

SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



for
 St Giles' Church. Badger
 St Milburga's Church. Beckbury
 St Andrew's Church. Ryton



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Rota of Services for the 6 Parishes – August 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
August 5th	9.30am Communion KH trad	9.30am Morning Worship TD		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662		11am Matins KH
August 12th		5pm Evening Worship KH	9.30am Matins KH	11am Communion KH new		6.30pm Evensong KH 1662
August 19th	9.30am Matins KH	2pm Fun Day		8.15am Communion KH trad		11am Communion KH new
August 26th		9.30am Communion KH new	9.30am Morning Worship LT	11am Morning Worship KH		
Sept. 2nd	9.30am Communion KH trad			6.30pm Evening Worship KH		11am Communion KH trad

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord God, govern the hearts and minds of all in authority
 that we may be led in the ways of justice and peace
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury-01952 750324. Email – davidtooth.salop@gmail.com
 Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14th of this month, please.



FROM THE RECTORY

“Deal or no deal?”

Dear friends

The well-known catch phrase and game show title “Deal or No Deal” with Noel Edmonds is now used in connection with the Brexit negotiations. The deadline is March 29th next year and it was hoped that progress would be good during 2018.

One of the issues that has irritated me has been the cavalier use of language, even rhetoric, in the discussions in some of the media, and by those debating on either side. “*The will of the people*” has been quoted with reference to the 52% of 72% of eligible voters who were in favour of leaving the EU in the referendum on 23rd June 2017. Looking at some of the comments made then and now over a year later, there are grounds for questioning whether voters knew what they were voting for or against.

I think I have quoted before the scene from the film and the book *Remains of the Day* where the butler (played by Anthony Hopkins) in the 1930’s grand house is questioned by three visiting politicians about key issues of the day. To all of the questions he replies “*I’m sorry, sir, but I’m unable to be of assistance in this matter*”. To which the politician remarks that to such people the vote should not have been given.

We have also been subject to grand claims about what will happen when we leave the EU, one claim in particular that we would have £350 million pounds per week for the NHS. We wait with interest to see that confident claim come true.

It used to be the Church that made extravagant incredible claims and promises for the future. Some preachers still make them with great enthusiasm and confidence: that is often the tradition of religious preachers. Alongside them are politicians who deal with more worldly affairs but who still exercise some sort of ‘faith’ in their ability to put things right and who invite people to trust them.

It was a former prime minister, Harold Macmillan, who, when asked what a prime minister most feared and what blew governments off course, allegedly replied ‘*Events, dear boy, events*’

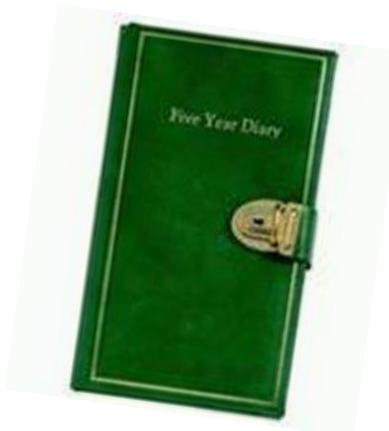
Perhaps another appropriate quote is that of the US Secretary of Defence, Donald Rumsfeld, who said *There are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns – the ones we don’t know we don’t know.....it is the latter category that tend to be the difficult ones.*

Some of our politicians know this; few admit it.

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR August

Tuesday 14 th	2pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 15 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 19 th	2pm-5pm	Beckbury Church Fun Day
Wednesday 29 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



CHURCH NEWS

The new regulations about **privacy and data protection** mean that we cannot now send out our newsletters by post or email without recipients formally giving us consent. So, if you want to continue receiving yours, please complete the **consent form** which has been sent to you and return it to Revd Keith Hodson either by post or by email. General distribution in the villages do not need this as there are no names and addresses ("data") used.

Beckbury Church has its "**Fun Day**" on Sunday 19th August from 2pm to 5pm.

More details further on in the newsletter.

Occasionally you may hear the **church bells** ringing and wonder who's getting married. But sometimes it is a group of visiting ringers who enjoy going to other churches to ring the bells (as at Beckbury on 7th July when ringers from Cleobury Mortimer came).

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 4th July 2018. All councillors were present including our local elected councillor Mr Michael Wood.

Councillor Gibbins updated the council in relation to the Community Shop. The shop has grown from strength to strength since opening earlier on this year. The shop is used by parishioners from all the local parishes around Beckbury. He stated that the opening times have been adjusted to match the foot fall. Councillor Gibbins told us that the recent Beckbury Ale Beer tasting date was a great success which was well supported.

The Beckbury Ale had been chosen and will be on sale soon at the Community Shop. Councillor Gibbins also stated that they are still looking for volunteers to help with the shop. If you can spare a few hours a week or even a month, please contact him.

Councillor Wood updated us on the recent council events. The issues of pot holes were raised again. Councillor Wood informed us that the contractors had recently been changed. He has also informed us that Shropshire Council had lost £5,000,000 from their budget and that they are having to review certain areas of business.

I will keep you updated with any changes that may affect the village.

There were no Police matters to report at the meeting.

BECKBURY CHURCH FUN DAY

Sunday 19th August

2pm to 5pm

Sunday 19th August is the date for a **FUN DAY** being held both in the church and on the lawns outside. Inside will be floral displays, artwork by Albrighton Methodist Art Group, and of course, tea, coffee and home-made cakes.

Outside there will be books and DVD's, tombola stall, bric-a-brac, plants and garden produce, children's games, a stop-me-and-buy-one ice cream bicycle, as well as a variety of tables selling all sorts of interesting things to tempt you.

We will be collecting bric-a-brac, toys, books and, in fact, anything which someone else just might be looking for. Perhaps you would like to run a stall or hire a table for £20, all profits towards the roof appeal.

Further information from: David Tooth – 01952 750324, John Wood – 01952 750388 or Sonia Handley – 01952 750415.

All money raised will go towards our **Church Roof Appeal**, so please come along and support our Church. Any offers of help, in any way, would be greatly appreciated.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On a warm, sunny day in David and Beryl's garden we were very pleased that shelter from the hot sun was available thanks to the gazebo loaned to us by two very kind residents. The afternoon was a huge success, with lots to eat and drink, followed by a bring-and-buy which raised £40 for our club funds.

On Tuesday 14th August we are meeting in Beckbury Village Hall starting at 2pm for an afternoon of Bingo with John Whitham as your numbers wizard.

May we remind members that on Tuesday 11th September we are going by coach to Llandudno, leaving from Beckbury Church at 9.30am and returning home at about 6pm, just in time for your evening meal. The cost is £10.00 per person, payable in advance. There are a few seats available to anyone who would like a day at the seaside. Please contact David on 01952 750324 for further details.

YOUR NEW VILLAGE HALL FUTURE PLANS

Dear Beckbury Resident



The Beckbury Village Hall Committee is planning a presentation evening to showcase plans for a major redevelopment of the existing Village Hall building to make it fit for purpose for the next 10-20 years.

This event is planned for **Thursday 13th September** starting at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend and participate.

Our ambitious plans include a new roof, alterations to the toilets, new kitchen, new wiring and lighting, refurbishment of the seating and general redecorating. Beckbury Village Hall is a community owned building and registered charity and we hope you will feel inclined to support our work, helping to keep the village hall as a valuable community asset.

We'd be delighted to see as many Beckbury residents as possible, particularly any volunteers who would like to get involved and help with the project or become more involved with the work of the committee. There will even be some refreshments and a glass of wine for those who venture out!

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more, please email our Chairman, Ian Field via ian@adfield.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to the village hall in September.

The Beckbury Village Hall Committee

THE BEER TASTING AND BBQ EVENT HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL ON 30TH JUNE

Simon and Kate Stevenson would like to say thank you to all who attended the beer tasting event at Beckbury Village Hall on Saturday 30th June. The event went extremely well, with the final count selected by the many visiting locals going almost unanimously to brew B for their choice of the "Beckbury Bitter". The winning draw from the ballot box was Alex Lister who will be receiving a crate of Beckbury Bitter when the brew is finally bottled. Draught Beckbury Bitter will initially be served from Hop and Stagger's Bridgnorth pub "The White Lion", eventually selling in pubs in the surrounding area, so let's hope the "Seven Stars" and the "Dartmouth Arms", Beckbury's two nearest pubs are able to stock it too. The bottled Beckbury Bitter will be sold in the Beckbury Community Shop in due course.

The children's colouring competition was extremely popular, with 32 entries in three categories, with the results posted outside the village hall. A big congratulations to all the children who entered in this year's competition.

The BBQ selling the now famous "Beckbury Banger" and the event bar were extremely popular with a huge thank you to the "Beckbury School Association" for cooking the bangers and burgers at the BBQ, and to Mark and Alex from "Hop and Stagger Brewery" for running a well-stocked and efficiently run bar. All in all, a superb day was had by all, with us being graced with clear weather and blue skies, so let's hope the residents of Beckbury and surrounding villages will club together and run another successful BBQ next year.

Finally a big thank you to Bob Hayes from Hop and Stagger Brewery for brewing the Beckbury Bitter and to Dave Rawstorne for helping with the final recipe.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

July and August are my two favourite months on the allotment. All that previous hard work pays off with the abundance of amazing vegetables. Too much sometimes and we are faced with a glut of particular crops...courgettes for one have the ability to transform into the size of a marrow overnight!!!...So keep harvesting, freezing, pickling and making jam...I'm trying raspberry vodka this year. I made damson last year and it went down very well. Easy to make - just fruit, sugar and vodka. Shake every few days until the sugars have dissolved. Strain into bottles and keep as long as you can.

This year with the exceptionally hot weather watering is a priority. Aim to water your plants in the cooler hours to avoid evaporation. Lettuce, chard, coriander and spinach are all prone to bolting if they dry out so always give them plenty of water too.

Jobs to be getting on with as well as harvesting:

- Prune tomatoes 'topping'. This causes the plant to stop flowering and setting new fruit, and directs all the sugars to the remaining fruit. To improve air-flow, also remove bottom leaves. Cut back strawberries to the ground.
- Dry onions and garlic for storing
- Harvest main crop potatoes.
- Prune stone fruited fruit trees.
- Keep up regular watering.
- Sow winter spinach, turnips, kohlrabi, chard, radish, winter salad and spring onions. Lettuce is surprisingly hardy and under a cloche or greenhouse it can easily be available for a Boxing Day salad.
- Plant out spring cabbage, cauliflower and hardy kale.

The open day was a quiet affair (coincided with the footy), but it was nice to see so many lovely folk from outside the village turn up and have a look around and take a keen interest.

A big thank you to Marleen for baking the lovely cakes and to Carol for doing the raffle which raised £22.

There is still is a plot available if anyone likes the idea of growing their own vegetables. It's quite a commitment but has its benefits; exercise, fresh air, improved diet, a chance to experiment with growing less popular vegetables that are expensive to buy in the supermarket such as Kohlrabi, Crapaudine beetroot, Mooli, tromboncino squash. I experiment every year with great success. Also, being an allotment holder gives you a sense of being part of the community, not to mention the banter!! It's fun having an allotment. If anyone is interested please ring Gina, our allotment chairwoman on 07795625316 who will be able to give you more information.

The next big event in the calendar is The Beckbury Show on 1st September. The produce tent will be amazing as usual, with some new categories for the children, so do come and pay us a visit. The bees are busy making honey and I am making raspberry vodka. A bottle might make it to the produce tent so please be generous when it gets auctioned at the end of the day.

Loving the sunshine, but let's have some rain.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

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who would have been 100 years old this year**



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Family Fun Dog Show

Dog agility – **only £1** (numerous jumps, tunnels etc to try to complete).
Until 12 Noon.

Pedigree classes (Starts at 12 Noon)

£2.00 Entry – pay on entry to ring

1. Puppy under 6 months
2. Puppy 6 to 12 months
3. Bitch (1 to 7 years)
4. Dog (1 to 7 years)
5. Veteran Dog & Bitch (7 years +)
6. Best Overall Pedigree

Fun classes (Not to start before 1.30pm)

(Open to pedigree & Mixed Breeds except classes 1, 2 & 3)

£2.00 Entry – pay on entry to ring

1. Cross/Mix Breed Puppy under 12 months
2. Cross/Mix Veteran (7 years plus)
3. Most Delightful Eyes
4. Best Rescue
5. Black Beauty
6. Prettiest Bitch
7. Most Handsome Dog
8. Junior Handler
9. Best Brace (Pair of Dogs)
10. Best Overall in Fun Classes

Rosettes will be awarded up to 6th place (except class 6 & 10 first and reserve special rosettes).

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Contact Kim on: kim_stuart1991@hotmail.co.uk
or call on: 07527 511 638

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Produce Show

Categories and rules for the Beckbury Show 2017 Produce Show.

1. Children's Display

'Put nature in the frame' photograph.

Age groups - Pre school 2-4yrs, Infants 5-7yrs,
Juniors 8-11 Seniors 12-15yrs.

2. Flower Arranging

No artificial flowers—
table-centre arrangement.

3. Homemade Cakes

Sub categories a: Fruit b: Sponge c: Chocolate.

4. Pastries

Must be homemade pastry with any filling.

5. Preserves

Sub categories a: Jam b: Chutney c: Pickles.

6. Homemade Beverages

Any type of drink.

7. Crafts

Any type of homemade craft (not too large).

8. Box of Vegetables

All contents must be contained within the box.

Size of box – no bigger than 24" x 24".

Contact Linda Shorthouse
via email: beckburyvctrust@hotmail.co.uk

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9. Best Carrot (3)*

10. Best Leek (3)

11. Best Onion (3)

12. Best Tomato (3)

13. Best Runner Bean (6)

14. Best Marrow (1)

15. Best Parsnip (3)

16. Best Shallots (3)

17. Best Cabbage (1)

18. Best Potatoes (3)

19. Best Beetroot (3)

20. Strangest – Funniest Vegetable or Fruit

* Quantity of product to be shown.

1. All classes have a £2.00 entry fee (Children's display is FREE).

2. The decision of the judges is FINAL!

3. No exhibitor shall be allowed in while judging is in progress.

4. Entries only accepted on the day of the show from 9.00am.

5. Last entries by 10.45am.

6. Judging will commence at 11.00am.

7. Doors open to the public at 12.00pm.

8. Produce will be sold during the show.

Disclaimer: Beckbury V C Trust accepts no responsibility for the loss of property or damage of any exhibit or to any persons attending the show. All care will be taken to prevent such accidents.



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BECKBURY SHOW NEEDS YOU



This year Beckbury Show will be celebrating its 10th year so we're pulling out all the stops to make it even bigger and better than previous years and raise as much money as possible for local charities. All of that entails a lot of work in the run up to the Show as well as on the day itself and we are in desperate need of additional pairs of hands to help out with a wide range of tasks to suit all abilities – from delivering flyers to homes and local shops / pubs and general administration to setting up the show stands and selling programmes on the day. If you could help us out, even for just a few hours, we'd very much appreciate hearing from you.

Call 07817548559

or

email contact@beckburyshow.co.uk

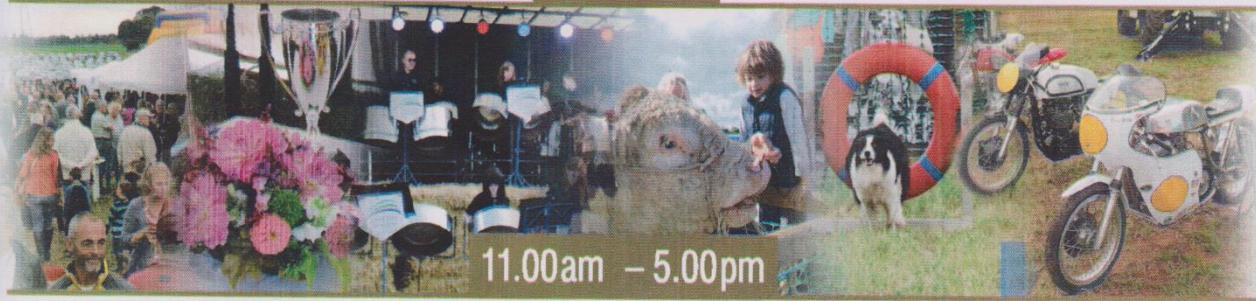


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ENTRY £2
PER PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER
12 YEARS
FREE OF CHARGE



11.00am – 5.00pm

**The 2018 Beckbury Show, sponsored by Rybrook BMW,
will celebrate its 10 year anniversary!**

**Join us on Saturday 1st September where there is
something for the entire family to enjoy.**

All the favourites of the Beckbury Show will feature including a live music stage and various animal displays.

The Farmers Market is bigger than ever, the Beer Tent will feature a selection of real ales, lagers and ciders and the food marquee will be serving all manner of tasty delights – from a Shropshire Pig Roast through to Beaman's of Bridgnorth sausages and steak burgers. As usual parking to the show is FREE.

The Beckbury Show 2018 really is a great, inexpensive dayout for the entire family.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

**The show continues to grow, and this year features
even more displays and entertainment including:**

- Riding for the disabled dressage
- Various dog displays
- Traditional funfair with rides and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy
- BMW vehicle display
- Pony rides
- Staffordshire "Mounted Games" competition
- Chainsaw wood carving
- and a whole lot more....

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