'Bridgnorth' in our title, we actually meet at Norton Village Hall from 10 am to 4 pm, generally on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Our programme combines 'sit & sew' sessions, where we take along our individual projects to work on, and workshops to learn new techniques based on patchwork and quilting. Nothing is compulsory! If you'd like more information or to come along to see what we do, please contact Shiona Ferriday 07971230922.

Further extract from Sally Mitchell's book

I had almost given up totally on the idea of cooking again. There have been many kitchen disasters that have brought me to this point: ruined food, burnt pans. In the end it was easier to turn off the cooker completely. But then, on one of my daily trundles around the village, something caught my eye. I pass the same house every day, sometimes pausing to take photographs of the two woolly sheep that stand in the field alongside it. As I do, I often hear the muted clucks of hens. But I had never noticed the little honesty box just off the verge and the stack of freshly laid eggs beside it.

Could I remember how to boil an egg? I picked one up, perfectly shaped, and turned it around inside my palm.

At home I stood once again in front of the cooker and a memory tugged at my sleeve: a pan bubbling away on each hob, steam filling the kitchen, scents of various home cooked dishes mingling in the air above me. Instead now the room felt quiet and still.

My iPad was upstairs and there was no point trying to consult it; by the time I arrived upstairs to retrieve it, the question would have drifted away. And so I decided to start with the cooker. Who new if it even worked anymore? I turned the knob belonging to each burner. Nothing flickered or glowed orange with life until the final one-the spark of life. Perhaps a muscle memory remained-had it once been my favourite? Who new?

To be continued next month.

John Webb Six Parishes Dementia Friendly Coordinator.

Circulated at the request of Sean McCarthy, Sport, Physical Activity, and Environment Co-Ordinator, Shropshire Council

Hi All,

We are excited to be launching a new series of sessions at the Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre in conjunction with the Shropshire Healthy Lives Advisors. The sessions have been designed to make tennis more accessible and adapt the game, equipment & rules to enable the wider community to be able to get on court.

Walking Tennis - Mondays 11.00am - 12.00noon

A slower version of conventional tennis, played on a normal tennis court with slower balls and adapted rules to enable players to serve, rally & score without having to run. Ideal for those with restricted mobility or fitness.

Short Tennis - Thursdays 11.00am - 12.00noon

Tennis played on a smaller sized court (similar to badminton size) with smaller rackets & sponge balls. Ability to get competitive within a smaller environment which is slower and easier to grasp for beginners to the game especially.

Movement & Balance - Fridays: 11.00am - 12.00noon

Adapted tennis based games & activity with a specific focus on agility, balance & co-ordination. Using both rackets & balls this session will focus on having fun & getting active without playing over a net or being competitive. A fantastic variation which will use our tennis equipment to get people active.

We have produced a video explaining the different sessions that are on offer and all sessions will be bookable via the link below. We are happy for the first session to be FOC as a trial and then people are able to book on a pay & play basis:

Video: <https://we.tl/t-qrTLRa0geN>

Booking: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CathieSabinCommunityTennisCentre/Coaching>

Any help in circulating this information would be greatly appreciated and with the Wimbledon starting this week we have a great opportunity to encourage more people from all different backgrounds to get on court.

Finally, after a successful taster session of VI tennis on Monday we will also be launching a new VI session on Wednesdays, 12.00pm - 1.00pm.

If you have any further questions please e-mail me back and once again thank you for your ongoing support of the Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre.

Kind Regards
Simon

ST MILBURGA'S CHURCH. BECKBURY

Following the retirement of Rev Keith Hodson, our service rotas are having to be reassessed, using local volunteers and occasional help from visiting clergy.

One such occasion will be Sunday 13th August at 9.30am when we will be holding an early season **Harvest Festival** with the Rev James Graham officiating.
We look forward to seeing you at this service.

For anyone who needs to contact a church member for any advice please contact one of the following:

David Tooth 01952 750324 John Wood 01952 750388
Peter Hopkins 01952 750248

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
JULY 30	9.30am Matins Local team				11am Lammas Local team	
AUG 6						11am Communion Revd Day
13		9.30am HARVEST Revd Graham				
20				11am Communion Revd Graham		

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to James Millerin and Annabel Crothall who were married at Kemberton Church on 22nd July

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late Pat Hathaway of Beckbury whose funeral service was held on July 17th at Bushbury Crematorium

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for Lammastide)

We thank you, good Lord, for seed sown and corn grown;

for fields harvested and flour milled;

for dough mixed and bread baked;

for bread to eat and bread to share.

As we thank you for our daily bread,

remind us that man does not live by bread alone, but by your Word.

So feed us and sustain us, good Lord, with your living bread,

Jesus Christ, the bread which came down from heaven to give life to the world;

for his name's sake. AMEN

CHURCH NEWS

The annual farming service of **Lammas (loaf-mas)** will be at Stockton Church

11am July 30th celebrating the traditional start of harvest, which meant in times past there was fresh grain and flour for fresh loaves of bread

There will be a service of **Harvest Thanksgiving** at Beckbury 9.30am 13th August

Badger Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of Badger Parish Council was held on Tuesday 25 July 2023. No parishioners were present for the Open Forum.

Matters discussed included the completion of the first cuts to the village verges, the successful re-thatching of the bus shelter and the ongoing closure of the bridleway over the Dingle to Ackleton. Councillors expressed concern over this and agreed to write to Shropshire Council and the landowner's agents, Balfours, for an update as to what action is being taken, and to find out when the bridleway is likely to be re-opened.

The date for the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 7pm.

Full details of the July meeting and other meetings can be found on the Badger Parish Council website (www.badgershropshire.org.uk)



How to hire Beckbury Village Hall

To hire the hall, please go to: beckburyvillagehall.co.uk .Click on the 'BOOK NOW' tab and then scroll down the page to find the date that you want.... please check if it is available at the time you want it. Complete the booking form and submit it.

You will get an email confirming your booking. When you submit the booking, you are agreeing that you have read and will comply with the terms and conditions including the Fire Policy and the Closing Down procedure.

Please be aware that you need to pay for the hire of the hall for all the hours that you use it, including any preparation and clearing up. You cannot assume that you can set up at any time that you have not hired the hall. i.e. if you hire the hall from 6pm to 10pm, you cannot access it for any purpose before 6pm or after 10pm. This is to avoid any bookings before or after yours being disrupted. Thank you.

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