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# SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



For

St Giles' Church, Badger  
St Milburga's Church Beckbury  
St Andrew's Church, Ryton



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## JULY 2021 SERVICES

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
July 4 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Morning Worship	11am Communion		
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Matins					11am Morning Worship
July 18 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Morning Worship		11am Morning Worship		
July 25 <sup>th</sup>			9.30am Communion	8.15am Communion		11am Communion
August 1 <sup>st</sup>		9.30am Communion			11am Lammas	

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

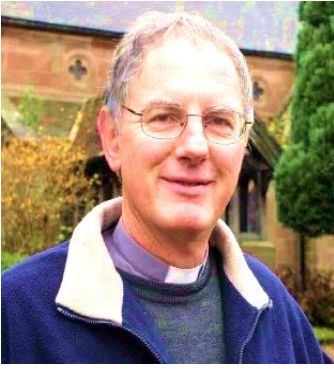
Lord God, our creator and sustainer  
we thank you for holidays and time away from routine.  
Refresh us so that we may continue to serve you  
in the joys and duties of daily life. In Jesus name.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either:

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - [davidtooth.salop@gmail.com](mailto:davidtooth.salop@gmail.com)

Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14<sup>th</sup> of this month, please.



## **FROM THE RECTORY**

### **Revd Martin's granny's toe nails**

Dear friends,

Taking services and making visits in our six villages means that I drive along all the country lanes linking our parishes. So I enjoy the changing seasons displayed in trees, hedges, fields and verges. In May there was the wonderful show of white flowers on both sides of the lanes.

The question is what do you call those flowers? I think most of us say "cow parsley", or "Queen Anne's Lace". But checking this, I found out that Queen Anne's Lace is also the name for a similar flower called wild carrot.

Having spent a lot of these Covid restricted months discovering new walks and footpaths around Pattingham, Claverley and Bobbington, I have been looking up the names of some of the wild flowers I've seen. One of the books that I use is by Revd Keble Martin (died 1969) who studied botany at Oxford University. As you might expect he uses scientific descriptions (decumbent; stipules ovate; peduncle filiform) but he does include some of the popular names for the plants.

However, I was checking one flower recently, which I know as "bacon and eggs! – that low spreading plant with flowers that are yellow with some red as well – to see that Revd Martin only refers to it as "birds foot trefoil". One of its other names is "granny's toenails". You need to see the flower and maybe your granny's toenails to see the connection?

There are some wonderful country names for our wild flowers; e.g. 'Jack in the pulpit'; 'yellow archangel'; 'yellow rattle'; 'ragged robin'. You may have heard the definition that a weed is a wild flower in the wrong place? While I don't encourage wild flowers in my garden, they are a delight to see in our countryside, and worth the effort of finding them.

*All things bright and beautiful.....each little flower that opens*

With best wishes for July

*Keith Hodson*

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**Badger Church Clock** has been repaired at last after various delays due to Covid lockdown; serious staff illness and local electricity power shut down. The new clock motors were installed on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The damaged **church bench at Kemberton** was beyond repair, but has now been replaced to allow visitors to sit safely outside.

There are visiting teams of **bell ringers** coming on 17<sup>th</sup> July to four of our church towers, so enjoy their ringing at Sutton Maddock, Kemberton, Ryton and Beckbury.

Local bell ringing practice at Beckbury has also resumed after the Covid restrictions have been eased.

## **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Cecily Taylor, aged 81, formerly Head of Norton School whose service was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Telford crematorium.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Simon Kenyon-Slaney whose ashes were interred on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at Ryton Church.

## **UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA**

From Allan Davis, living with dementia: Sometimes you talk to me like I'm a child, or an idiot. How would you like it if I did that to you? Go to your room and think about this, don't come back and tell me you are sorry. I know what you are talking about – just stop doing it and we will get along very well.....and probably better than you think!

If you would like to understand more about dementia by listening to people with dementia, go to [www.dementiadiaries.org](http://www.dementiadiaries.org)

Some numbers and facts: There are around 850,000 people with dementia in the UK with this projected to rise to 1.6 million by 2040. 209,600 people will develop dementia this year, that's one every 3 minutes. 1 in 6 people over the age of 80 has dementia. 70% of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory loss. There are more than 42,000 people under 65 with dementia in the UK.

Dementia is a long road and prides itself on the one quality it has no other disease can boast. It can take more of a toll on the carer than the person with dementia. It is the carer who watches their loved one slowly depart. There is no cure yet, and no effective treatment.

*John Webb, Six Parishes Dementia Friendly Church Co-ordinator*

## **A VIEW OF AN OUTSIDER**

What might well have been quite challenging – to be locked down in a Shropshire hamlet for more than one year – has been anything but difficult.

The innate friendliness of the residents of Beckbury and Ryton has ensured that all things have been a (very good) piece of cake.

My sincere thanks to you all. *Godfrey Carey*

## **BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE JULY 2021**

The refurbishment is finally complete. I know that many of you will have by now seen the remarkable transformation of the Village Hall, but we would like to give everyone the chance to have a look and to celebrate the fact that we now have a venue to be proud of and that you will want to use. We are therefore **holding an informal celebration from 3pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. There will be a BBQ, licensed bar, tea and cakes on sale. This will be a chance to see the refurbished hall and to hear from trustees about what has been done and how we hope to move forward, but mostly it is a time for those of us who value the hall to celebrate. Please do come along to help us do that.

We will also be holding a **formal opening from 2pm – 4pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, which some funders, local dignitaries and we hope, residents will attend. We have booked a jazz band and refreshments will be available. There will be: a formal opening, a chance to meet some of the funders, time to see some of the old photos of Beckbury and surrounding area and to hear about the refurbishment and our plans for the hall. We will need to know numbers for catering purposes, so entry will be by ticket only and for local residents on a ‘first come first served’ basis. If you would like a ticket please contact Heather Thomas – see contact details below.

**If you are able to offer a cake for either event** we would be very grateful, in which case please contact Judith Gibbins at [Judith@pcgassociates.plus.com](mailto:Judith@pcgassociates.plus.com) 01952 750293, ‘Thornicombe’, Beckbury

Our website is currently being updated so **if you want to book the hall for the time being please phone Emily Lister on 01952 750473**. The website will be fully functional soon and then you will be able to book online.

It still costs about £14 a day to run the hall and that is why we run the Fund a Day (FAD) scheme where you choose a date and pay £14 to sponsor that day – all this can be done at Beckbury Community Shop or by contacting me – please see details below. Thank you to all of you who have sponsored a day already. At the AGM all sponsored dates are put into a prize draw.

**Thank you for your ongoing and much appreciated support.** Heather Thomas Sec/Trustee, Village Hall

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## **REINSTATE THE BECKBURY WI**

Due to the announcement by the government on 14<sup>th</sup> June, I have to postpone the meeting about possibly reforming the Beckbury WI that was to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The new date will be **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the newly refurbished Village Hall.

We would meet in the wonderful newly renovated Beckbury Village Hall. I invite anyone who is interested to come and join in a discussion I will ask for a small donation on the night towards the payment for the hire of the hall for a couple of hours. Perhaps you have been a member of a WI previously or maybe you would be completely new to the organisation – either way I am sure we could have great fun together and learn lots of interesting things, hear inspirational speakers, try out new activities and practical crafts, make new friends or cement old friendships, etc.

Do get in touch beforehand if you have any questions, though I feel sure we will answer them during the evening.

*Dee Holes:* 01952 750756, [deidreholes@gmail.com](mailto:deidreholes@gmail.com)

## **BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP**

It is great that our community shop has had exceptional community support since its opening in March '18. This has not only brought our community together, and provided a great place to shop, but also it has produced a profit which can support local causes. The shop has now completed three whole financial years and we are therefore delighted to announce details of our Grant Scheme.

### **What we will fund**

The grants panel will consider applications for projects whose beneficiaries live within 2 miles of the shop and the aim of which is to in some way benefit the community.

### **Who can apply**

Community organisations or individuals are eligible to apply for funding for beneficiaries within the qualifying area.

The total grant fund available this year is £4,000; you can apply for any amount up to this maximum.

If you are interested in applying please collect an application form and full details of the application process and eligibility from Beckbury Community Shop or go online to <http://beckburyshop.co.uk/> or email Heather Thomas at [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com)

### **Who cannot apply**

- ! Government agencies or departments of local or state government
- ! Educational, religious or medical organisations, where the application is for the organisation's core business
- ! Businesses

The Grants Panel will consist of at least; 2 members of the shop management committee, 2 other shop volunteers and 2 other shareholders. Details of how the panel will assess applications are available with the application form.

**The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

We will announce grant recipients at our Annual Members Meeting in September.

**Thank you.** Heather Thomas. BCS Management Cttee

## **VISITING BELL RINGERS**

Two teams of Bell Ringers are visiting some of our local Churches on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The proposed approximate ringing times are:

Team 1	11.15am	Sutton Maddock
	12.45pm	Kemberton
Team 2	1pm	Kemberton
	2.15pm	Beckbury
	2.45pm	Ryton

with some overlap between Beckbury and Ryton till 4pm.

## **BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP**

Hello again,

We have a few seasonal items in the shop which really tells us summer is here. We have locally grown Asparagus, get it while it's still being cut. Summer wouldn't be summer without English Strawberries which are now back in stock. Sourdough Saturdays are still going very well. Our sourdough bread is hand made in Ackleton and delivered fresh on Saturday mornings.

It's also that time of the year where we invite applications for the Beckbury Community Shop Grant Scheme. This year we have £4,000 to give to community organisations or individuals for projects that benefit the community, whose beneficiaries live within 2 miles of the shop. Details on page 5.

Keep your photos coming in for the Beckbury Calendar 2022. Images need to be landscape in orientation and high resolution. Please send to [beckburyshopcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:beckburyshopcalendar@gmail.com)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for getting Beckbury Community Shop through a very challenging year. I would also like to thank all our customers for your continued support.

Our opening hours are : **Monday to Friday - 9am until 3.30pm**  
**Saturday and Sunday - 9am until 12noon**

**Bank holiday opening hours are 9am until 12 noon.**

## **BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **July on the allotment**

On the whole the weather has been pretty good for our newly planted vegetables, let's hope July continues to be warm and sunny too. I know us gardeners are never happy with the British weather!

Weeds are going to be a big problem though, so hoe regularly to break up the soil and to remove them. However, if it's warm and damp watch out for potato blight.

It's now getting late in the year for sowing and planting, but there is still time for lettuces, chicory, endives and other salad leaves as well as fast growing varieties of peas, beetroot and carrots. If you have been harvesting your broad beans, garlic, onions and shallots there may be room to transplant Brussel sprouts, cabbages and cauliflower that you have raised from seed in pots. If you fancy growing potatoes for Christmas now is the time to plant them.

Many vegetables will be ready to harvest now, including beetroot, carrots, potatoes, onions, garlic, peas and broad beans.....it you have a glut then freezing, chutney and jam making can be a great idea, as well as drying onions and garlic for storing.

*Heidi Pringle-Scott*

## BECKBURY PARISH LITTER PICK



Thank you to the 9 volunteers that turned up to participate in our Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June litter pick. Fortunately the rain had just stopped and we all had a pleasant walk around the Parish. We are lucky that we do not have a big litter problem but it was still well worthwhile. The worst problem, found by Heather and Chris on the road down to Higford, was a pile of fly tipping.

If you find cases of fly tipping they can be reported to the council on 03456789006 or on line at <http://shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-andcleaning/environmental-maintenance/fly-tipping>

### **ROAD CLOSURE:** Staffordshire County Boundary Burnhill Green to Junction with Holyhead Road, Albrighton.

**Start date:** 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - **End date** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Purpose: Road Closure:** BT – Pole Testing. Works to be completed in conjunction with BC008PTMS245218C.

**Works Promoter:** Openreach

**Works Promoter Ref.** BC008PTMS245218A

Enforcement pattern for Staffordshire County Boundary Burnhill Green to Junction with Holyhead Road, Albrighton: 09.30 – 15.30

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on [streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk)

*The Street Works Team, Shropshire.*

## THANK YOU

On behalf of their grandchildren Staci and Zara, Chris and Harry Gilbert would like to thank the residents of Ryton for their kind generosity in supporting Cancer's 'Race for Life'.

Zara is 9 years old and is taking part in the race, which is being run on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Perton First School which Zara attends.

So far, Zara and Staci have raised over £100, with promises of more money to come.

Once again, thank you everyone for your support.

## CALLING ALL RUNNERS

**THE 2021 APLEY RUN** is on again this year on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September** and is being organised by Wrekin Road Runners with proceeds going to Stockton Church.

Running starts at 10.30am and will be over three distances – 5k, 10k or 21k subject to competitors' fitness levels.

Full details and entry forms at [www.wrekinroadrunners.net](http://www.wrekinroadrunners.net)

## RIDE+STRIDE

Once again we will be taking part in Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride scheme on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September when we keep our Churches open for the day and invite people to come and look round our beautiful buildings. If anyone would like to take part please get a sponsor form from any church and then obtain sponsorship for the number of churches you manage to visit. All money raised is divided 50/50 between your local church and the S.H.C.T. As many of us are getting elderly and not as active as we once were, why not try a sponsored CAR RIDE, as one of our friends did in 2018!

"I am no spring chicken! So I did a car ride in 2018 when it was raining. In 2019, a small group of us had a short walk around the Churches, Chapels and the Cathedral in Shrewsbury, then a car ride in the afternoon.

I collected sponsorship.....small donations from relatives, colleagues and many friends, which soon became a significant amount. I didn't have a specific route. I just asked people to sponsor me to visit as many churches as I could. Only a few suggested that it seemed far easier than, say, running a marathon. I said that they should, therefore, give me only £3.50. Not £50. They donated with good grace.

It is so easy to do.....ask for a Sponsorship Form; then get some sponsors; then do a ride or stride on 11<sup>th</sup> September. "Simple".

**Please have a go this year**



## **MEMORIES OF BECKBURY**

Continuing our photographs of days gone by, this month we feature Hall's Farm in Burnhill Green. The threshing machine shown is packed up ready for storage, but in a later issue, it will be shown working in all its glory. It does tend to show how many people worked on farms as compared with today.



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