



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

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Badger Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of Badger Parish Council was held on Tuesday 7th November 2023. No parishioners were present for the Open Forum. Our Shropshire Councillor, Andrew Sherrington, was also present for the meeting.

Matters discussed included the final grass and hedge cut of the year, issues regarding the transfer of Badger Parish Council accounts from Barclays Bank to Lloyds Bank, planning applications and concerns about cones on the road by the Church.

The date for the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7pm.

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

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**We are looking for two volunteers to help keep our
shop stocked.**

Bread collection - due to many bakeries either closing down or cutting back we now have to collect our bread from the Hundred House Hotel twice a week.

In order to share this collection task, we like to have two volunteers per collection day. We are currently looking for an additional volunteer to collect bread and deliver it to the shop on alternate Friday mornings.

Our fresh fruit and veg is currently delivered by Rowlands but this is getting quite costly. We are therefore looking for someone to take over our fruit and veg department.

You would be responsible for ensuring we have a good selection of fresh fruit and veg, making sure it is priced up correctly. Our customers like to have fresh veg ready for the weekend and topped up at least once during the week.

If this is something you can help us with please contact Lara for further details on larawilkes1971@gmail.com or ask in the shop for my contact number.





Beckbury Shop Christmas.

We are starting to get all our lovely Christmas goodies into the shop.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without our delicious hand made in Beckbury Christmas Puds.

Get them quick, once they're gone they're gone!

Join us for some festive fun as we turn on our Christmas lights.

Mulled Wine, Mince pies, Hot Chocolate and Carols

Sunday 3rd December at 5pm ready for the countdown at 5.30pm.

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council

Ryton and Grindle Parish Council held a meeting on Monday 13th November 2023.

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Shropshire Councillor, Andrew Sherrington. A report was given by Cllr Sherrington about his participation in Task and Finish Groups at Shropshire Council. He has been asking questions about internal processes and how projects are completed and approved. He has also asked the Scrutiny Committee questions

about the standard of service level reply for Parish Councils and Members of the Public, and the complete end-to-end process for road repairs.

Members of the Parish Council raised the issue of clearing of roadside gullies. It will continue to report problems on Fix My Street, but is concerned at the on-the-ground reality of when Highways issues get actioned.

In more positive news, thanks were given to Apley Estates for providing a replacement bench for Ollie's Corner in Grindle. It will be put in place in due course.

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council, interested parties are very welcome to get in touch with the Parish Council, and can do so by contacting the clerk on clerk.rgpc@gmail.com

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Ryton on January 8th 2024. There is always a public forum preceding the meeting. Any questions and issues the public would like to raise are welcome.

On vision

It's not often that you hear people talking about how vision is affected by dementia. It's not our eyes that are the problem, but the way the brain interprets the messages it receives from them. If I am at the top of the staircase, for example, it is difficult to decipher if it is an escalator that will move when I step onto it, or a slide that I'll slip down like a child in a playground. If the steps are covered in the same carpet or surfacing, I can't see each individual step, so I don't know where to put my feet. The best kind of treads are those where the edges are clearly marked, particularly in yellow, as is often the case with outdoor staircases. I decided this is why I so often fall up and down my stairs at home, as they are carpeted with no clear edge. Now I have two stair banisters, one on each side, to hold on to to make it less likely.

Patterned carpets are completely disorientating because all the shapes just seem to come alive, moving around in front of my eyes. It can be very disconcerting to be asked to walk across a carpet that looks as though it's covered with wriggling creatures, and because many of us with dementia have a wobbly gait, we tend to spend a lot of time looking at the floor to make sure we don't fall over.

A shiny marble floor just looks like a swimming pool. Imagine trying to walk on water. Black mats look like gaping great sinkholes in the ground. Black is generally a very bad colour for some of us. Now if I see someone dressed in black, it looks like their head is floating in thin air. A mounted flat-screen TV just looks like a huge hole in the wall. Now, when I visited my beloved B&B in Keswick, the owner, Catherine, puts a red pillowcase over the TV in my room before I even arrive.

An extract from a book by Wendy Mitchell.

John Webb, Dementia Friendly 6 Parishes Co-ordinator.

CHURCH SERVICES

3rd Dec	9.30am Beckbury Contact: David Tooth		Communion	Revd Vikki Day
10th Dec	4pm	Sutton Maddock	Carols	Local team
17th Dec	11am Contact: Phil Jones	Kemberton	Communion	Revd Matt Lefroy
	4pm	Beckbury	Carols	Local team
24th Dec	7pm Contact act: John Webb	Sutton Maddock	Communion	Revd Matt Lefroy
25th Dec	10.30am Contact: Caroline Dady	Ryton	Communion and Carols	Ven. Paul Thomas
31st December	11.00 am Contact: John Webb	Sutton Maddock	Communion	Revd Matt Lefroy



ROCK CHOIR

An evening of classics and carols

Join us for a musical celebration
at St Andrew's Church, Ryton
on Friday 8th December 2023
Doors open 7pm - Start 7:30pm



Tickets £15 to include a cup of mulled wine and nibbles

Further refreshments will be available to buy on the night - please bring cash for bar and raffle!

Tickets available from:

Ann Dukes 07871 774142 ann_dukes@msn.com
Mark Dady 07730 920742 markdady@hotmail.co.uk

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE PRESERVATION OF RYTON CHURCH



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A NIGHT OUT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Join us in Beckbury Village Hall at 7pm
on Friday 15th December for a drink, a
snack and a little light music, but most
of all to get together and relax.

There will be a licensed bar where you can purchase a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

We do hope you can join us. If this proves popular we will hope to repeat this chance to relax in the good company of our neighbours and friends.

All are very welcome.

Please come.

Cash only please

A date for your diary...



The next 'Arts Alive' performance in Beckbury Village Hall is:

'Shakespeare's Fool'

Starring ROBIN LEETHAM
Written by T G HOFFMAN
Directed by BEN HUMPHREY

William 'Cavaliero' Kempe was one of the finest performers of the Elizabethan age...until he fell out with Will 'git-face' Shakespeare. Join Will 'Cavaliero' Kempe as he gives his final performance to an audience of a mouse and a marrote and tells us what really happened between him and William Shakespeare. This bittersweet tale, told by an idiot, has sold out venues across the UK and internationally, and has received rave reviews from audience and critics alike.

See it here in Beckbury Village Hall 7 pm on Friday 19th January 2024

Tickets: Adults £12, Children £6..... not suitable for young children

Tickets available from:

Heather at: heathert806@gmail.com or 07938544804 & www.artsalive.co.uk

& from Beckbury Community Shop

Hope to see you there!

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*A Very Happy Christmas
to you all.*