

# SIX PARISHES NEWSLETTER



for  
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 St Milburga's Church. Beckbury  
 St Andrew's Church. Ryton  
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## Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes – June 2016

Sunday	Badger	Beckbury	Ryton	Kemberton	Stockton	Sutton Maddock
June 5 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Matins TD	9.30am Communion KH (new)	6.30pm Evening Worship KH		11am Communion KH (new)
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am United Service KH Choir					
June 19 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am Communion KH (new)	9.30am Morning Worship TD	11am Morning Worship LT		11am Matins KH
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Communion KH (trad)	5pm Evensong KH Choir		11am Communion KH (new)		

KH - Revd Keith Hodson;

TD - Tina Dalton;

LT - Local Team

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH (for the Queen's Birthday)

Heavenly Father.

As we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen,  
 receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years  
 and for all that she has given to her people.

Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her,  
 and as you gather us together in celebration,  
 unite us in love and service to one another;  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



## Next Newsletter

Contributions for next month's newsletter to either –

David Tooth at Havenside, Beckbury – 01952 750324. Email - [david.tooth2@btinternet.com](mailto: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,

Here is a quiz night question for you: what was Queen Anne's Bounty? And in keeping with quiz nights the answer comes at the end!

Queen Elizabeth II is head of the Church of England, but the arrangements for providing salaries for the clergy is very different now to how it was in Queen Anne's time. Clergy "stipends" (as our salaries are called, a word which strangely comes from old Latin meaning a soldier's pay or a tax!) are now paid by the dioceses. In my case this is the Diocese of Lichfield, whose budget of £15 million includes income from its churches and congregations. These contributions are called "parish shares" and make up nearly 70% of the total diocesan income. From this, £12.5 million goes to clergy housing, salaries and pensions.

But as with so many business and family budgets, costs rise while income decreases. The Church of England does not sell a product like businesses, though weddings and funerals may be seen by some as such. There are fewer weddings and funerals taken by the Church year on year with other options and venues available and also with society's changing beliefs and practices. The Church is not a business but a charity, and depends mainly on voluntary donations. These are our "parish shares" made up of voluntary Sunday gifts and collections and also with fund raising by local church members. Our six churches contribute a total of £39,000 though it is estimated that the cost of having a vicar (with training; house; pension; salary; diocesan support) is about £55,000.

Our 2015 AGMs showed that four of our Six Parishes were in deficit last year and had to use reserves to balance the accounts. Budgets range from £6,000 to £11,000 for running costs, without major repairs or improvement projects. Our churches cannot keep on using up their reserves.

So my letter this month is an appeal to parishioners to consider either making regular donations to your local church (and thanks to those who already do) or consider making arrangements to leave a legacy in your will. One church in our deanery has recently received a very generous legacy from a resident which will enable the church council, not only to cover shortfalls in its annual running costs for many years to come, but also to look at improvements to its church building and facilities.

Contact me or your local church treasurer if you wish to discuss this further.

With best wishes.

*Keith Hodson*

*Queen Anne's Bounty was a scheme set up in 1704 to supplement the income of poorer clergy, at a time when there was no standard salary, but a variety of parish incomes which made some clergy very well off and others very poor.*

## DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Beckbury Parish Council meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Service At Badger Church
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Ryton Secret Garden
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Apley Walled Garden Tea Party
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Friendship Club meet in Beckbury Village Hall
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Ryton & Grindle Parish Council meet in Ryton Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Prayers on Wednesday



## CHURCH NEWS

**Food Bank Donation Boxes** are at the back of our 6 churches. If you wish to make donations please check the suggestions list on the box, as well as the use by date on your contributions.

**The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations** are on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Badger Church hosts a special 10.30am **united service**, when we will hear about some of the Queen's beliefs from her Christmas messages;

Ryton are having **Open Gardens 12pm – 5pm** with a dozen gardens open and teas at the church. Tickets £4 on the day;

Stockton Church, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Hamilton, are arranging a tour of the **Apley Walled Garden at 3pm** followed by tea. Tickets £20 available by email from [hilary1@cheswardine.com](mailto:hilary1@cheswardine.com)

**The Bishop of Shrewsbury** is our speaker at the deanery meeting 7.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> June at Albrighton Church Centre. We look forward to hearing his views on the way forward for the Church in this area.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to William George Matthew York, son of Tom and Katie, who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Congratulations to Ronnie Raymond Clarke, son of Ross and Helen, who was baptised at Badger Church on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Congratulations to Lois May Ward, daughter of Neil and Amy, who was baptised at Beckbury Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Martin Spencer and Rebecca Dimmock who were married on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Stockton Church.

## **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathies to the family of the late Mrs 'Barney' Turner, aged 91 of Kemberton who was buried at Kemberton Church on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## **SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

In the absence of David and Beryl, who were in Scotland on holiday, the afternoon was organized by John Whitham and Anne Hodgins and again much fun was had by members present, playing games of old. For our June meeting John will be presenting us with one of his fiendish quizzes, he says that it keeps us young to get the old grey matter working.

For our **JULY** meeting we are once again visiting Llangollen, but this time to include a 2 hour motorised cruise on the Llangollen Canal, crossing en-route the famous 126ft high aquaduct built by Thomas Telford in 1805. Our itinerary for the day will start from Beckbury at 9am and arriving at Llangollen at about 10.30am. We then spend some time sight-seeing including lunch. We board the coach again at 1.30pm for a ride to our barge trip starting at Froncysyllte, and after a 2 hour boat ride we again meet our coach for the trip home, arriving in Beckbury at about 5.30pm.

Quite a busy and very full day for everyone, but should be very enjoyable.

The cost for the day, including the boat trip, is £15.00 for members and £18.00 for non-members. A £10 deposit is required at the time of booking.

## **BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Mark Spickernell attended the open to public section of the meeting to report on Beckbury Allotments and discuss proposed developments.

The Council re-elected Messrs Gibbins and Steventon as Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the next 12 months. The Parish Council annual accounts for 2015/16 were presented and approved by the meeting.

The Community Shop Committee had met on 7<sup>th</sup> April and a follow up meeting was arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> May to agree how to take the project forward.

Latest forecast on the village connection to fibre broadband is that it will still go live before the summer.

The Council noted that the pothole at the entrance to Brook Farm, Madeley Road and the deep passing place on Badger Road had both been repaired since the last meeting.

Work has commenced on the creation of a new web site for Beckbury as part of the Government's policy of encouraging Councils to be more transparent.

## **PARKING ON PAVEMENTS**

You may have seen this issue on the national news recently, featured as an increasing problem in major cities, and parking on pavements has actually been illegal in London for over 40 years. However, elsewhere it is not illegal although driving on the pavement has been since 1835 when a ban was introduced against riding on “any horse, ass, sheep, mule, swine, or cattle or carriage of any description, or any truck or sledge” along paths meant for pedestrians.

The Parish Council has recently been getting complaints of the problem in our village. It is a frequent complaint from parents walking children to school, often with prams and being forced out into the road at a busy time for traffic.

So can we please appeal to all drivers to be more considerate and to avoid parking on the pavement whenever possible, particularly where there is room to safely park in the road?

## **ROAD CLOSURE**

Road to be closed:	Ryton Road, adjacent to Ryton House Farm
Date and duration:	6 <sup>th</sup> June, 09.00 – 17.00 hours
Purpose:	Desilt and clear blockages
Applicant:	A Plant Lux

If you require any further information please contact: [Richard.Ealey@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.Ealey@shropshire.gov.uk)

*A Tea Party*  
*to celebrate*  
*Her Majesty the Queen's*  
*90th Birthday*

in aid of St Chad's Church Stockton  
Apley Walled Garden, Apley Park  
Sunday 12th June 2016  
3pm-6pm

Tickets £20  
from Hilary Blakeley, [hilary1@cheswardine.com](mailto:hilary1@cheswardine.com)  
6 Cheswardine Lane, Norton, TF11 9EQ  
*Strictly pre booked tickets only*

# SECRET GARDEN SUNDAY

RYTON TF11 9JL



## Another great village event

People within the village of Ryton are to open their gardens for one day to raise money for the maintenance of the structure of Ryton church.

The gardens are all within walking distance of the church.

All you need to do is save the date and join us for a wonderful opportunity to see a wide range of gardens on our trail, purchase a plant and enjoy a **Queen's Birthday** tea and cake at the church.

Each garden will be someone's favourite.

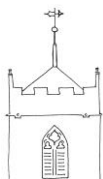
A 'Spot and Name the Gnome' competition will be included for children!

Tickets £4.00 per person. Children under 12 free.



# Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Time: 12.00 noon till 5.00 pm



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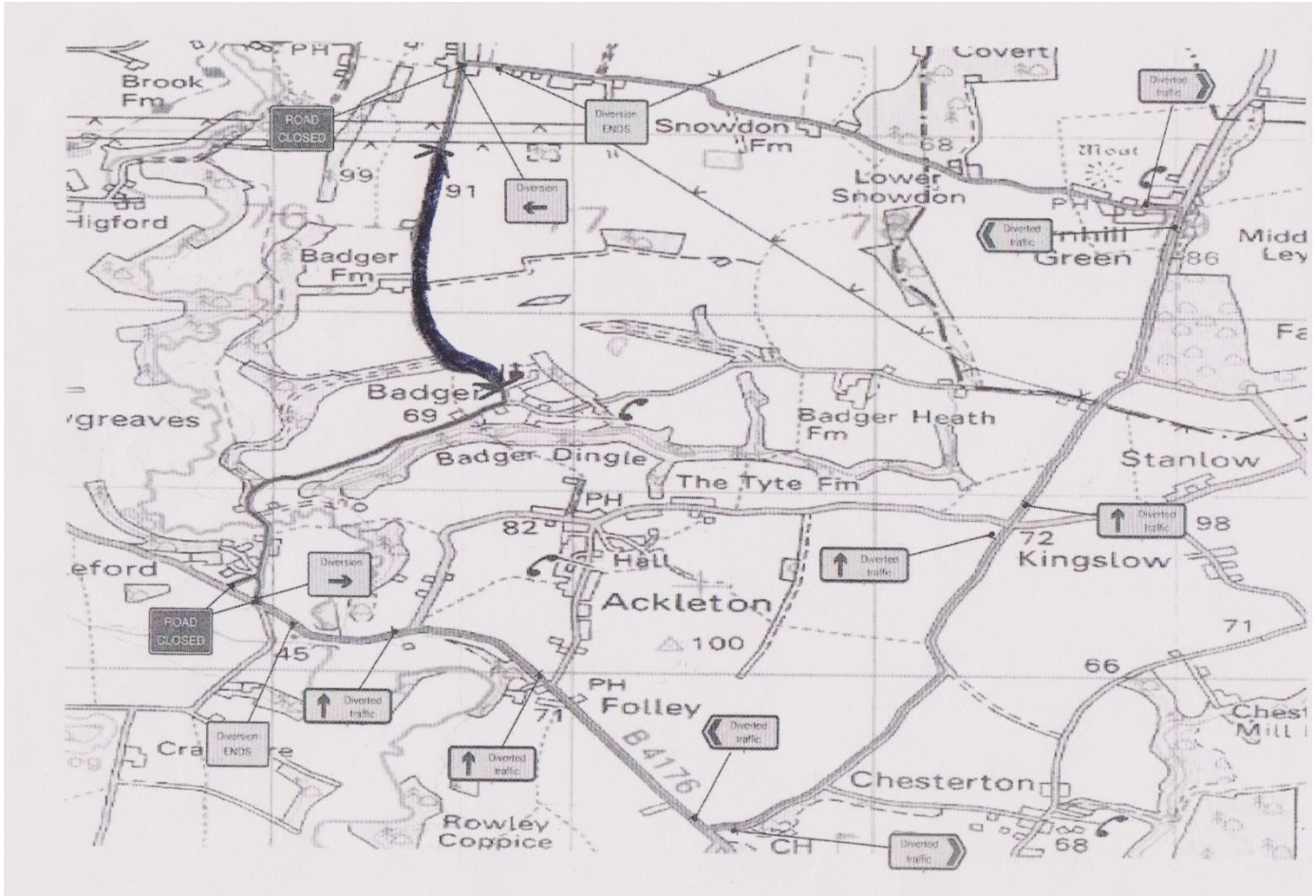
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Tel: 01952 750844 Email [carolinedady@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolinedady@hotmail.co.uk)

# ROAD CLOSURE

**Road to be closed:** Badger Lane, B4176 junction to Snowden Lane junction  
**Date and duration** 22.06.16 – 27.06.16 (09.30 – 16.00)  
**Purpose:** Surface dressing  
**Applicant:** Ringway

Diversion map attached.



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