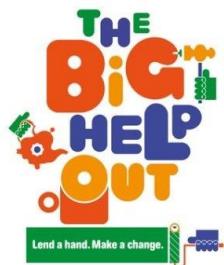




Welcome to the May 2023 edition of the Badger, Beckbury & Ryton Newsletter

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BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP



Lend a hand.
Make a change.

Can you lend us a hand?

To mark the King's Coronation, Beckbury Community Shop, along with thousands of organisations across the country, are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our communities.

We need a broad range of skills and roles. Our greatest immediate need is for volunteers in the shop. We want to make sure that people aren't overburdened, so the more people who volunteer the better. Just a couple of hours will help a great deal.

Help us to do something amazing. Join in, Lend a hand. Make a change.

USED STAMP COLLECTION IN AID OF PARKINSON'S UK

Thank you to everyone for continuing to collect their used stamps and putting them in the box in Beckbury Community Shop.

The stamps we collect generate much needed funds for Parkinson's UK. We can accept used, first and second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs and albums.

Please leave at least 1cm of paper around the stamps

Thank you for collecting.

King Charles' Coronation Party on the Field

Sunday 7th May

Please come and join in the party on the field on Sunday May 7th. The coronation is on Saturday 6th and the Sunday has been declared as "Party Day".

We are planning a similar event to last year's very successful party which celebrated the Queen's jubilee i.e., bring your own tables, chairs, food, and drink and just enjoy the company whilst the children can enjoy the new playground.

Set up your tables, gazebos, and decorations from 12.00 mid-day onwards and the party will start at 1.00 pm approx. or when you get there.

For anyone unable to walk to the playing field, the car park will be available.

NB. 1. Toilets not provided.

2. If it rains hard, we will abandon the event.

An extract from the book What I Wish People Knew About Dementia. By Wendy Mitchell.

You will never realise until you have a complex disease inside your brain how complicated some of the everyday chores we take for granted really are. What appears to other people to be the simple act of using a knife and fork is actually a very complex process- a sawing action with one hand, while the other holds the food still. It reminds me of when young children learn to play the piano with two hands: at first it makes sense for the brain to follow the other hand in unison - it is only with practice that each hand learns to play its individual keys. After my diagnosis I tried to eat the same way I always had, but suddenly the food escaped me, as if my hands weren't speaking to one another anymore - a whole sausage would be pushed around a plate before being skewered by a fork and then held up for me to nibble pieces off. The act of cutting meat was difficult and laborious. It made me feel foolish that I could no longer eat without shame-but, I had to remind myself, what was the shame of having a disease inside my brain that was eating away at many of my abilities? Better to find a way to combat it. The answer came to me simply enough: to swap a knife for a spoon. The fork could do the cutting and the spoon could scoop it up afterwards.

John Webb
Dementia Friendly co-ordinator for the Six Parishes

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Alexander and Noah, sons of Andrew and Joanne Fothergill who were baptised at Stockton Church on 16th April

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Sam Mason and Louisa Smith who were married at Stockton Church on 8th April

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of the late Gill Barber age 91 of Kemberton whose funeral service was held on 30th March at Kemberton Church

FROM THE RECTORY

Kings and Rulers

Dear Friends,

There are a number of coronation parties in our local villages on May 6th / 7th and I guess many of you will be watching the coronation procession and service on the Bank Holiday Saturday.

There has not been such an occasion since 1953 with the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, so for many people the procession and service will be a 'first'. Westminster Abbey has had coronations for nearly 1000 years with William the Conqueror being crowned King on 25th December 1066. The coronation service of [Elizabeth I](#) in 1559 was a mixture of Latin and English, but that of [James I](#) in 1603 was entirely in English.

Much has changed since then, with the 17th Century Civil War reducing the monarch's powers and authority. Even in Elizabeth II's 70 year reign, society and culture has changed constantly. But the monarch is still "Defender of the Faith" (and still we see F D on our coins) which ironically was a title given by the Pope to Henry VIII before he broke away from Rome and established himself as head of the new Church of England in 1534. The Pope removed the title from King Henry, but Henry retained it, and it has been passed on to every monarch since then.

There is rumoured to be a difference of opinion over the content of the coronation service with King Charles III wanting a more inclusive occasion but centuries-old church law not allowing Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, and other faith leaders to read prayers during the Christian coronation service. We wait to see who takes part in the service.

There is a different 'coronation' celebration on 18th May when the Church around the world marks Ascension Day with the reading of Acts 1 when 40 days after Easter, Jesus "ascended into heaven" St Paul describes this in this way

*God raised Christ from death and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly world
Christ has a title superior to all titles of authority in this world and in the next*

The traditional hymns for this church festival of Ascension are *Crown him with many crowns* while King Charles will just have two- St Edward's Crown, and at the end the lighter Imperial State Crown.

*The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now
Charles has had his challenges and difficulties in his 73 years, but not crucifixion.*

Rejoice! The Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

There will be a lot of rejoicing and singing on 6th May, but it will not go on for 2000 years

With best wishes for your coronation weekend

Keith Hodson

CHURCH NEWS

The second of the four annual farming services – **Rogation Sunday**– will be at Stockton Church 11am Sunday 21st May

Revd. Keith Hodson's **farewell services** will be on Sunday 18th June 10am at Beckbury and 4pm at Sutton Maddock

The vicar will share some stories and memories of his time here, with hymns in-between.

There will also be an evening Farewell Party for Keith & Frances in Beckbury Village Hall on Friday 16th June

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
APRIL 30			9.30am Morning Worship	11am Communion		
MAY 7		9.30am Communion				11am Communion
14	9.30am Communion			11am Morning Worship		
21			9.30am Communion		11am Rogation	
WHITSUN 28		9.30am Communion		11am Communion		
JUNE TRINITY 4	9.30am Communion					11am Communion

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (A Coronation Prayer)

Sovereign God, who called King Charles to be a ruler among his people: give him grace to be their servant; and help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service, to see God's kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fulness in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



How to hire Beckbury Village Hall

To hire the hall, please go to: 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.

If you are unable to book online please ring Emily on 07947203306

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