

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 – November 2016

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
Nov 6 th		9.30am Communion KH (trad)				11am Communion KH (trad)
Nov 13 th Remembrance	10.50am TD			9.30am KH	10.50am KH	3.30pm KH
Nov 20 th		9.30am Morning Worship KH	9.30am Morning Worship TD			11am Matins KH
Nov 27 th Advent	9.30am Communion KH (trad)			11am Advent Service KH Choir		

KH - Revd Keith Hodson;

TD - Tina Dalton;

LT - Local Team

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day
 when wars shall cease, and poverty and pain shall end,
 that earth may know the peace of heaven,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - david.tooth2@btinternet.com

Or Ruth Ferguson at Tarltons, Beckbury – 01952 750267 not later than 14th of this month, please.



FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends,

This year is the centennial anniversary of the Battle of the Somme which began on 1st July and ended on 18th November 1916, when fighting stopped because surviving the winter became the priority for both sides. It was one of the costliest battles of World War 1. The original Allied estimate of casualties on the Somme, stated at the time, was 485,000 British and French casualties and 630,000 German, but these figures are not entirely accurate. But on the first day alone the British Army lost nearly 60,000 men.

Debate still continues today on the value or futility of the Somme. Some argue that it was a necessary step in the change from old style Victorian warfare to a more modern style of “industrial warfare” with aeroplanes, tanks and guns. Some see it as a turning point in weakening and exhausting German resources leading to the final victory in 1918.

Another on-going debate is the place of religion in these conflicts. Anglican bishops and chaplains were with the troops, and people prayed in Sunday services and privately for their family members on the front line. But does this make the Great War a “religious war” as one writer has stated?

The causes of the war seem not to have been religious at all, but more to do with land and power and the European desire to build empires. No doubt this empire building included an element of taking Victorian culture and church to annexed lands, but inside Europe the tensions between competing nations were not about religion. While there are pacifists in the Church, many acknowledge the need to defend against aggression and injustice. It is hard not to support the WW2 allies in their fight against Nazism.

In this country this year the Somme was remembered on 1st July at 7.28am with a two minute silence observed on all BBC Radio stations to mark the start of the battle. Across Britain 1,400 actors, dressed in replica World War 1-period British Army uniforms, walked about in streets and public open areas, each taking on the identity of a British soldier who died on the first day of the Somme, and handing out information cards about that soldier.

We will be remembering in our Remembrance Sunday Services in church all those who died in the two Great Wars and more recent conflicts, as well as praying for soldiers and victims in present day conflicts.

Keith Hodson

DIARY DATES FOR November

Wednesday 2nd	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Saturday 5 th	10am	Defibrillator Training in Beckbury Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	10am	Beckbury annual litter pick
Tuesday 8 th	1.30pm	Friendship Club visit to Mere Heath Garden Centre
Sunday 13 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service
Wednesday 16 th	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 27 th	2pm	Craft Fair in Norton Village Hall
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th		Ryton Road Closed



CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our **Harvest Services** with music, fruit and flower arrangements and catering.

Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November and there will be 4 services on the day. Details can be found in the service rota.

The annual **Operation Shoebox** Appeal is under way with Shiona Ferriday of Sutton Maddock as our co-ordinator.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Alfie Charlie and Lottie Needs, children of Lawrence and Stacey, who were baptised at Kemberton Church on 2nd October 2016.

Congratulations to Isla Grace Dalton, daughter of Marc and Joanne, who was baptised at Sutton Maddock Church on 23rd October 2016.

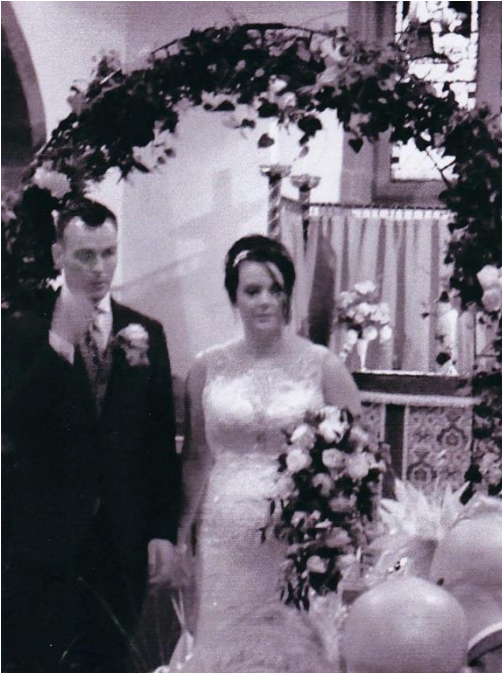
WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Richard Goss and Lauren Bennett who were married at Beckbury Church on 1st October 2016.

DEFIBRILLATOR CONTACTS

If some-one has collapsed and appears to be unconscious you should call one of the trained operators listed below. You should also dial 999 for an ambulance

Heather Thomas	01952 750334	Anne Evans	01952 750347
Di Rawthenstall	01952 750208	Roy Sutcliffe	01952 750358
Rick Cattel	01746 783942	Neil & Louise Dunn	01952 750413
Peter Gibbins	01952 750293		



Richard Goss and Lauren Bennett during their wedding ceremony at St Milburga's Church, Beckbury.

BECKBURY CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, for the first time, the Church's Harvest Celebration coincided with the Beckbury Show and it was decided by members of Beckbury PCC that the Church should join forces with the Show on this day, so floral displays were planned in detail and duly completed ready for the public to see on 24th September. Our thanks to Ian Field for helping with the banner inviting visitors to the Church. We had some stunning displays, including one in the choir stalls which showed flowers and spices from around the world, many visitors came to see and comment and then make a donation for the Show Charities.

The following day we had our traditional harvest service which included gifts of grain and water, then vegetables and fruit taken down the aisle by local children.

Following the service we headed off to Badger for our traditional harvest lunch, and our thanks go to Louise Nixon for her generosity. Louise and her team of helpers are to be congratulated on their efforts for a truly memorable lunch in delightful surroundings.

SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Well, it was that time of the year again – The Children's Shoebox Appeal – and members entered the village hall laden with gifts which were quickly transferred to tables to be sorted into boys/girls or either, thank you to Beryl Tooth and Jenny Bradley who had between them covered over 25 shoe boxes with festive paper. Soon happy members were busy filling boxes with goodies ranging from soap and toothbrushes to all sorts of hats, games, writing materials and toys, with each box going to Anne and Jenny for checking to ensure that all items met with the required criteria. All too soon the tables were cleared, boxes added up, and much to our amazement, we found we had filled 42 shoeboxes.

Our next problem was finding enough money to send the gifts onwards, at a cost of £3.00 per box we needed a total of £126.00. Already members and friends had donated £90.00 so the balance should, hopefully, be reached before our shoeboxes go on to the next stage.

For our meeting on 8th November we are going to Mere Park Garden Centre, near Newport, leaving Beckbury at 1.30pm outside the church.

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Wednesday 5th October.

Progress on the Community Shop Project was reported to the Council, we have received a positive response to our pre-planning application, submitted to Shropshire Council and are now talking to potential building suppliers. When this is finalised we will be submitting a full planning application and hope to get approval by Christmas. The team have been updating our list of potential future volunteers – 41 people have so far offered to help. We could still do with some more so please make contact with Cat Spickernell if you are interested. cat.spickernell@yahoo.co.uk, tel. 01952 750428

Carl Steventon reported that the new Beckbury web site had just been launched – see www.beckburyparish.co.uk. Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes will be published on the site and the village is encouraged to make use of the site for local news/publicity. Contact Carl, tel.07701 059161.

The Chairman reported that the Council had agreed to pay for the replacement battery for the village defibrillator sourced by Roy Sutcliffe. A refresher training course is fixed for 5th November and David Tooth was asked to include contact details for all the trained operators in every Parish Newsletter.

The annual village litter pick is planned for the first Sunday of November – the 6th, starting at 10am at the village hall. Please come and volunteer to help – gloves and bags will be provided.

A planning application to prune an overhanging tree at Beckbury Hall was considered, with no objections raised.

Finally Heather Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the Beckbury Show team for another successful show.

NORTON CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 27th November 2pm

In Norton Village Hall

With all the usual seasonal favourites including the Grand Raffle, tombola, treasure hunt and the fabulous cake stall and, of course, delicious refreshments.

This year the hall will again be filled with craft stalls with homemade jams, chutneys and fudge, wood crafts and Forever Living to name a few.

Come and join us for this family afternoon, relax and do your Christmas shopping, have a delicious homemade cake and chatter whilst supporting Norton Village Hall, a registered charity.

Entry 50p, (children free) with door raffle ticket.

BECKBURY ALLOTMENTS

Yet another fabulous Beckbury Show. The produce marquee was very popular again, and we would like to thank all who took part to make it such a success. Here a list of the winning entries:

Children's Display: Pre-School 2-4 Reece Forster. Infants 5-7 Dominic Gailey.

Juniors 8-11 Connie Lloyd

Overall Children's Category Winner: Dominic Gailey

Flower Arranging: Jane Gearing. **Homemade Cakes: Fruit** – Jane Gearing. **Sponge** – Jane Gearing
Chocolate – Mary Johnson. **Overall Cake Category Winner** – Mary Johnson.

Pastries – Brenda Onions.

Preserves: Jam – Chris Gilbert; **Chutney** – Clare Briscoe; **Pickles** – Nigel Bridgwater;

Overall Preserves Category Winner – Clare Briscoe.

Homemade Beverages - Sandra Jones

Crafts: Kath Wherton

Box of Vegetables - Ray Nightingale. **Carrots** - Ray Nightingale. **Leeks** - Nigel Bridgwater.

Onions – Matt Williams. **Tomatoes** – Ray Nightingale. **Runner Beans** – Will and Lily Law

Marrow – Douglas Spickernell. **Parsnips** – Ray Nightingale. **Shallots** – Barry Truss.

Cabbage - Ray Nightingale. **Potatoes** – Trevor Onions. **Beetroot** – Jane Gearing.

Funniest Vegetable or Fruit: Matt Williams.

Show Overall Winner – Ray Nightingale.

Things to be aiming to do on your plot:

- Broad beans – sowing now means they don't suffer from black-fly
- Cabbage – last chance to plant spring cabbage. Cover with net to protect from pigeons
- Garlic – plant garlic cloves. The longer they are in the bigger next year's bulb will be
- Rhubarb – now is the time to plant new sets or divide and prepare old crowns
- Fruit Bushes – plant bare rooted bushes allowing them time to get their roots down before the start of next growing season.

Remember that the clocks go back at the end of the month, so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment that you can.

Heidi Pringle-Scott



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FOSACRAG PRESENTS
A SING-A-LONG-A-LELE
With the BRIDGNORTH UKULELE BAND

From the Beatles to YMCA.....
Pew Dancing

Saturday 3rd December 2016 at 7.30pm
ST ANDREWS CHURCH, RYTON

Tickets £5.00 to include a free glass of wine and nibbles
More wine, drinks and nibbles on sale. Prize Raffle
Tickets from Mark Dady 01952 750844 or markdady@hotmail.co.uk

**PROCEEDS TO FOSACRAG FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF RYTON CHURCH AND UKULELE CHARITIES**

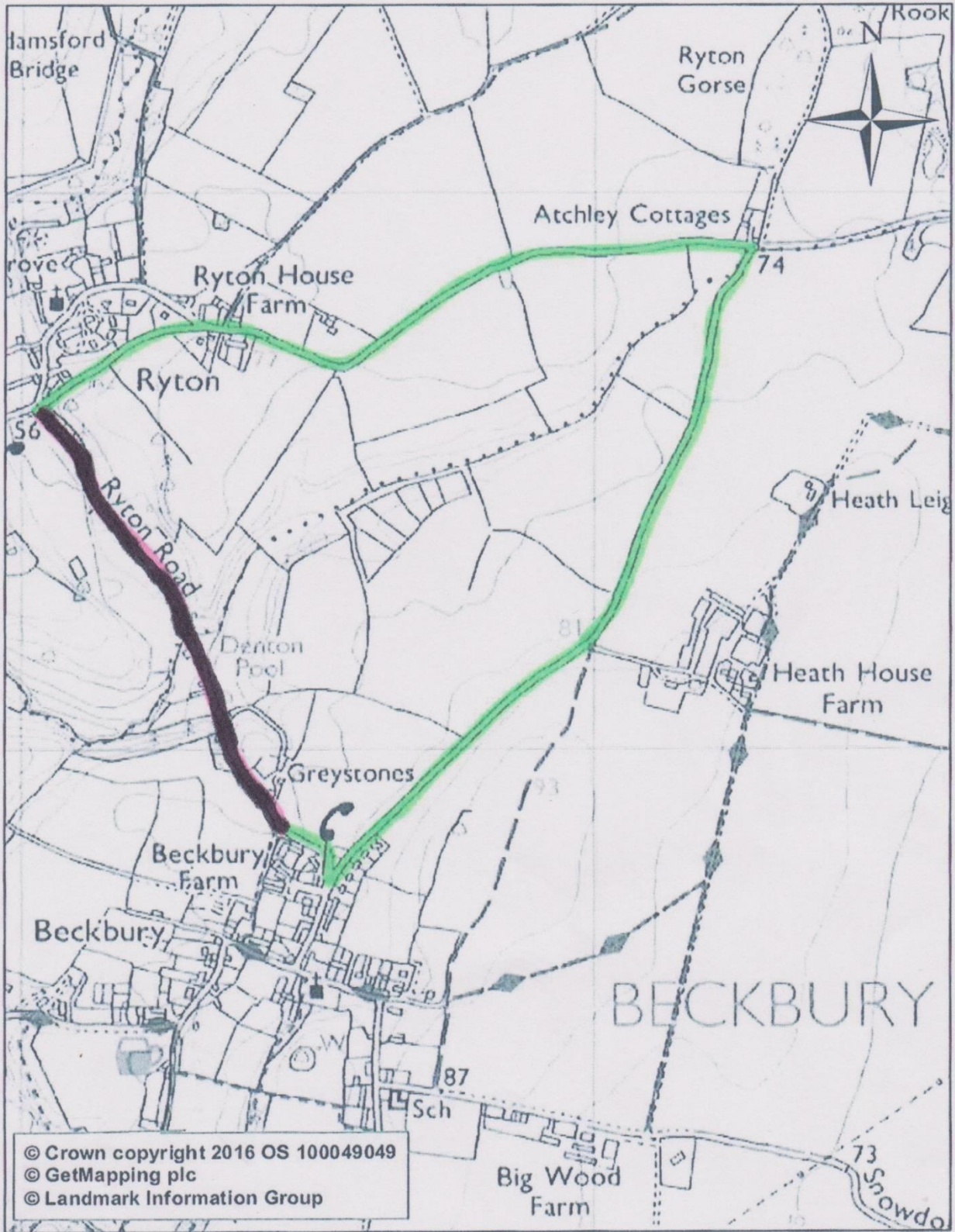
BECKBURY TRAIL

On Sunday 20th November Lawley Running Club are, again, organising the Beckbury Trail, with 300 runners taking part. The run starts at 11am from Higford Lane for the 5.6mile run.

ROAD CLOSURES

Road to be closed: The Ryton to Beckbury Road
will be closed for 5 days from 21.11.16, during the hours of 9.30 to 15.30.
Purpose: Openreach works – safe access to underground network
Applicant: A-Plant Lux Traffic. See map on page 8.

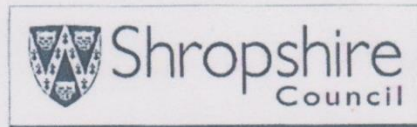
**This month's Newsletter is kindly sponsored by
Max and Freda Breeze
to celebrate the wedding of their grandson Richard Goss to Lauren Bennett
which took place on Saturday 1st October 2016**



Roads Closed



Diversion Route



Date: 19/08/2016

The Beckbury Show just keeps on growing....

On Saturday 24th September 2016, the Beckbury Show hit a record high, with an estimated 5,000 people coming through the gates. The show, now in its 8th year, goes from strength to strength and has grown from its humble beginning as a produce show to a firm favourite on the events calendar across the region.

The produce competitions and displays are still at the core of the show and it was a bumper year in the Produce Marquee, with the number of entries doubling year-on-year reflecting an overall total of 201 entries across all categories. The amount raised by the produce section also doubled year-on-year, through sales of the produce entries and the raffle for a box of produce which included vegetables, fruit and flowers all donated by the Beckbury Allotment Association. The entries covered every category and the judges had their work cut out to select winners given the high standard. The overall Produce Show winner was Ray Nightingale – a newcomer to the show.



The 5,000 visitors were treated to a full food court featuring locally sourced produce including a traditional BBQ and pig roast, a beer tent with cask ales and lagers, as well as a Pimm's tent, so ensuring plenty of refreshments for the whole family.

The Fun Fair complete with bouncy castle and merry-go-round kept the younger visitors happy, while the older generation rolled back the years to recall fond memories while looking around at the vintage tractors, cars and machinery.



At the heart of the show, as in previous years, was the main arena and stage and this year was exceptional for entertainment, with the pupils from Beckbury school and a Ukulele band taking to the stage and creating a real buzz around the show ground.



The main arena was just as exciting for all, with pony club races and games that included lots of audience participation. Particularly fascinating was a highly-skilled wood carver who used just a chainsaw to carve a bird out of a block of wood – which was afterwards auctioned and raised over £100. The birds of prey then took flight, giving a stunning display that had the crowds transfixed.

A 40-stall Farmers Market completed this unique blend of a Country Show and Fete that has proven to be, year after year, a fun day out for all the family.

The Beckbury show is organised and run by local volunteers with the sole aim of raising money for local charities – and without their willingness and hard work, the show wouldn't be possible. So a big thank you to everyone who made a contribution this year: it was welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Since its inception the Beckbury show has raised over £60,000 and, once confirmed, this year's figure will be added to that amazing total.

Now the planning starts for **2017** – and we hope to see you all there next year!

A decorative poster for 'THE BECKBURY SHOW CHARITY AUCTION'. The poster features ornate scrollwork and a central banner with the text 'THE BECKBURY SHOW CHARITY AUCTION'. Below the banner, it lists 'ENTERTAINMENT FULL PAY BAR & 3 COURSE MEAL'. The date is 'FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER'. It includes the website 'BECKBURYSHOW.CO.UK' and a list of lots: 'Luxury BMW for the weekend', 'A Days Pheasant Shooting', and 'Over 20 lots in total, so plenty to bid for.' A price tag graphic shows '£10 PER TICKET Entertainment, Full pay bar and 3 course meal'. The Beckbury Show logo is at the bottom, along with contact information for Hannah: '07540 770268' and 'hannah@beckburyshow.co.uk'. A gavel is visible in the bottom right corner. A footer note says 'Limited availability, so book early for a great evenings entertainment!'.

