

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 – June 2019

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
June 2 nd		9.30am Communion KH trad		11am Morning Worship KH		6.30pm Evensong KH
June 9 th WHITSUN	9.30am Matins TD		9.30am Communion KH new	8.15am Communion KH trad		12.30 <i>Pentecost Picnic</i>
June 16 th		9.30am Matins KH		11am Communion KH new		
June 23 rd	9.30am Communion KH trad		9.30am Morning Worship TD			11am Communion KH trad
June 30 th		9.30am Communion KH new		SATURDAY 4pm Pets Service KH	11am Communion KH new	

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

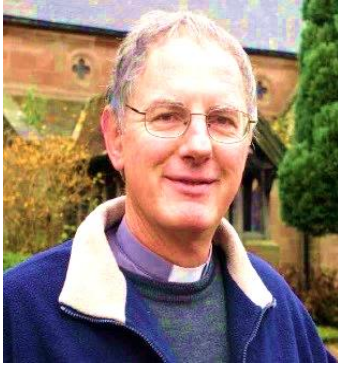
Almighty God, keep us fit and sound in mind and body
that we may serve you and our neighbour without tiring
in Jesus' name.

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

On yer bike

Dear friends

With a little more free time on my hands than I had last year when I was full time, rather than this year when I have reduced my post to half time, one thing I can now do, especially if it is raining, is watch some of the cycle races on ITV4.

Recently it was the Tour de Yorkshire. While I do not know the teams and their colours nor many of the riders (unlike my knowledge of F1 teams and drivers) I enjoy the countryside that they ride through. It is similar with my watching some of the Augusta Masters golf; I do not play golf, and am not a big fan, but the birds and trees and fairways of that course are to my mind worth seeing. Likewise I enjoy the Yorkshire countryside and villages.

Later in the summer there will be the Tour de France and the Spanish Vuelta a Espana and the Giro d'Italia all of which provide good coverage of their landscapes with their historic villages and buildings for their national tourist boards.

Locally of course our views about cycling may be influenced by riders who use our lanes for training and in their groups slow a number of us down because there are few safe stretches of road for us to get past them. Very recently we had an incident of riders ignoring a Give Way and coming out straight in front of us.

There seem to be a growing number of riders on our roads, and since the success of British racers, like Bradley Wiggins, Chris Froome and Geraint Thomas people seem to have been inspired to get on their bikes and get out cycling. Where I live in Beckbury means that I see quite a lot using the Burnhill Green, Badger and Beckbury Lanes – and if I am outside I hear them as well because their cycling helmets mean they have to shout their conversations or directions.

It has been years since I was on a bicycle, and the only time I went out with a friend who was a regular keen cyclist, he lent me a “fixed gear bike” when we went out, which meant there is no chance to “free wheel”. I got cramp in my calf muscle, and have never rushed back onto a bike since. While it may look good for clergy to travel to church on a bike, I am not sure I could do it in a cassock, or with my things in a suitcase or rucksack.

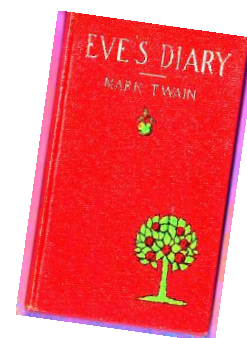
I will keep to the country footpaths for my hill walking, where there is no traffic, lots of fresh air, and peace and quiet at the slower pace of walking rather than riding.

Enjoy your exercise this month

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR June 2019

Saturday 1 st July	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Aurora House Kemberton
Wednesday 5 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Saturday 8 th		Havenhills Hike
Sunday 9 th	12.30pm	Pentecost Picnic at Sutton Maddock Church
Wednesday 12 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Thursday 13 th	7.30pm	Floral Evening at Oakengates United Church
Sunday 16 th	2-5pm	Hatton Grange Open Gardens
Thursday 20 th	7.30pm	Beckbury Village Hall Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	2pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club visit to Hatton Grange
Wednesday 26 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Saturday 29 th	4pm	Pets Service at Kemberton Church



CHURCH NEWS

The **Ascension Day** service is at 10am Thursday 30th May at Beckbury Church.

There will be a Coffee Morning at Aurora House, Kemberton on Saturday 1st June at 10.30am in aid of Kemberton Church.

The Churches Together in the Shifnal District have their annual **Pentecost Picnic** at Sutton Maddock Church 12.30pm on Sunday 9th June. There is opportunity for local walks, picnic, craft activities and an Act of Worship for Whitsunday, as well as meeting together with other members from the local churches in our area.

There is a short **Pets Service** 4pm Saturday 29th June at Kemberton Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The next Bishop of Shrewsbury is the Venerable Sarah Bullock, currently the archdeacon of York. Sarah will be consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday 3rd July at 11am. There will be a welcome service for Sarah at Shrewsbury Abbey at 3pm on Saturday 13th July.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Isaac Edward Ramsbotton, son of Simon and Jenny, who was baptised at Kemberton Church on 11th May 2019.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Ron Kemp of Sutton Wharf, aged 88 whose service was held at Telford Crematorium on 9th May 2019.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Tom Cattell of Badger, aged 89, whose service was held at Badger Church on 10th May 2019.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Ken Wood, of Shatterford, aged 92, whose service was held at Sutton Maddock Church on 15th May 2019.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Margaret Roberts, aged 98, of Norton whose service was held at Stockton Church on 17th May 2019.

Mary Buxton would like to thank
all the friends of Jim Buxton,
who died on the 7th April 2019,
for their lovely tributes to Jim.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our proposed trip to the National Memorial Arboretum unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers and we had to quickly find an alternative venue for our May meeting. One suggestion was a visit to the Boycott Arms at Upper Ludstone, Claverley which was met with some reluctance by members after our last visit there some 4 years ago. However it by agreed that Beryl and I would make a visit to see if it had improved and, yes, the improvement was startling. Our hosts Leann and Conrad Brummel made us very welcome and the whole atmosphere was very welcoming. On placing our orders I recounted the problems with our previous visit and we were assured that things were much better now and so we waited with trepidation for meals, one fish and chips and one lasagne, both were well presented and excellent value for money, so a booking was made to take our members there.

On the day 17 of us arrived at the pub, all keen to find out what had changed and soon words of approval were heard around the room as the food arrived, one lady who had ordered fish and chips was heard to say "I've got a whale on my plate", some members had a Caesar salad which looked delightful, another favourite was pork belly on a mustard grain potato mash. Everyone was highly complementary about the whole event with several making plans for a return visit. I think we can honestly say that the Boycott Arms has now much improved and our hosts are to be congratulated.



Our June meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 25th June** when we will be visiting the home of Rupert and Christina Kenyon-Slaney for a tour of the house, rose garden and afternoon tea in the cricket pavilion. This promises to be a very special afternoon and much looked forward to by all. Cars will leave from the Church at 1.30pm, arriving back in Beckbury at around 5.30pm.

FLORAL EVENING WITH NIGEL WHYLES IN AID OF THE SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are delighted that Nigel Whyles is once again helping us with the Shoebox Appeal on **Thursday 13th June** at Oakengates United Church, Stafford Road, Oakengates, Telford TF1 6JH.

If you would like to come along, doors open at 7pm when light refreshments will be served, and Nigel's demonstration will commence at **7.30pm**. This is always a great evening especially as we get the chance to bring home one of his amazing floral creations!

All proceeds are for the fillers fund of the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. For tickets, please contact Shiona, 01952 730313, ferridaysp@aol.com. If you would like to come along and don't have transport, please let me know.

Thank you, Shiona

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 1st May 2019.

This meeting incorporated the monthly council meeting and the annual General Meeting.

The meeting started with the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Steventon was elected as Chair and Councillor Gibbins was elected as Vice Chair.

Councillor Gibbins updated the Council in relation to the community shop. The shop had recently completed its first anniversary, which had been very successful, Councillor Gibbins stated that the shop was still looking for more volunteers to help. An advert would be placed in the Parish Magazine with full details.

Councillor Steventon updated the council in relation to the playing fields. He informed the council that the playing fields were in excellent condition and they were used on a regular basis by Beckbury Eagles and Beckbury Hawkes U'10 football teams. Councillor Steventon also wished to extend his thanks to Pete and Reid Glaze for the upkeep of the playing fields.

Below is the Chair's report for 2018-2019:

Beckbury Parish Council May 2018 – April 2019

Another year has passed with Beckbury Parish Council. The Parish Council have continued business as usual.

The Parish Council have agreed several grants throughout the year supporting several organisations and charities such as:

- Beckbury Church £500
- Beckbury Playing Fields £500
- Crucial Crew £20 (which enabled 2 students from Beckbury School to attend the Crucial Crew event)

The Parish Council agreed to keep the yearly Precept the same meaning no further financial cost to Beckbury residents.

We have also had to discuss and hear from residents about planning applications. These have always been discussed in detail and provided some healthy debate between councillors.

The Parish Council agreed to review the Parish Plan and bring it up to date. A small working party was set up and headed by Councillor Paice. It is hoped that this will move forward quite quickly, and the Parish Plan will reflect the residents' views.

There are plans in place for the renewal of white line markings. We are expecting Shropshire Council to attend in this current financial year.

The parish strives to enjoy several positive attractions in the village such as:

- Beckbury Playing Fields – The home to two under 10 football teams (Beckbury Eagles and Beckbury Hawks)
- Beckbury Community Shop – The shop has just celebrated its first year and continues to go from strength to strength. I would like to pass on our thanks to all involved and wish them continued success
- Beckbury Show – The show goes from strength to strength with over 5,000 people visiting our village to attend one of the biggest shows in the area in the yearly calendar. The parish benefits from money raised from the event.

We look forward to a fruitful and successful 2019 – 2020.

HATTON GRANGE – GARDEN OPEN DAY
Sunday 16th June – 2 – 5pm

Inspired by the success of the garden openings at Ryton through the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust last year, Rupert and Christina Kenyon-Slaney will be opening the garden at Hatton Grange through the same scheme on Sunday 16th June 2-5pm in aid of both St Andrews Ryton and St Andrews Shifnal.

Comprising a range of formal and informal gardens surrounding a Georgian country house, features include a walled garden under restoration and a series of newly established David Austin rose beds.

Situated 1 mile south east of Shifnal approached by A464.
Entrance is marked by a pair of red brick lodges and white chains.
Tea and cakes will be served in the Cricket Pavilion.

£5 per person (children under 16 free of charge).
Please note the garden is only partly suitable for wheelchair use.

Any cake donations would be most welcome on the day before. Please contact me if you are able to help: cks@hatton-grange.com

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

We're halfway through the year already!

We have been busy stocking the shop for the warmer summer months. The freezer is full of ice creams and ice lollies, cold drinks and juices are available from the fridge, along with a fresh selection of summery wines to enjoy during the warmer weather.

We now have a local butcher from Albrighton supplying the shop with various fresh lunchtime snacks including samosas, sausage rolls and pasties. Beckbury bangers and burgers are still delivered to the shop on Thursday afternoons, place an order earlier in the week if you want to guarantee that you'll have some for your summer BBQs.

Village grown veg and fruit donations are always welcome here at the shop during the summer season of plenty, just pop into the shop and see us if you have any excess crops.

We also have an expanded range of gift cards for all occasions, in addition to the art cards by local artist Jess Grimsdale, and handmade cards by village crafters. Keep a look out for the Beckbury postcards and a new summer version of the Beckbury Church card, coming soon.

Don't forget that we are collecting seasonal photos for the Beckbury village calendar, so send us your summer snaps to info@beckburysshop.co.uk for a chance to be selected.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the shop or you would like to get involved, let us know. Pop into the shop to see us or contact us by email or Facebook.

GARDEN WILLOW WEAVING COURSE

After the success of the Christmas Willow Weaving course I would now like to offer one for either making various animals from willow, which can be used as garden ornaments, or making structures for the garden.

The day course will be held in Beckbury Village Hall on Saturday 6th July for ten people. I will provide the willow and some equipment. Any beginners will tackle a willow fish that enables you to get the feel of working with willow and then other items can be tried. Those of you who have been on my previous willow course will be able to try (with my support) making an animal, such as a dragonfly, hen, piglet, mouse or pheasant; or a structure such as wigwam, garland or flat fan plant supports, a small bird table or a flower.

The cost will be £30.00 per person, which will cover the hire of the village hall and the willow. I will give my time free! Please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested and I will provide further details.

Dee Holes: 01952 750756 or deidreholes@gmail.com



BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

June on the allotment: The risk of frost has passed now and temperatures are rising. May has been a surprising warm month. Sorry folks but we really do need a few good days of rain for our newly planted vegetables. June is one of the busiest and most exciting months in the allotment year.....sowing, planting, harvesting, weeding and watering can soon get on top of you so allowing yourself an hour or so a day certainly can help.

- Harvest: Broad beans (over wintering variety), spinach beet and chard, peas, asparagus, globe artichokes, over wintered onions, early potatoes, lettuce, radishes, mix salad leaves and spring onions
- Plant brassicas, aubergines, peppers, chillies, outdoor cucumbers, courgettes, marrows, pattypan, French and runner beans, asparagus, peas, celery, summer squash, sweetcorn, Florence fennel and sweet potatoes
- Keep weeding and mulch with compost. Mulching will suppress weeds and keep the soil moist.
- Earth up potatoes
- Water if dry. A good soak once a week is better than a daily sprinkle. This will help the roots grow deeper to find water.
- Feed tomatoes when you see their first little tomatoes forming. Use high potash feed. A comfrey feed is perfect for this.
- Protect your brassicas from pigeons, keeping them netted.
- Pinch out side shoots of your tomatoes and keep an eye out for pests.

With 21st June being the Summer Solstice there's plenty of daylight to let us get on with all our allotment jobs. The rewards.....well there's nothing quite like the excitement of harvesting your first new potatoes, popping open a pea pod and the taste of your first juicy strawberry.

We still have a few allotments available, so if any of you fancy having a try at growing your own veg please ring Gina Summerville on 07795625316, she will be able to give you more information.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

FREE RANGE (WORFE) PORK FROM RYTON

Thanks everyone who got in touch regarding our Free Range Pedigree Pork.
Amazed and overwhelmed, would be an understatement.

If you would like us to add your name to our growing list, here is our new email:
info@worfe.co.uk : 01952 750242

By the way the breed is called "Large Black". If we don't breed/eat them, they will die out,
so thank you again.

More pork will be available soon.

Anne and Tim, Valley Farm.

STRAY CAT

A stray cat has appeared at our properties in the last few weeks. He/she is very friendly and appears well fed, and only seems to come in the evening, but is upsetting our cats and we are unable to leave doors/windows open as the stray cat will jump straight in. If he/she does not belong to anybody we will speak to the cats protection vet to establish if tagged?



The address is Poppies, Badger Lane, the barns between Badger and Beckbury.

Diane Peace

This month's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by

Mary Buxton, Jim's wife,

in memory of her husband Jim

THE BECKBURY SHOW 2019

The Beckbury Show is now in its 11th year and to date has raised and distributed over £100,000 for local good causes.

Over the years, the build up and the show itself has been run by the same few people and whilst extra people have joined the committee and a good number of extra people help with the build up and the show itself, it is clear that for the show to continue, extra helpers/committee members are needed.

So we are appealing for additional helpers. Would you like to get involved? Do you feel you could spare some time to help with the running and organizing of the Beckbury Show? Below is a list of some of the jobs and roles that need to be fulfilled:

- Website – needs regular updating and refreshing
 - Email accounts – need managing, replying to queries and forwarding messages to relevant people
 - Show Blogger - to keep people updated throughout the year leading up to the show date
 - Social Media – regular posting to our Facebook and Instagram accounts
 - Help to write content for the show programme
 - Programme advert sales
 - Manage Children's area including Fun Fair
 - Booking and managing of non-paying exhibitors such as Police, Fire, RSPCB etc
 - Produce Show
 - Displays coordinator i.e. Tractors, Classic Cars etc
- Car park and Traffic Control – VIP, Disabled etc
 - Signage and Traffic
 - Secretary position to attend meetings and distribute actions

Over its eleven years, The Beckbury Show has been a big contributor to the local community, helping to fund improvements to Beckbury School, refurbishments to the Village Hall and Beckbury Church and to help countless smaller charities and causes who have few other options for funding.

If you have some time available and would like to get involved, please email contact@beckburyshow.co.uk with your name and contact details and one of the show committee will be in touch.

Thanks

The Beckbury Show Committee