

The Parish Magazine

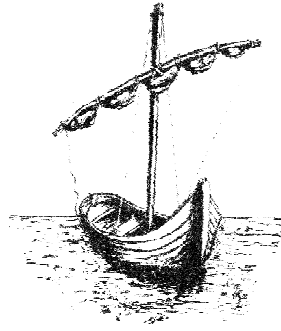
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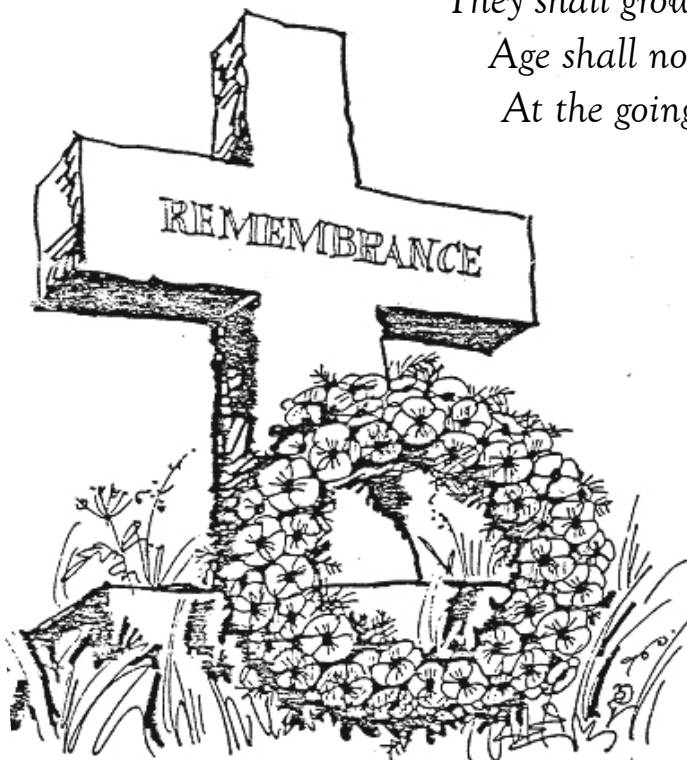
Alstone &

Teddington



November 2011

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*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”*

Remembrance Services

Sunday, 13th November

10:30 am St. Margaret's Church, Alstone

10:45 am St. Faith's Church, Overbury

Schedule of Services
The Parish of Overbury with Teddington, Alstone and Little Washbourne,
with Beckford and Ashton under Hill

NOVEMBER	Ashton	Beckford	Overbury	Alstone	Teddington
6th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent	11.00 am CW HC <i>C Parr</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>C Parr</i>	11.00 am Family Service <i>Lay Team</i>		9.30 am CW HC <i>C Parr</i>
13th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday		8.00 am BCP HC <i>C Parr</i> 6.00 pm Evening Worship <i>R Hesketh</i>	10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service <i>C Parr</i>	10.30 am Remembrance Sunday Service <i>D Oxley</i>	
20th November Last Sunday before Advent	11.00 am Family Service with blessing of Posada <i>M Baynes</i>	9.30 am Morning Prayer <i>R Palmer</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>C Turpin</i>		9.30 am CW HC <i>M Baynes/ C Turpin</i>
27th November Advent Sunday			10.00 am United CW HC <i>S Renshaw</i>		
4th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	3.30 pm Christingle <i>T Henderson</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>M Baynes</i>	11.00 am Family Service <i>C Turpin</i>		9.30 am CW HC & Patronal <i>M Baynes/ D Oxley</i>

BCP Book of Common Prayer **CW** Book of Common Worship
HC Holy Communion **MP** Morning Prayer **EP** Evening Prayer

Morning Prayers will be said:

at 8.30 am on Tuesday at Teddington, Thursday at Alstone,
at 9.00 am on first & third Fridays, and 8.30 am on second, fourth, & fifth at Ashton.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 10.00 am on Wednesday in St Faith's Church, Overbury.

Clergy

Canon Matthew Baynes
Revd Clive Parr

Revd Terry Henderson Revd Susan Renshaw
Revd Christine Turpin, Assistant Curate

Readers

Captain Dennis Oxley, Church Army
Roger Palmer

John Dodge
Kalantha Brewis

*The Reverend Terry Henderson
Rector of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton,
Great and Little Combertons,*



Dear Friends,

November is a month when we gather together to remember our loved ones who have moved onto the next stage of their life's journey. We often in our Christian services of worship take time to remember people who have made a contribution to our lives and the life of our community in all sorts of ways.

So much of the really great music that we enjoy, the hymns and songs we sing, the prayers we pray, and the wonderful buildings that give us such great pleasure come down to us as a gift of others labours. Many men and women laid down their lives serving their country in a time of war so we could enjoy these things in peace. So we find that have so much to be thankful for to those we remember but now do not see any longer.

Many of us light a candle in a cathedral or church to remember our loved ones who are departed or some use flowers or poetry. What is important is to remember – each of us needs to find our own way of doing so. Sometimes we may need to express what was not expressed when someone was alive, and we may need some help with this from a priest or a counsellor. Guilt over something said or not said, done or not done, can cause so much suffering.

Acts of Remembrance are very important to so many people. In November many Christians will celebrate a special Eucharist to remember the departed. We shall also gather with others for the Remembrance Day Services on the 13th of November.

I want to share a prayer by David Adam that I have found helpful in remembering my own loved ones.

Prayer for the Departed

*You shared life with us:
God give eternal life to you.*

*You gave your love to us:
God give his deep love to you.*

*You gave your time to us:
God give eternity to you.*

*You gave your light to us:
God give everlasting light to you.*

*Go upon your journey, dear soul:
To love, light, and life eternal. Amen*

Yours in Christ,

Terry

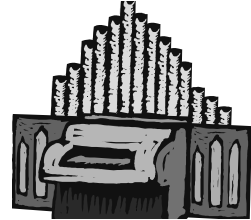


A Message from the Priest in Charge

With the change in pastoral responsibilities since 2008 it has become increasingly hard for the clergy to be as aware of the needs of parishioners as they were in the past. This is a great sadness for us. However, if you, or somebody you know would like a visit from me or one of the Clergy team or Dennis or the Readers, or wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch either by telephone or email, or by catching one of the Churchwardens who will pass a message on. We will always try and respond as quickly as possible. Our details are in the back of this magazine. *Matthew Baynes*

Chapelry News

We now have an excellent young organist to play at some of our chapelry services. He is Matthew Birch, grandson of Alec and Libby Hopkins, and we are very pleased to hear that he and his sister are going to be confirmed at Alderton Church on November 6th.



The Chapelries **Remembrance Service** will be held this year at St. Margaret's Church, Alstone, at 10.30am on November 13th. Dennis will be leading the service and everyone will be most welcome.

On November 27th, the first Sunday in Advent, the **United Holy Communion** service will take place at St. Margaret's Church, Alstone at 10am. We hope you will join us in worship and singing some Advent carols. There will be coffee and biscuits afterwards and some extra parking opposite the church.

Beckford Events

The Cotswold Male Voice Choir are returning to Beckford.

Saturday 26th November 2011, 7pm in Beckford Church

Tickets £10. Refreshments available.

Available from Beckford Stores or Paul and Christine - 01386 881990

Proceeds for Church Funds

Beckford Church and church yard tidy up.

Saturday 5th November 9.30 `til 12 midday.

Please bring your own tools and gloves. Refreshments provided.



Evening Praise at Beckford

Sunday 13th November: "We Will Remember Them" 6pm

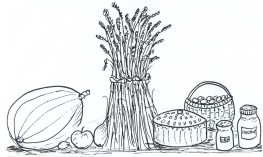
We are delighted to welcome back The Venerable Ron Hesketh to lead this special service of remembrance. It will be a quiet, reflective act of worship, in which we will remember those who have lost their lives as a result of war. There will also be prayers for peace and reconciliation in troubled parts of the world where there is violence and conflict.

Refreshments available after the service.

"A TREK IN THE HIMALAYAS"

About 55 people came to the Presentation given by Neil Piercy on Saturday 17th September resulting in £575 profit.

This will be split between the Katja Foundation Charity in Nepal and the Beckford Village Hall Roof Fund each receiving £262.50. A big thank you to all who attended and supported the evening so generously.



Harvest Festival in St Barbara's Church

We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who helped to make our Harvest Festival on 25 September such a success. St Barbara's was beautifully decorated with colourful floral displays, there was an abundance of produce and harvest gifts, and the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows helped lead our worship in a packed church.

A total of £180 plus £17.50 Gift Aid was raised for Action Against Hunger - a charity working in the Third World, currently providing famine relief in East Africa – and the Guides distributed baskets of produce to elderly residents in Ashton. We also donated boxes of vegetables and fruit to the *Caring Hands in the Vale* initiative at the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre, which provides hot meals twice a week for the homeless and the elderly, and food parcels for needy families in Evesham.

So many people have benefited from your warm-hearted support – in our village, locally, and internationally. Thank you again for your generosity.

Di and Phil Smith of Beckford

would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes and kind thoughts during Phil's recent illness and stay in hospital.

Phil is continuing to make steady progress and is on the mend!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a successful Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which we held in Beckford Village Hall on the 15th October.

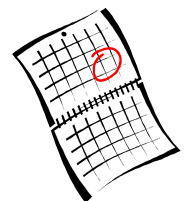
We made £460 which is a marvellous amount. Many Thanks!

Carol Smith & Shirley Ellis

More 2011 Dates for your Diary

The following events will be taking place in and around Bredon Hill during November and early December 2011:

- 27th November Bredon Hill Group Advent Carol Service, Eckington Church, 6pm
- 3rd December 'The Elmley Night Out' presents 'A Christmas Special', Elmley Village Hall – see the Online Diary for more details!



Despite our best efforts, people do not appear to be using the online diary to (1) check whether a date is free or, (2) ask to advertise the date. The diary is for all organisations in the Bredon Hill Group of Parishes and covers all of the villages around the hill. It is a good medium and it can help boost your fund raising efforts if only you would make use of it! It also saves "double booking".

Please go to www.bredonvillage.com and click on "Diary". You can also find out more details for forthcoming events if they have been given to me.

For contact details re events and if you have any dates you wish to be included, please email or call **Joan Needham on 01684 772689** jneedham@toucansurf.com



The Curate Cogitates

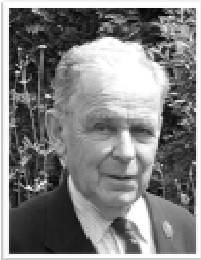
Revd. Christine Turpin, Assistant Curate to the Bredon Hill Group of Parishes

I have been cogitating this month, but mainly while away on conference, retreat or leave.

(Though the appearance of the slow worm in front of the lectern during my sermon was another first. Hopefully a last. They didn't teach me how to cope with such things at theological college. Fortunately the warden coped admirably. I'm sure God loves them, but I am not so keen. Slow worms that is.)

Thus nothing more penned this month I am afraid. Full cogitations return in December!

Christine



News and Musings from St. Nicholas Cottage

It Happened On Our Doorstep!

One morning in October, like many a person in our parish with an 01242 telephone number, I discovered that the telephone at St. Nicholas' Cottage was not working. Having convinced myself that I had not inadvertently pulled out a connecting plug, I went to the telephone kiosk outside, armed with my card to use it. No joy there, but when I looked at the card carefully I saw it was past its use by date. I had bought it some time ago when kiosks were being changed from having meters for cash payment and I thought it would be good to communicate if my car broke down. Thankfully, I had never used it.

My next step was to go to my neighbour. The wires from the road go through my garden and connect to the telephones in both our houses. Several years ago, through over-zealous gardening, I managed to cut through this cable and put us both out of telephone communication. I recall that I was using an electric hedge cutter and the telephone cable was dangling under the hedge. I feared I might have had a repeat performance but I had not been using the hedge-cutter. I went to my neighbour and, to my relief, he told me that the electricity cut affected everybody in our area. Later I discovered the whole of Teddington was without telephone communication. I went to Alstone and there learnt that they too were without their telephones. Later, I learnt that Internet Communication was failing too. Those who depend on these means of communication were hit harder by the breakdown. A couple of days later, I learnt that Alderton was also without telephone contact.

On the day, I did not bother to report the fault because I was certain that there would be no shortage of people finding a way to complain to the authorities! But, on the day when the telephones first failed, I did hear that the responsible authority expected to have the repair done in four hours. Even when Alstone and Teddington were re-connected in four days, Alderton and the Stowe Road were without telephones for another two days.

The information came on the grapevine that there had been a theft of copper cable which is now eclipsing the theft of lead from Church and Abbey roofs as the 'in thing' for the criminals to do. Because it took so long to get telephones working, I believed what I heard on the grapevine.

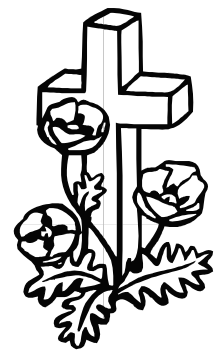
I rely on radio and television for my news and I listen to Midlands News on TV two or three times most days. I thought our loss of telephone communication would be mentioned on local TV news but I did not hear it mentioned.



A few weeks after all this happened, I was talking with someone who had knowledge of all the details and had read the Echo. When I heard what was in the Echo, I realised how wrong my picture of what had happened was. I had pictured a gang of men going through a field, digging up the buried cable with heavy machinery under cover of darkness. They would have large lorries and take it to a secret destination and dispose of it secretly through a whole network of handlers who would conceal it in secret compartments of lorries taking it to dealers with falsified paper work. That may sound like part of a “who done it” detective story and perhaps it was partly true. However, the story in the Echo is more extraordinary than that. They stole the copper wire in bright daylight. They posed as workers digging up the road. They wore bright yellow jackets and had sets of traffic lights to stop and control the traffic. The Police stopped and chatted with them and drove away, convinced that they were bona fide workers.

I thought that one day during that period, I had gone to Sedgeberrow to visit Mr Basil Bunn and, as I had travelled down the Stowe Road and stopped in a queue at the first set of two sets of traffic lights and past the notices which announced “Road Works Ahead – Single Lane Traffic” I had said to myself “what on earth are they doing now?” I did not know the answer to that question but, like many a driver, I never thought they were stealing the copper wiring so that several hundred telephones, including mine, would be put out of action!

The Bible has many stories which tell of the deceits and extreme evil in the hearts and minds of people and it tells of a Saviour who can save mankind from the powers of darkness, fear, unbelief and incredible evil that bring such havoc to our world. Our Annual Bible Service, when we join with our friends and neighbours, takes place in October. This year our preacher will have been the Venerable Ron Hesketh, a former Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Air Force and Chairman of the Naval, Military and Air Force Bible Society. His duties in the RAF involved meeting planes which brought the dead from the War Zones in the most troubled countries back to this country so that they could be laid to rest in the presence of their loved ones.



We may have lost our telephones for a few days and we are appalled that men can get rich by stealing copper cables. However, these things are not so deeply shattering as the loss of young people in the prime of life and the shattering of the lives of little children, loving wives and heartbroken parents. To all, the Bible brings the message of the Gospel proclaimed in the Bible – Jesus, Saviour, Lord, Comforter – Jesus of whom the hymn writer wrote “Thou, O Christ art all I want, more than all in Thee I find”.

Dennis Oxley

Christmas Fair for St Barbara’s Church and St Richard’s Hospice

Please come to a Christmas Fair on the afternoon of **Saturday 19th November** at **The Old Farmhouse, Elmley Road, Ashton, from 2.00 to 4.30 pm**. This is the ideal opportunity to buy your Christmas cards, calendars and diaries, gifts and crafts, cakes and preserves, “As New” Christmas gifts bring and buy, plants and produce, super raffle and lots of other goodies, plus seasonal refreshments. **Not to be missed!!**

If you would like to contribute your time and talents to support St Richard’s and St Barbara’s, please contact Alex and John Dodge at The Old Farmhouse, 881487 – we would be delighted to hear from you. Contributions to stalls and raffle will be most welcome and can be delivered to The Old Farmhouse.



All proceeds will be shared between St Richard’s Hospice and St Barbara’s Church Admission £2 to include refreshments ~ children free.

“We are all better than we know, and if only we can be brought to realise this, then perhaps never again will we be prepared to settle for anything less”.

- *Outward Bound Motto (Kurt Hans, found of Outward Bound)*



What do you get when you mix four Scotsmen, a Spaniard, an Englishwoman, two Dutchmen, two Scotswomen, a Belgium, and a German? Well, this is a question that I got to answer this summer during my three week Outward Bound Classic Course. At the start of the course I felt surrounded and outnumbered by foreign strangers, yet by the end these people had become my substitute family, and I'd faced some of the most difficult challenges of my life thus far with them cheering me on.

Two days before I left, I had not packed, I had barely bought any of the stuff I was going to need for the course, and I was really beginning to regret signing up. Suddenly, three weeks caravanning in the sunny south of France with my parents and brother was looking idyllic, compared to three weeks spent in soaking wet Scotland, with people I was certain I wasn't going to like, and doing activities that would be far to physically demanding for me to cope. Thoughts of collapsing on the side of a mountain, or worse, being sent home for not being fit enough were enough to send me into a panic attack. Luckily I managed to keep all my emotions together at the airport, ignoring all the niggling doubts in my head (don't worry, I'd bought all my stuff by this point!), and only began to start to fully panic once I was on the plane. Yet, by this point there was no going back.

Standing outside waiting for the Outward Bound instructor to pick us all up, and having to make awkward small talk with all these strangers was excruciating. That was when I could even understand the small talk - half the group was nattering away in German, Dutch, and Belgium. Yet, as I sat on the bus for the two hour long ride to the centre, I gradually began to relax. Better yet, I found myself laughing and joking with these strangers, and we were actually becoming friends - much to my surprise! I guess one of the best parts about Outward Bound is that most people are in the same boat; they don't know anyone else, they're far from home, and yes, they too are nervous about meeting new people. An hour of ridiculous team games, a slightly awkward first Clan Meeting, and one healthy dinner later, I was exhausted. I had to keep reminding myself I'd only been there one day, because believe me, it felt like much longer.

The next morning, I was shaken awake at six thirty in the morning. Well, I say that, but actually it was me who had to physically shake my dorm mates out of bed. Turns out, they were just as unfit and hated mornings just as much as me! The physical challenge began straight away with a run around the centre circuit following by jumping in the loch. It may have been July but believe me, that water was as cold as December and it took me a good five minutes after getting out to regain enough breath to talk. Until then I just stood spluttering, wondering what on earth I'd got myself in to!

The first few days progressed in a haze of physical activity and friend-making. As our team sat in the sun (yes, believe it or not, the weather in Scotland during those three weeks was actually sunnier than the south of France!) by a tiny stream in the Scottish hills, it was hard to believe I'd only known these 'strangers' a few days. Our clan quickly fell into a familiar routine as we entered deeper into what we deemed 'the Outward Bound bubble'.

The structure of the three week course is important to how we all approached it. In the first week it was largely instructor guided, as you found your feet around the centre. During the second week you are gradually given more responsibility as you build up to the final week; where you are let loose in the Scottish highlands for several days. Yet much like the course my article has also had to be divided up into several parts, as I could not possible give you an accurate enough idea how special OB is in the space I'm allocated for one month. So I'll see you next month to let you know how I got on!

Megan Baynes

News from Overbury

Harvest produce from Overbury has been passed on to St Vincent's Day Centre in Cheltenham; they are most grateful and the huge smile on the face of the lad working in the kitchen was heart-warming.

We have a very nice fleecy jacket - navy blue, large size, Enrico Sportif, which has been in the church some time. Please contact Chris Clark , 725405 if you know the owner.

Overbury Street Market Donations 2011

At a meeting of the Committee on 18th September, donations totalling £4176 were made to the following :- St Faiths Church £2000, Overbury Village Hall £1500, Friends of Overbury School £676. Please note that, being a leap year, 2012 will move the Street Market to Saturday 7th July, not the 8th as previously advertised. *Andrew John*

School Open Mornings

Overbury First School and Overbury Grasshoppers are holding their annual Open Morning on Friday, 18th November. Everyone is warmly invited to come and look round both establishments. Please note that the times are slightly different: Overbury First School, 9.30 – 11.00 am; Overbury Grasshoppers, 10.00 – 11.30pm.

There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up on the day and see the children in action. Staff (and governors in the case of the School) will be on hand to show visitors round and to answer any questions. We look forward very much to seeing you!

Overbury School: 01386 725325, www.overbury.worcs.sch.uk.

Overbury Grasshoppers: 01386 725755, www.overburygrasshoppers.co.uk

Overbury Family Bonfire & Fireworks

Our annual Bonfire and Fireworks event will take place this year on Sunday 6th November, starting promptly at 6.30pm in School Lane when the bonfire will be lit by the winner of the Overbury First School Guy competition. The Friends of Overbury School will be serving delicious refreshments – we look forward to seeing you there. *Andrew John*

Beckford Christmas Market - Saturday 3rd December, 2pm

The market will be full of seasonal stalls selling Christmas biscuits, cakes and gift-wrapped presents, toys, books and games. Add to that the possibility of finding some treasure amongst the bric-a-brac, and the event is not to be missed. Refreshments, free admission and parking. Proceeds go to the Village Hall & Church. Please bring your donations of books, bric-a-brac, small electricals, toys etc. to Beckford Village Hall on Friday 2nd December, 10am to 12, or in the evening till 8.00pm. Contact 01386 881373 for further details.



**Thank Goodness it's Friday
Coffee Morning**

**Friday 25th November
10.30 at Beckford Church
All Welcome.
Proceeds to Church
Funds**



Parish Minibus Shopping Trip to
Worcester

November 11th & 25th

Picks up from all villages on request.

Call Andy Richmond 881237

An Advent Journey

The 'Posada' is a travelling Nativity which goes from house to house in Ashton during Advent, and this is its sixth year! The Posada will be blessed in the Family Service at St Barbara's on Sunday 20th November at 11.00 am. Its journey begins on Advent Sunday and it spends one night with each participating household, reaching journey's end on Christmas Eve when it returns to St Barbara's for the Crib Service at 3.30 pm.



Would your family like to take part and receive the Nativity into your home this Christmas? If so, please ask Alex Dodge (881487) to put your names on the list.

Christingle Service

There will be a Christingle Service on Sunday 4th December at 3.30 pm in St Barbara's Church, Ashton, to which everyone is warmly welcome, especially all families and children. On Saturday 3rd December children will be welcome to assist with Christingle Making at a Messy Church Session – tea and cake provided - at 2.00 pm at The Old Farmhouse, Ashton.

The collection will go to the Children's Society

Ashton Celebration of Christmas

This ever popular traditional Celebration of Christmas in words and music will take place on **Wednesday 14th December at 6.30 pm** in St Barbara's Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The Ashton Singers are already rehearsing! Further details in the December issue of the Parish Magazine. There will be a collection for *Caring Hands in the Vale*, a local charity supporting homeless people and needy families in Evesham.

If you would like to take part and help to make it a memorable evening by reading, singing or playing music, please contact **John Dodge**, on **881487** or **Malcolm Nelson** on **881778**.

PARK AND RUN

A running track is what every small village needs, somewhere to let out a bit of energy. So the people of Beckford have decided to get on their running shoes and mark down their own track!

The facility is good for all age groups from anywhere and everywhere. It is situated just behind the village hall, away from busy roads, and offers suitable parking. The running track is quiet and set on short grass, which makes it much easier to maintain a steady pace, whether sprinting, walking or even skipping.

So if you feel like getting some fresh air, with your children, grandchildren, wives, husbands, brothers and sisters, take a walk or drive down to Beckford's running track, and enjoy the brilliant facilities on offer.



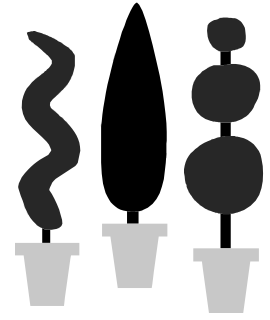
Beckford WI Technology Festival

One weekend in October, Beckford WI organised an exciting hands-on event. This was your chance to try out computers, try the game Wii Fit from Rooftops, our sponsors, see how to contact the world for free using Skype, learn how to make a community website, use our village website, send a tweet using Twitter, see fantastic toys for Toddlers, go geocaching, try a computer mouse for the first time on the amazing Comput@bus, see local college students make and edit a video film about the day, try a Kindle, a smartphone, an iPad, and more.

Freebies included t-shirts and software. And there was Cake! Thanks to all who participated in the TechFest. We had a truly buzzing, great day!

2012 - The Diamond Jubilee, the London Olympics and ... Beckford Open Gardens!

Every four years, (just like the Olympic Games), Beckford opens many of its lovely gardens to the public, decorates its splendid Norman Church with beautiful flowers, and offers wonderful teas in the gardens and in Village Hall. As in the past, there will also be a number of fascinating exhibitions of vintage vehicles, radios and other artefacts.



Besides showing the village to the world, the purpose is to raise much needed funds, principally for the church, but also other village groups. In the past the Toddler Group, the Bell ringers, and Beckford Market have been among those benefiting.

This is a good opportunity to get to know people in the village by helping with what is a very enjoyable occasion. If you would like to help in any way, either with adding your garden to the list (it doesn't have to be a Hidcote or a Sissinghurst!) or with providing plants for the plant sales stalls, helping with parking or refreshments (cake making etc.) or even helping on that weekend, then please contact David Carvill on 01386 882002 or Sue Hasted on 01386 882537.

The date for your diary as a visitor or helper, is the weekend of 30th June & 1st July.

Adam Hawker, 1865 – 1956

Family history enquiry

Recently, my husband and I visited Beckford again. I was surprised and delighted, while looking around the churchyard, to discover the grave of Adam Hawker, who died in 1955, aged 91. The grave had fresh flowers in the vase, suggesting that Adam has relatives living locally. Adam was the grandson of my 2 x great grandparents, Charles & Ann (Evins) Clements.

Charles & Ann lived in Beckford for at least 30 years, between 1841 and 1871 . Their eldest daughter Anne Maria married Henry Hawker in October 1852.

Charles & Ann Clements married in Alderton in July 1826. Both died in Tewkesbury and are buried in Tewkesbury Cemetery Their son Charles, who was my great grandfather, married Mary Elizabeth Stafford at the Parish Church of St Nicholas, Nottingham in 1870.

The couple lived in Newark, where a daughter was born and then in Balderton, where their remaining children, including my maternal grandmother Annie Elizabeth, were born. Charles had previously married Helen Tandy in Beckford in July 1859.

Sadly, Helen (Ellen) and the two young children of this marriage died during the year 1864. I was born in Newark, but now live in Peterborough.

If any of Adam's relatives read this and would like to get in touch, I would be delighted to hear from them.

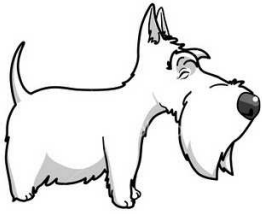
I have been researching my Clements family for over 7 years and have a lot of information which I would be very pleased to share. There are also gaps in my research, which I hope to fill.

Serena Mapletoft

01733 575932 serenamapletoft@msn.com

ASHTON UNDER HILL W.I.

At the October meeting members were encouraged to sign the petition to "Save our Libraries". Reports of the visits to the Jinney Ring Centre and the Faith Visit to Birmingham were put into the new scrapbook. Ten members had supported the walk and luncheon held at Blackmore Gardens by Hanley Castle W.I. to raise funds for Denman College. They reported a grand profit of £280.



The speaker this month was Sonia Hooper entitled "Filming with Dogs". When we enjoy the part played by animals in the plays and films we see on TV and the cinema, we might not appreciate the expertise needed to train them to the high degree of ability that they portray – seemingly so effortless. We learned something about this when Sonia told us of the procedure necessary to produce a happily confident canine performer. There are four main criteria when looking for a dog to train she explained – (a) They must be 100per cent trustworthy with people and other animals, (b) They must have great "food drive" – food rewards are the key to training, (c) They must be bold and outgoing, (d) They should not be nervous and afraid of noises. Sonia brought four dogs to the meeting. Although very different, all had responded positively and well to training – "Cully" a lovely pointer, has been in Anna Karenina and various other productions, "Tia" a German Shepherd and is very often cast as a security guard dog or a police dog, "Tori" a little King Cavalier and played "Dash" in the film The Young Queen Victoria and "Dodger" is the most famous for appearing in the Martin Clunes series of Doc. Martin. One of his tricks is to cock his leg on command! His tail never stops wagging. We were told that the dogs all live with families so that they get the stable background of a happy family life. Their training and their working lives are separate from their lives with their families.

Altogether a fascinating evening – I think the dogs enjoyed it as much as we did!

A very enjoyable evening was spent with

Beckford WI on 10th October when we were invited to a special "taster" evening of starters cooked by members. Ashton hope to invite them back to a cake-bake event in the New Year.

Next meeting will be the AGM and afterwards we will hold an auction of gifts, bric-a-brac etc. donated by members to raise money for our funds.

Jen Crease

BECKFORD W.I.

Our October meeting was a Starters Taster evening which welcomed 24 members from Beckford and 14 members of Ashton WI who were invited to be our guests for the evening.

Yo, our president, thanked everyone for their donations of cakes and time for the TechFest on Saturday, October 8th in the village hall.

We were also very grateful to the four members of Bredon WI who made cakes and helped on the day. It was a very exciting, hands-on day for people of all ages and abilities and we received very positive feedback from the people who attended.

Yo also thanked Margaret Thompson for organising the very successful visit to Buckingham Palace and its gardens. It had been a very enjoyable day.

Once business was over the members and visitors were invited to sample the starters provided by members. They all looked delicious and tasted even better! Members then voted for their favourites by placing a 1st, 2nd or 3rd against it. The following starters won:

Pate poached pears
Smoked salmon dip
Pears & Stilton



Our next meeting is on 14th November and is the AGM and will include a workshop on how to make crackers with the personal touch.

Diane Colvin



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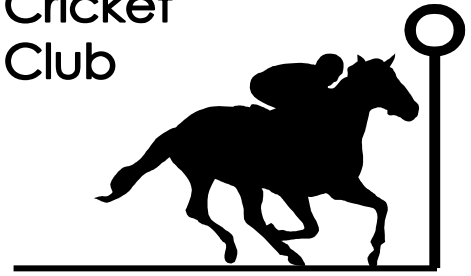
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November Diary

1st	Ashton WI AGM, Village Hall	Ashton	7:30 pm
4th	Lunch Club, Cricket Pavilion	Ashton	12:00 noon
5th	Churchyard Tidy Up	Beckford	9:30 am
6th	Bonfire & Fireworks	Overbury	6:30 pm
12th	Slainte, Village Hall	Beckford	8:00 pm
13th	Remembrance Sunday Services	Alstone	10:30 am
		Overbury	10:45 am
		Beckford	6:00 pm
14th	Beckford WI AGM, Village Hall	Beckford	7:30 pm
15th	Simply Soup, Village Hall	Beckford	12:30 pm
16th	<i>Copy date for magazine</i>		
18th	School Open Morning	Overbury	
19th	Christmas Fair, Old Farmhouse,	Ashton	2:00 pm
	Cricket Club Race Night, Village Hall	Ashton	7:30 pm
25th	Coffee Morning, St. John's Church	Beckford	10:30 am
26th	Cotswold Male Voice Choir, Church	Beckford	7:00 pm
	Teddington Quiz Night, Village Hall	Teddington	7:30 pm
	Raj at the Races, Village Hall	Overbury	7:30 pm
27th	United Parish Worship	Overbury	10:00 am
	Bredon Hill Group Advent Service	Eckington	6:00 pm

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