

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 in the 6 Parishes – May 2018

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
May 6th	9.30am Communion KH trad	9.30am Morning Worship TD		8.15am Communion KH trad		11am Communion KH new
May 13th			9.30am Matins KH	11am Communion KH new		6.30pm Evening Worship KH
May 20th WHITSUN	9.30am Matins LT	9.30am Communion KH trad		6.30pm Evening Worship KH		11am Communion KH trad
May 27th Trinity		5pm Evening Worship KH	9.30am Communion KH trad	11am Morning Worship KH		

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

**O Lord give us generous hearts and hands
that we may give help and support to those in need
for the sake of Jesus Christ who gave his all for us.**

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

“The greatest of these is Charity”

Dear friends

When St Paul writes about “charity” the better word in modern English is “love” as we read in modern translations of the bible. But as it is Christian Aid Week this month 13th – 19th May let me use the old word ‘charity’ here.

Christian Aid Week did not begin until 1957 and then in only 200 towns and villages across Britain, collecting £26,000 for overseas development work. The charity actually started in 1948 to raise funds for reconstruction across war damaged Europe. Its name changed from the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service to Christian Aid in 1964

But one of my favourite charities which helps poorer communities overseas is *Practical Action* a small charity based in Warwickshire, but supporting projects in many countries. It was founded by Dr Fritz Schumacher author of the bestselling book *Small is Beautiful*. His key proposal was to develop what he termed ‘intermediate technology’ which would be superior to what rural overseas communities had but would be “vastly simpler and cheaper than the highly sophisticated and enormously capital-intensive technology of the west”.

There are well documented stories of the USA sending out high quality machines and computers to African communities without thinking about the lack of electricity to run them!

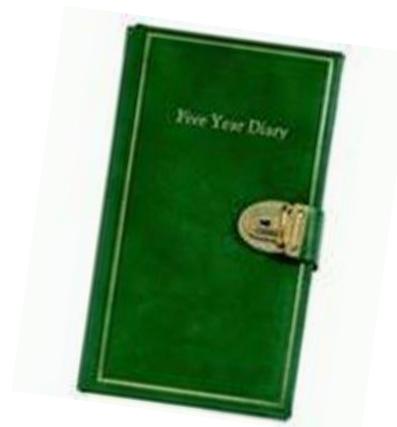
Practical Technology has designed and funded practical solutions appropriate to local situations; aerial ropeways to cross gorges; bio-sand filters to purify water; compost toilets for hygiene and manure; fireless cookers; simple irrigation schemes; Tsetse fly traps, solar cookers; salt resistant rice for growing in such areas; wind pumps.....the list goes on.

Many of us in Beckbury are enjoying the new Community Shop. I had not better say a “simple project” because it has taken many, many hours to achieve. But it perhaps illustrates what can be done by looking at the local issues and designing a suitable scheme. But without funding it would not have happened.

Charities, whatever their purpose and goal require donations from those who can afford to give. In that we can see the link between love and charity in the translated words of St Paul.

DIARY DATES FOR May

Wednesday 2 nd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm	Ryton & Grindle AVM and AGM at St Andrew's Church Ryton
Thursday 3 rd	8pm	Beckbury Village Hall AGM in Village Hall
Tuesday 8 th	2pm	Six Parishes Friendship Club meeting in Beckbury Village Hall
Thursday 10 th	10am	Ascension Day Service at Beckbury Church
Wednesday 16 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Saturday 19 th	10am to	Smartwater final distribution
Sunday 20 th	12 noon	in Beckbury Village Hall



CHURCH NEWS

The **Lent Lunches** at Trinity Methodist Church Shifnal raised £750 for Christian Aid. Our thanks to those from our churches who ran the first lunch on 28th February.

Thanks to everyone who helped **decorate the churches** for our Easter services.

The **Ascension Day** service will be at 10am at Beckbury Church on 10th May. All the churches will be open on Ascension Day for quiet prayer, with material available from the Archbishops' initiative *Thy Kingdom Come*

Church wardens, elected at the annual meetings, are formally admitted to their positions at the special service which this year is at Muxton Church on 16th May.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Ian Gregory and Melanie Hill who were married on 8th April 2018 at Sutton Maddock Church.

BECKBURY CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS



On Easter Sunday St Milburga's Church was aglow with floral displays and every nook and cranny seemed to be filled with all sorts of wonderful arrangements. It would be impossible to pick out any particular arrangement, so to all the ladies who worked so hard on the Saturday to transform our church, a big thank you for all your efforts.



BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

Councillor Gibbins updated the council on Beckbury Community Shop. The shop had been open a short while now following a very busy opening day. The shop is being used by not only the residents at Beckbury, but also the residents of neighbouring villages. Plenty of volunteers have stepped forward to assist in all aspects of the Community Shop and they are being supported by members of the Community Shop committee.

The Parish Council agreed to set up another two days for residents to collect their Smartwater kits.
The dates agreed were:

- Saturday 19th May 2018 in the Village Hall between 10am – 12pm
- Sunday 20th May 2018 in the Village Hall between 10am – 12pm

Please try to collect your kit, it will be the last opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Parish Council.

Please be aware that on Sunday 22nd April it will be the annual Armed Forces route march. This will last most of the day and there will be numerous people marching throughout the village.

The issue of potholes on the village roads was raised again. This appears to be an issue not only in Beckbury, but across the country. We have again made our feelings known to the Council.

The next parish council meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

Carl Stevemton

RYTON AND GRINdle PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL AGM

**Wednesday 2nd May 2018
7.30pm St Andrews Church, Ryton**

GRINdle HOUSE FARM UPDATE

Use of the Grindle House Farm site started late in 2013 without Planning Permission. Separate Planning Applications in May and November 2014 were refused. An Enforcement Notice requiring cessation of use was upheld at Appeal on 17th July 2017. The Enforcement Notice expired on 23rd March 2018. Meanwhile use of the site continues.

Your Shropshire Council Councillor and representatives from the Planning Department will be at the AGM to explain what happens next.....

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL

AGM 2018

Dear Beckbury Resident

The Beckbury Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at the village hall. The meeting will start at 20.00 and all are welcome to attend and participate.

At the AGM we will be launching our plans for a refurbishment of the village hall. Over the past two years we have spent money bringing the exterior of the building back up to scratch and now we intend to launch a fundraising project for work to improve the interior.

Our ambitious plans include a revamp of the 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 May.

The Beckbury Village Hall Committee

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our outing to Dobies Garden Centre at Gailey went like clockwork with some members having to make several visits to their cars with more prized purchases in hand.

During the afternoon coffee break we came face to face with the largest cream scones I have ever seen, loaded with butter, jam and cream (oh, my poor diet!!)

Our meeting on Tuesday 8th May will be back to Beckbury Village Hall for an afternoon of Bingo, starting at 2 o'clock. If anyone fancies a game of Bingo (not to be taken too seriously) do come and join us!

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

The shop has had a great first month with lots of visitors and has become a popular social hub. It has been great to see the community coming together and working together and we'd like to thank everyone for their continued support.

It has been so rewarding to hear lots of positive feedback on how the shop is benefiting people; it has reconnected isolated individuals with their community, introduced new faces to one another, offered a meeting place for coffee and friendly conversation and a focal point for many. That's what the shop is all about, it's your shop and we encourage your involvement and input. It's never too late to be a part of it so if you would like to get involved, either serving in the shop or offering a hand behind the scenes, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email: dr.heatherthomas@btinternet.com



Opening Celebration, Saturday 16th June, 2-4pm

We will be holding an official shop opening celebration party on **Saturday 9th June from 2pm-4pm**, at the shop and village hall and we would like to invite you all along to toast the efforts of our wonderful community. We will be unveiling our Prince's Countryside Fund plaque and offering teas, coffees and cake along with an opportunity to sample some of the lovely local produce that we have on offer in the shop.



Newsflash! We are now officially stocking daily and weekend newspapers in the shop so pop in and place your order and don't forget that you can order fresh bread too.



BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday	7.30am-11am 12 noon - 2pm 3pm - 7pm
Saturday	9am – 12 noon
Sunday	9am – 11am





THE SEVEN STARS

Madeley Road, Beckbury.

01952 750330

EXTENDED OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Friday **12noon to 3pm** with a lunch-time menu available.

There will be a '**Your Pub Needs You'** meeting on Monday 30th April starting at 7pm at the Seven Stars. This is a chance for villagers to discuss with Olivia any ideas they might have in order to make the pub a thriving enterprise and also a success for the village, however we do need some support from anyone wishing to help.

We are currently recruiting a cook, front of house staff and also a restaurant junior. If anyone is able to help as paid casual staff, hours to be arranged, full training will be given. It is difficult to employ staff from outside the village, as most people are not willing to travel.

The “Gin and Ale Festival” is on 19th May and will include a prosecco stall.

Volunteers are needed to help throughout the day, showing guests where to park etc.

Would anyone like to hire a stall for day? The cost is £20 per pitch and this fee will be donated to The Beckbury Show. Recommendations for children's entertainment, musicians and other acts. For example, dance groups etc who would be interested in performing during day. Perhaps a group of ladies might be interested in baking and selling home-made cakes, money raised also going to The Beckbury Show. We already have Chase, Marshall and Skye from Paw Patrol with us during the day.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE - SUNDAY 27TH MAY

The Rouse family are holding another sponsored bike ride for their chosen Children's Cancer Charity. Sponsorship forms and information are available from the Seven Stars.

The event will start and finish at the pub, where refreshments, including food, will be available.

All proceeds to be donated to **#4Chloe**.

Please help make this a memorable and successful day.

FOUND



Found on Beckbury Playing Fields during the Easter holidays, a boy's Barcelona football top and WBA goal keeping gloves.

Please contact Carl Steventon on 01952 750251 or email: carl.steventon@btinternet.com

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Lighter evenings mean we get more chance to spend on our plots. Temperatures are rising but there is always a chance of ground frost so be prepared to protect your lovingly grown tender vegetables. By the end of the month you should definitely be safe to plant out.

Jobs to be getting on with

- Mulch your strawberries with a thick layer of clear straw.
- Sow cauliflower, carrots, chicory, French and runner beans, parsley, spinach and Swiss chard outside.
- Sow sweetcorn, courgettes, marrow, pumpkins and squash indoors.
- Harden off brassicas, celery, celeriac, courgettes, fennel and leeks.
- Provide support for peas and sturdy wigwams/frames for runner beans.
- Sow herb seeds outdoors.
- Remove raspberry canes that have grown away from their rows.
- Protect fruit with netting or a cage.
- Harvest early broad beans and rhubarb.
- Plant asparagus crowns.
- Chit and plant out second early potatoes in the first half of the month.
- Melons can be sown indoors on a sunny window sill or heated greenhouse.

Winter is well and truly over and hopefully that relentless rain we had in April. From now until autumn it's planting, watering, feeding and harvesting....sadly weeding and hoeing too, but we won't dwell on that. At the end of the day we will have amazing fruit and vegetables to bring to our tables, in the knowledge that we've grown them with our bare hands.

Heidi Pringle-Scott

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