

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 – October 2019

	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Oct 6 th	9.30am Communion KH			11am Harvest KH		11am Morning Worship LT
Oct 13 th		9.30am Communion KH		8.15am Communion KH	11am Harvest KH	
Oct 20 th			9.30am Communion KH			11am Communion KH
Oct 27 th		9.30am Morning Worship KH		11am Communion KH		

KH – Revd Keith Hodson

TD – Tina Dalton

LT – Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH (from a harvest hymn)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin
God our maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

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

Retirement

Dear friends

In June 2010 I was appointed as the Rural Dean for our deanery of Edgmond and Shifnal following the retirement of Revd Roger Balkwill of Albrighton. Initially it was for two years only, on the understanding that I could step down at the end of those two years, or the Bishop could appoint someone else if I was no good! Nine years later I have agreed with the Bishop that I will not be re-appointed again.

Rural Deans were originally in charge of ten other local priests (“Dean” coming from the Latin *decanus* a Roman army term meaning “chief of ten”). Centuries ago monasteries were the local centres of worship, service and mission, and as their geographical area of work and responsibilities extended into the countryside, deans were appointed to oversee the monks and priests working there. Nowadays we are low level managers in the diocese, with administrative and pastoral duties, especially when parishes are without a vicar following his or her retirement or change of post. In urban areas the title has changed to *area dean* as there is little that is “rural” in many of our urban and suburban areas.

In our deanery – once two separate areas around Shifnal & Albrighton and Newport & Edgmond – I think that I am now the second longest serving vicar, having come shortly after Revd Chris Thorpe was appointed at Shifnal. So I have been involved in all the other churches of our twenty four parish deanery when they have a change of clergy.

The deanery is now fully staffed with the latest appointment of an assistant minister in the Edgmond group of six parishes. So I discussed with the Bishop that this now a good time for a new rural dean to begin, without any vacancies to deal with. We also have a new area Bishop of Shrewsbury – Bishop Sarah – and this seemed to be a good opportunity for me to stand down and let another vicar step up to the post.

Inevitably there are some aspects of the job which I have enjoyed and will miss; equally there other aspects which I am very happy to see the end of! The next Rural Dean will be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with local clergy in our area, and I will gladly pass on to him or her the files and information which I received in 2009 and which has built up further in my nine years.

I continue here as your local vicar and minister!
Hodson

Keith

DIARY DATES FOR October 2019

Oct 2 nd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Oct 2 nd	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Oct 6 th	11am	Harvest Festival Service at Kemberton
Oct 8 th	2pm	Friendship Club meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Oct 13 th	11am	Harvest Festival Service at Stockton
Oct 16 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Thanksgiving Services continue this month with services at

11am 6th October – Kemberton

11am 13th October – Stockton

Note that we put the **CLOCKS BACK** one hour on the weekend of 26/27th October.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to William Gough, son of Paul and Kate, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 25th August 2019.

Congratulations to Bradley Box, son of Mark and Jemma, who was baptised at Kemberton Church on 1st September 2019.

Congratulations to Henrietta Young, daughter of Richard and Hayley, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 15th September 2019.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Geoff Brown, aged 74, of Ironbridge whose service was held at Ryton Church on 10th September 2019.

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Philip White, aged 80, formerly of Ryton whose memorial service was held at Ryton Church on 16th September 2019.

RIDE AND STRIDE – 14th SEPTEMBER

A small team of Badger residents provided a warm welcome to walkers and cyclist at St Giles Church for the annual 'Ride and Stride' event.

We enjoyed glorious weather and had a steady flow of visitors during the day. The Rev. Pippa and John Thorneycroft were our first visitors before they set off on a bike tour of the churches in the Clun Valley. A large group of cyclists came over from Halesowen Cycling Club. Other visitors were mainly from the surrounding villages. All enjoyed the splendid array of homemade cakes and the chance to see the kingfisher, as well as visiting St Giles.

We raised £191 with donations for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Grateful thanks to all the Badger helpers.

Nicky and Terry (Lipscombe)

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BECKBURY CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

On Saturday 16th November there will be a Christmas Fayre in Beckbury Village Hall from 10.30am to 3pm. Craft and gift stalls, tombola, bric-a-brac and plenty of fun activities for children will be available. Also both savoury and sweet refreshments will be on offer plus mulled wine and hot/cold drinks.

Start Christmas early and come along to support this family community event; have lots of fun and do some Christmas shopping!

The proceeds will go to St Milburga's Church funds. Entry is free!

BRIC-A-BRAC is wanted for the above Christmas Fayre, but due to shortage of space, please no electrical items, clothes or large items. Please contact David Tooth on 01952 750324 or Dee Holes on 01952 750756 for further details.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On 10th September members made a visit to St Mary's Church at Patshull to look around this understated Church, and to learn more of its connection with Royalty through the ages. On entering the Church, however, my first surprise was to discover that the Church possessed not one but three organs to accompany the congregation. The first organ had old bellows which were hand pumped, the second a harmonium and the third a modern electronic organ. My second surprise was when one of our members said that as a young lad he had to work the bellows for his mother who was an organist at a church at Cleobury North

We learned that in 1087 Patshull was called Peckleshall, this changed in 1220 to Pattershall, later to Patehill and eventually to what we now know as Patshull. In 1483 the estate passed to the Astley family, an early notable was John Astley who fought a duel in Paris before King Charles 6th in 1428, he later fought in front of King Henry 6th in London at the end of which he was knighted by the king. Passing through time we come to Sir John Astley who married a lady from Shrewsbury named Mary. She did not like Patshull at all and refused to live here, so Sir John hired Capability Brown to transform the estate into the place of beauty you see today and although John and Mary had 6 children between them she never lived at Patshull.

Passing through the years in 1763 Dugdale Astley sold the estate to Lord George Pigot for £100,000, unfortunately he did not have the finance at the time, but on return from India he had a large diamond in his possession which he offered up as a lottery prize which amazingly was won by his valet Mr Monckton. Space prevents a detailed review of the Pigots history but suffice to say the family were not to be messed about with. In 1848 the Dartmouth family took over the Patshull Estate and so connections with our royal family became closer with several visits by the Queen Mother in recent years. Other notable events were in

1869 the lifeboat Augusta (paid for by tenants) was launched on the Great Lake before going to its final home at St David's and in 1887 a water system was installed to provide water throughout the estate.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th October starting at 2pm in Beckbury Village Hall for one of John Whitham's infamous quizzes.

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THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS – STRIKING COMPETITION 10TH SEPT 2019

Once again Beckbury entered a team in the Annual Striking Competition which this year took place at St Mary's Church, Albrighton.

The team was somewhat depleted, only being able to muster four ringers. However, with the help of Gareth Jones and Karen Bryant we were able to compete. The competition this year was very even, with less than 20 faults covering all the teams.

Beckbury came 4th and our thanks again go to Gareth and Karen for helping us out.

We are always looking for new recruits, we practice on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm to 9pm. If you fancy a go please come along one Tuesday and have a go.

BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS

We took the Community Shop to the Beckbury Show in sunny September. The stand was busy and looked super, filled with lots of local produce, cakes and crafts. We really enjoyed meeting new faces and seeing so many familiar ones. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to see us, and an extra special thank you to everyone involved in organising such a successful show. We're extremely proud and thankful to be part of such a great community.

We held an enjoyable volunteers meeting in late September. New volunteers are always very welcome, if you would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us by popping into the shop or dropping us an email at info@beckburysshop.co.uk

We are pleased to be supporting another local producer; free range Worfe Pork, produced from pigs right on our doorstep in Ryton, is now available in the shop. More organic beeswax wraps have arrived in the shop, and are now available in various Harry Potter prints too. They are ideal for lunchboxes and a great, reusable way to reduce plastic waste. We also have some lovely brooches and cards created by local artist Amanda Hillier and new card designs from another talented local artist Jess Grimsdale.

We had lots of lovely entries in our children's summer colouring competition, the village is full of talented young artists! We're pleased to announce that the winners are: Eva Spickernell in the KS2 category and Rosemary Hall in the KS1 category. With a special mention for Addie Hammond aged 17, and Lucy, aged 20 months for their super colouring too!

The Annual Members Meeting was held on 18th September, open to everyone who bought shares in the Community Shop. The annual accounts were presented and the members elected to serve on the Committee

for the next 12 months. Paul Pleydell announced the results of the Shop's Community Grant scheme to distribute £3,000 of the first year's profits to local good causes:

- £2,020 to the village hall refurbishment fund
- £200 to the Parish Newsletter for printer maintenance
- £380 as a contribution to the upkeep of the churchyard
- £400 for a mental health and well-being programme for children at Beckbury School.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Beckbury Parish Council met on Wednesday 4th September in Beckbury Village Hall.

Several agenda items were discussed including;

- Beckbury Playing Fields – it was agreed that the playing fields are looking in excellent condition and are regularly maintained. The Fields are currently being used by Beckbury Boys U'11 football teams on a Saturday and Sunday. The Playing Fields are available for hire. If you are interested, please contact Carl Steventon.
- Beckbury Parish Plan – we have currently received 41 replies to the Parish Plan questionnaire. The closing date for replies is Friday 27th September. All replies can be left at the Community Shop. Once completed all replies will be evaluated and the Parish Plan will be updated.
- The Beckbury Show 2019 – this took place on Saturday 7th September. It was another great day for our small village. We are informed that in excess of 6,000 people attended this year's show which included 2,200 vehicles being parked. All the monies raised will go to various charities. The Parish Council wish to express their thanks and gratitude to all those involved in the Beckbury Show.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2019, Village Hall, Beckbury.

Public participation is between 1930hrs and 1935hrs.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

We hope everyone enjoyed the Beckbury Show. It certainly was an amazing day with record numbers of visitors and fabulous weather. The standard of entries for the produce marquee was again very high. Thank you to all who took part and congratulations to the winners.

We are having a late summer burst of warm weather but autumn is upon us, cooler weather is on its way and the days are getting noticeably shorter. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can. For the allotment grower Sept/Oct can be one of the busiest times.....harvesting and preparing the soil for the winter.

Jobs to be getting on with:

- Dig up onions and potatoes to store over the winter. Light for onions, dark for potatoes to prevent turning green.
- Keep picking soft fruit, they will continue to produce up until the first frost.
- Prune and train summer fruiting bushes
- Harvest celeriac crops and store in dry sand
- Plant or divide rhubarb crowns
- Lift and store horseradish in crates of shredded paper or sharp sand
- Feed all crops with chicken manure
- Dig up and compost plants that have finished their season
- Roughly dig over plot. It's a good time to sow winter grazing rye as a green manure and dig back in the spring

Now that the summer fruiting plants such as tomatoes and cucumbers have been harvested it's the perfect time to prepare your greenhouse or poly tunnel for spring. Dig the beds over and add well-rotted manure, leave the doors open to allow the frost to get in and break up the soil. You could sow broad beans (sowing now means they don't suffer from black fly), winter spinach, hardy lettuce and oriental leaves.

The clocks go back 27th October. This marks the end of summertime so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment as you can.

There is still an allotment available if anyone fancies growing their own veg. Please ring Gina Somerville on 07795625316 for more details.

Heidi Pringle-

Scott

RYTON AND GRINDLE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019. Councillors attending were new Chair Cllr John Webb, Deputy Chair Cllr Sarah Williams, Cllrs Richard Holt, Allan Amey and Mark Dady. Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor Michael Wood who will also be invited to the next meeting in December. Matters discussed included hedge cutting and hidden road signs, the Parish Council will report these to Shropshire Council although it is also worthwhile residents reporting them directly especially when they cause hazardous driving issues.

Damaged Road Signs: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/report-a-highways-fault-or-concern/>
Dangerous or overgrown hedgerows or trees: trees@shropshire.gov.uk

Also on the agenda were the Parish Finances which are doing well after receiving a bill of good health from the Auditor earlier in the year. The Council agreed that Riverwood grounds maintenance have been doing an excellent job with the grass cutting, sign smartening and litter picking and that this would continue until the end of October and restart next March.

Councillors also discussed the refreshing of the Parish Plan, which is a work in progress, being superseded by a possible Neighbourhood Plan. This would involve a large commitment from both the Parish Council and Parish Residents if it were to go head. For a summary of local Plans under the Localism Act 2011 look at the Shropshire Council Website:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-led-plans/>

If a neighbourhood Plan were to begin, support from residents would be key and working parties would need to be established to tackle various aspects of its development. Therefore the Parish Council welcomes residents of Ryton and Grindle (or within a 3mile radius) to come forward and find out how they can get involved. Contact the Clerk or any of your Councillors to find out more.

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday 11th December 2019 and 11th March and 13th May 2020 at 19.30hrs
at St Andrew's Church, Ryton.

Everyone is invited to attend, at the start of each meeting there will be a public open forum of 15 minutes where questions, queries and ideas can be discussed, please contact the Clerk if you require an answer to any particular question or if you would like an item added to the Council's Agenda.

Ryton and Grindle are adding to the content of their website, we welcome contributions from local organisations, but unfortunately cannot accept advertising. Please contact the Clerk on clerk.rgpc@gmail.com
and please visit our Website www.rytonandgrindle.org.uk

COMPUTER TRAINING – ALBRIGHTON BROADPLACE

Have you just had a new laptop, tablet or I-Pad? Perhaps you simply want to improve the knowledge/skills you already have. Why not give us a call on the numbers below and see if we can help. We are a voluntary group operating from The Red House in Albrighton every Thursday between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

There are no "set" lessons, we sit with you individually and teach you what **you** want to learn, on your machine. If you cannot bring yours, we have laptops and an I-Pad available for use. We charge £2.00 per hour to cover the room hire. We are also a "drop-in centre", so if you wish to use our computers or bring yours in for up to 2 hours as above you are welcome.

If you are interested or want to know more, please ring **Geoff Page on 01902 372821** or Mike Pitchford on 01902 597701 for more information.

Please note, we cannot do repairs or fault finding.

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PATSHULL PARK HOTEL

General Manager Stephen Kimbell retires after 29 years service



On 18th August friends, family and colleagues past and present were invited to the Dartmouth & Lewisham Suite to celebrate the retirement of Stephen Kimbell, General Manager of Patshull Park Hotel, Golf & Country Club (seen here with David and Beryl Tooth) who has held the reigns since October 1990.

His experience in the hospitality and catering industry has stemmed from training as a college student, before his trans-Atlantic move to Bermuda in his early career to become Convention Manager at The Hamilton Princess Hotel.

Throughout his tenure, Stephen has worked tirelessly to improve all aspects of the hotel and was a familiar face to many returning guests over the years. His belief has always been to lead from the front; you could have seen him serving Christmas Day lunch alongside the restaurant staff, or manning Reception to greet guests as they arrive to check in.

Throughout the years Mr Kimbell has always been quick to recognise the hard work of the team around him and had developed a phrase to accompany this recognition. If you were given a hearty handshake and told "well done" by him, it was always seen as the highest accolade.

Staff would like to thank him for creating an amazing community of long serving staff who will continue his legacy at Patshull Park Hotel.

With thanks to God for Beckbury and its wonderful community

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