



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

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BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

***Your shop needs you.***

*There are many ways in which you can help.*

*You could do a shift in the shop, as much as 2 shifts a week to 1 shift a month, every shift helps.*

*There are also many maintenance jobs to be done like cleaning and gardening.*

*Our management committee are always on the lookout for people wanting to help manage the shop behind the scenes.*

*Or maybe your thing is social media we need help promoting the shop and recruiting volunteers.*

*Any skill set you have and however much time you have we can find a job for you!*

You can volunteer by phoning the shop, speaking to a volunteer or emailing [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com)



An extract from the book by Wendy Mitchell entitled:  
**What I Wish People Knew About Dementia.**

When it comes to food, our likes and dislikes are so closely linked, with our personality that I can understand why if you take those preferences away from someone, you strip them of their character a little.

I recognise that it would be impossible for care staff to take orders from each person individually. I also know that someone like me, who eats the same food day in, day out, sometimes for months, would be frowned upon- that I wouldn't be deemed as having a varied diet. But what's the alternative? If I were in a care home and was served up something I didn't like, or something that didn't taste nice, I would refuse to eat it. Then I would perhaps be labelled as a difficult patient, instead of anybody trying to get to the heart of why I couldn't eat it: could it be the taste? The plate it is presented on? Or the fact that the motor skills required to cut it up make it just too difficult to navigate. Added to that, different variations of dementia affect people in different ways. For people who develop problems swallowing, eating might become so stressful that they would rather avoid it altogether. These people might also be seen as difficult for refusing food, when in fact a speech therapist might be able to help them, or a dietician might know what foods would be easier to swallow.

John Webb  
Six Parishes Dementia Friendly coordinator.



**Join us in the Village Hall at 7pm on Friday 21st July 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 food. 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 do join us.

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## 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 two 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) or complete the application form in this newsletter- please see below.

### **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 on request.

### **The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023**

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

**Thank you.**

Heather Thomas  
BCS Management Cttee

**Application for grant funding 2023**-(use space on back if submitting a paper application)

This application form is for an individual or organisation applying for funding to benefit residents of the qualifying area of 2 miles from Beckbury Community Shop Limited (BCS)

Name of Applicant.....  
 Role relevant to this application.....  
 Organisation, if any, that you represent.....  
 Age if under 18.....  
 Amount applied for.....  
 Address / Telephone number / Email.....

1. Describe the project in detail, including a timetable. Please include who will benefit and how they will benefit (Enclose any supporting information or literature you may have)
2. Show the details of the cost of the project/learning experience:

Description/item	costs
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	

3. What other applications have you made or will you make for funding to meet the cost of the project/learning experience?

Where you applied/will apply	Amount applied for/to be applied for and date	Outcome

4. Any other comments you wish to make in support of your application
5. I confirm that all information given in this form is true and correct. If I am awarded funding, I agree to submit an end of project report including receipts for any money spent. I understand that any unspent money will be refunded to BCS.

Signed (Applicant)..... Date.....

The signature of a parent or guardian is required if the applicant is 16 years or younger.

Name of parent/guardian.....

Signed (parent/guardian) ..... Date.....

**When complete, please return paper copy or online copy to:** Heather Thomas, 64, Beckbury, SHIFNAL Shropshire TF11 9DJ [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com)

(You can get an online version of this form by emailing a request to Heather Thomas as above)

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## CHURCH NEWS

The **Farewell Party** for Keith and Frances were very well attended at Beckbury Village Hall. with plenty of food and drink brought to the 'bring & share' refreshments. Presentations and thanks were given to them both for their work in the past 15 years. The **farewell services** were full of hymns and stories as well as thanks to those who have contributed in different ways in their time in the churches and villages of the Six Parishes

There will only be **one service** per Sunday mainly at Beckbury, Ryton, Kemberton and Sutton Maddock. These services will be taken by local clergy from neighbouring parishes or by members of our own churches. Please check with a local church member if you are unsure about dates, times and venues

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

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

10.30am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July there will be a **Coffee Morning** at Aurora **Kemberton**

(in the lovely garden of Diana Russell) There will be coffee, cake and a raffle in aid of Kemberton Church

The **lych gate at Badger** church burial yard (usually referred to as the cemetery has been renovated and a new thatched 'cap' with a new 'pheasant' on the top. The unusual swivel gate is called a Tapsell gate and generally found only in Sussex



	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
JULY 2				11am Communion Revd Lefroy		
9						11am <i>Dementia Friendly Church</i>
16			9.30am Morning Worship Revd Lefroy			
23				11am Morning Worship Revd Graham		
30	9.30am Matins Local team				11am Lammas Local team	
AUG 6						11am Communion Revd Day
13		9.30am Communion Revd Graham				
20				11am Communion Revd Graham		

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

**FROM THE RECTORY We are still here !**

Dear Friends

One or two people are asking (and more wondering) when a new vicar will be coming. The short answer is that we do not know . . .

The longer explanation is that there are several procedures and processes to be dealt with. At present the Bishop has encouraged our six church committees to work out a new constitution which will make for fewer meetings requiring clergy attendance, and so, hopefully they say, make the position of vicar here with six churches more appealing.

I moved from full time to half time just before Covid to ease the financial outgoings of the six churches. I was able to do that because I had just started receiving my state pension, so did not suffer too much of a drop in income. A new vicar will most likely expect and need a full salary (unless their spouse is in a full-time job) so the diocese may look to combine the half time position in the Six Parishes with another half time position in the area or in the diocese.

Only after these two things have been agreed and worked out, can a "parish profile" be drawn up, advertising the vacancy and the "job spec". Applicants can then be interviewed and the successful candidate would need to give their present parish(es) three months' notice before moving here.

So we are still here at the Rectory, although I have retired as 'the rector'. We are sorting out church documents, and getting ready to move in August/September, which leads into the other question people ask us "where are you moving to? " As we do not own and cannot afford to buy a house, we are able to rent a property from the C of E. With family in south Birmingham we hoped to be given a house there, but with no properties or vacant houses in our preferred areas, we have agreed to move to a house in Erdington which is north-east of "Spaghetti Junction" on the M6.

The house looks onto a park but nothing like our present view across to Patshull Hall and Pattingham.

So the short answer to when will a new vicar be coming is still: *"we do not know."*

*Keith Hodson*

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Lucas Cox son of Dean and Laura who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 28<sup>th</sup> May

Congratulations to Arabella and Scarlett Solari daughters of Tim and Rebecca who were baptised at Beckbury Church on 17<sup>th</sup> June

## **WEDDINGS**

Congratulations to George Brown and Anna Kwiatkowski who were married at Kemberton Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Congratulations to Jamie Carter and Leah Humphries who were married at Sutton Maddock Church on 10<sup>th</sup> June

## **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family of the late Michael Yorke whose ashes were interred on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Sutton Maddock Church

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I'm sure you'll agree that the Village Hall is now a community venue of which we can all be proud. We have some good events lined up. You will see from the above article that we are keen to start a regular community get together and in the Autumn we have the first of our Arts Alive productions coming to the hall, followed by another in January... more of that in the next edition.

Many of the current trustees have now been in the role for nearly 10 years and some are looking to step down at the next AGM in 2024. We need a wide range of skills including, book keeping, secretarial, social media, maintenance etc etc. If you can help in any way please email Heather on [heathert806@gmail.com](mailto:heathert806@gmail.com) to put your name forward. We meet about every 6-8 weeks. Please consider joining us.  
Thank you.



## How to hire Beckbury Village Hall

To hire the hall, please go to: [beckburyvillagehall.co.uk](http://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

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