

The Parish Magazine

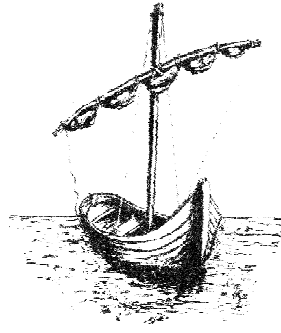
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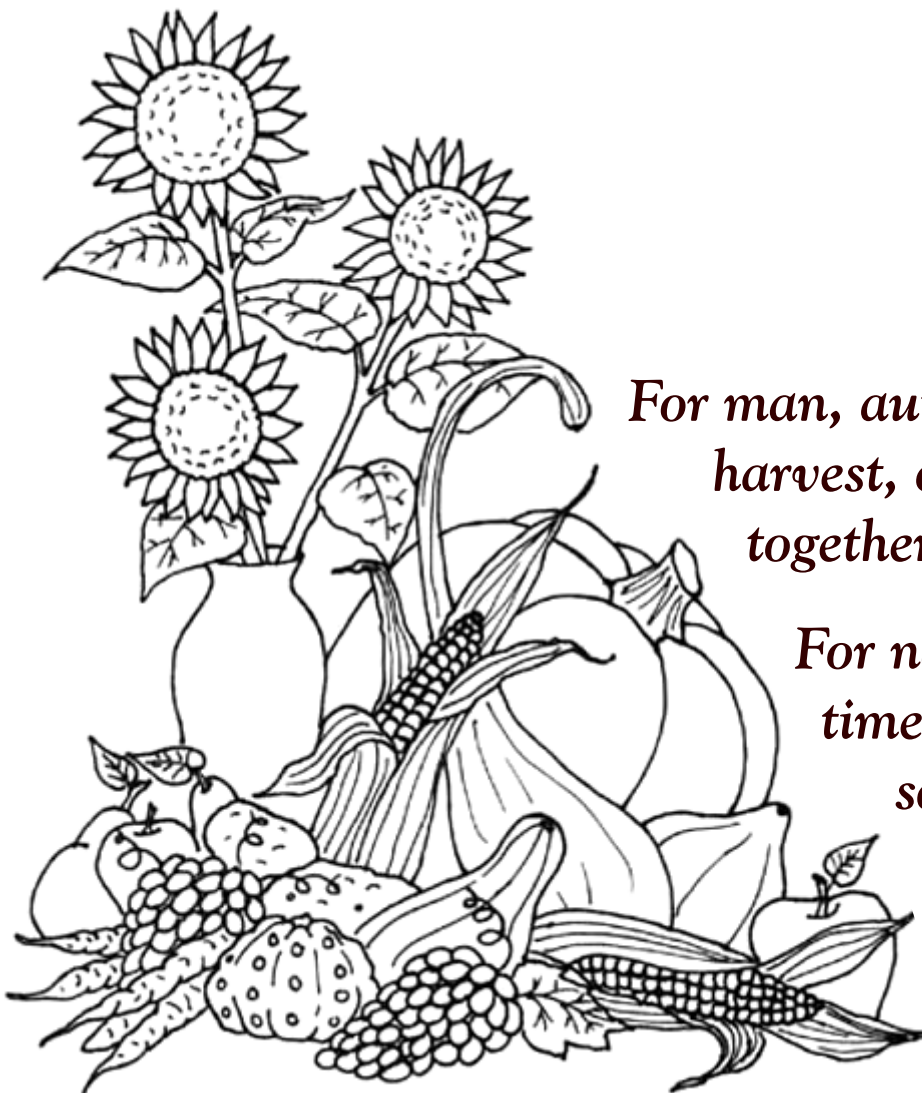
Alstone &

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September 2011

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*For man, autumn is a time of
harvest, of gathering
together.*

*For nature, it is a
time of sowing, of
scattering abroad.*

Edwin Way Teale

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

SEPTEMBER	Ashton	Beckford	Overbury	Alstone	Teddington
4th September 11 th Sunday after Trinity	6.00 pm Evening Prayer <i>J Dodge</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>C Parr</i>	11.00 am Family Service <i>C Parr</i>		9.30 am CW HC <i>C Parr</i>
11th September 12 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am CW HC <i>T Henderson</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>T Henderson</i> 6.00 pm Harvest Festival <i>C Turpin</i>	11.00 am CW HC <i>T Henderson</i>	9.30 am Morning Prayer <i>D Oxley</i>	
18th September 13 th Sunday after Trinity			10.00 am United CW HC <i>S Renshaw</i>		
25th September 14 th Sunday after Trinity Back to Church Sunday	11.00 am Harvest Festival <i>J Dodge</i> & <i>Lay Team</i>	9.30 am Morning Prayer <i>R Palmer</i>	8.00 am BCP HC	11.00 am Harvest Festival <i>D Oxley</i>	
OCTOBER					
2nd October 15 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Morning Prayer <i>J Dodge</i>	8.00 am BCP HC <i>C Turpin</i>	11.00 am Harvest Festival <i>C Turpin</i>	9.30 am CW HC <i>C Turpin</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



I write this after several evenings of rioting in our cities, the like of which I have not seen in my lifetime - nor do I wish to see again.

In London there was a peaceful protest after a young man was shot and killed by a policeman, but what began as a peaceful protest was very quickly hi-jacked by those whose intentions were not so peaceful. Property was damaged, goods were looted, cars and shops were set on fire.

The following evenings saw the violence spread to other cities in the country and in Birmingham three young men were killed by a hit-and-run driver. When would it all stop, we wondered? How was it that in some cases the police were unable to protect the public and their property? Why were they just standing watching, as the rioters emptied shops of their goods?

I have seen a variety of responses on Facebook, ranging from a message to the rioters, that if they want to be big men and fight to the death, then board the next plane to Afghanistan and stand alongside real men, to a view that if we do not seek to understand what lies behind the lawless activity then no good will come of our response. Personally, I liked the one which invited everyone to 'stay home and have a cup of tea'!

We have also seen a variety of opinions expressed on our television screens and in our newspapers... an interview with the father of one of those killed in Birmingham, saying that this has got to stop, the owner of a shop which has been in the same family for 5 generations, surveying the burned out shell of his building as it was knocked down. No wonder the man was fighting back the tears.

Whenever there is trouble, a protest, rioting, killing, we look for someone to blame. We all know that our society has its problems and that our government has a huge task to do in trying to reduce the national debt whilst attempting to address all that is wrong in our society.

I agree that there are people who feel disenfranchised, young people who have little chance of finding work, people who are frustrated by the lack of opportunities, wage freezes and increased food costs. We do have much to be frustrated and anxious about. People are losing their jobs, both the Euro zone and America is experiencing one of the worst financial situations in a long time. But violence is not going to solve those issues.

The rioting and looting we have seen recently has, I would suggest, little to do with the state of the nation and more to do with greed. It would appear that the perpetrators of these deeds have no respect for people or property and want to use the present situation to grab what they can. It would seem that those who set light to shops did not stop to think whether there was anyone living above the shops. The death count could have been far higher than it was.

So what's the answer? I don't know, any more than you do. What I DO know, is that there is NO excuse for breaking the law in this way; no excuse for destroying other's homes and livelihoods; and certainly NO excuse for the random mowing down of people with a car. We also saw some good things happening and I hope that one of the images which will stay in our minds is the one of a group of young people with brooms and buckets, heading off into the centre of Wolverhampton to help with the clearing up operation. That is what community is all about.

Finding the root cause of the problem and dealing with it is an immense task. I believe, however, that each one of us can do our bit. We can each make a difference to the future of our nation. How? By teaching our children right from wrong; by showing respect for others and teaching them to do the same. If the two great commandments were adhered to - love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself - the world really would be a better place.

May God's peace be with you all.

Susan



The Curate Cogitates

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

14.7.11 Leavers celebration this evening at Bredon Hancocks First School. One highlight for me was a song from 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' - what a wild and cool Pharaoh! Both he and the backing slaves, (bop shoowah doowah....), will colour my image of that Bible story for life! Their ability to unselfconsciously let go and enjoy the performance was inspiring. Another highlight was seeing Mr Grainger, a retired Headteacher of that school from years gone by speaking to them. Though some years since he had addressed such a group, his natural ability and gentle, attentive way with them soon had their rapt attention.

The evening reminded me that teaching is not just for 'teachers', as all have something they can teach, including the very young and the old alike - if we are open to see it or hear it.

16.7.11 I had not long been in Bredon when I attended my first Bredon Manor fundraising event in aid of St Richard's Hospice. I remember it was very daunting and quite hard work. Tonight I attended again. Apart from the lack of torrential rain, for me it was a different experience altogether. I must have come some way in the last 2 years, and I found it very encouraging that I knew and was able to chat with many people this time. Gradual change is not always noticed, but changes there certainly have been. (Just as well really!)

7.7.11 'I love Baptisms. It's the only time (in Church) when all generations get together'. So said a lady who attended a baptism today. It surprised me at first, then struck me as very true as I looked around at the numbers of children, and adults of all ages gathered together. More so than at weddings even. And sadly more so than at most regular Sunday services I am involved in.

'Suffer the children to come unto me..' (from Mark 10:13-16) was the text used during the service. In it, Jesus chastises the disciples for keeping the children from him.

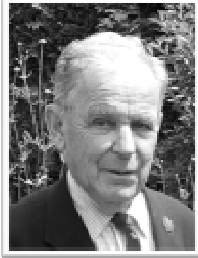
Maybe those of us who claim an interest, should reflect on whether we, in some ways, are preventing little ones, and not so little ones, from drawing near to the reality of God in Jesus. Are we obscuring the truth rather than revealing it?

31.7.11 - 6.8.11 Sometimes we need someone else to open our eyes to what's under our noses. This week a friend and her family came to stay. Other than on Monday, We were a bit like ships that passed - only at evening meal times, but then the family related what they had been seeing and doing that day. How much I still have to see and do around here!! I was beginning to forget what an amazing area this is to be living in.

Looking forward to our Church trip to Iona though - which will have passed by the time you read this. At least there I will have more time to smell the roses, or should that be heather?

Christine Turpin





News and Musings from St. Nicholas Cottage

In Memory of Miss Diane Margaret Merriman

People who have lived in Ashton under Hill for twenty years or more may well remember Diane Merriman, who died in Great Malvern on the 19th July. Diane and her sister Joan started their education at Ashton First School but because Diane had special needs, their ways parted.

Two things are important for those with special needs. Firstly a loving, understanding and happy family and secondly, expert care by trained people who have a real desire to work alongside people with special needs. Although Diane died when she was 39 years old, she had both a loving family and excellent professional care. Unfortunately, her mother died when she was 18 years old but both her father and her sister were very close to her all of her life and the wider family of grandparents and aunts and uncles and others in a close knit family circle all helped to stabilise her life in love. Through the years, professional guidance and help was given as was necessary at the time. Diane went to a Day Centre in Evesham, to a Respite Centre and to residential care in Great Malvern and one of the carers was with her when she died.

She had a child-like, uncomplicated faith in a God who loved her as her family did, as her friends did, as her carers and her fellow residents did. She enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and she believed she was going to be with Jesus when she died.

Worcester Crematorium was comfortably full for the funeral service. Family, friends, carers, residents from Court House Nursing Home, where Diane lived, all gathered to bid “goodbye” (God be with you) to Diane. When I went to the door of the Crematorium to lead the people into the Chapel, her young nephew, dressed smartly in special cheerful clothes for the funeral, came up to me and asked “Are you Dennis”? I smiled and confirmed my identity. I thought to myself “We are going to have a great funeral this afternoon”! His Mother gave the tribute to her sister. Somehow, everything fitted together both at the Crematorium and at the afternoon tea.

How fortunate we are to live in a country where, generally speaking, many people with special needs are treated with dignity, understanding and love. That seems to me to be in harmony with faith in a loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, this is not always true. That seems to happen when people leave this great God out of their minds, motives and hearts.

So we give thanks to God for Diane’s life and all who lovingly cared for her in many different ways during her brief life here on earth.



The Other Bredon School

This is the tale of the other Bredon School in Bushley, not that at which Canon Matthew Baines is Rector of the Church in Bredon! Some readers, particularly those who live in Beckford and Ashton under Hill will know that there were two girls who lived in Beckford Hall who were brought there out of the chaos of Zimbabwe and that they attended Ashton First School. Their family moved from Beckford to Cheltenham, where they live in one of the flats on Princess Elizabeth Way, one of the most densely populated areas of Cheltenham. Some months ago, I attempted to find them but was completely confused by all the blocks of flats and my search failed. Last month, I was going to visit a parishioner in the Nuffield Hospital and, determined to make another attempt to find them, I drove further towards the Gloucester Road until I saw the block of flats I had previously missed and visited their new home.

I discovered that the girls were very happy in their new school, a new Academy School to which they walk every day of term. As it was the school holidays, the girls had gone to Bredon School, Bushley, for a very special week. This school had been taken over by a Christian organisation for a week of activities and children from a wide area were going on what used to be called ‘a house party’. They slept in the dormitories, had a

programme of indoor and outdoor activities and Christian gatherings for teaching. The parents paid for their children to go but a number of children went completely free. A clergy man from St Matthews Church came to their home and the two girls and a boy of their age from St. Helena, with whom they walked to school, was also chosen to go free on this wonderful week. Of course, the girls started their education in this country at Ashton First School, and they continue now at the new Academy School and the other Bredon School added to the valuable work in which the Church has had a key role.

The Church and the Christian faith still has a vital and essential part to play in what is positive, constructive and enriching in the lives of individuals, communities in our country and worldwide.

Dennis Oxley

A New Kitchen for the CATCH Project, Mzamomhle!

As a result of the Ploughman's and Pud Lunch in Ashton on Sunday 17th July, we have sent £1,850 to the CATCH Project in Mzamomhle, South Africa. This is thanks to the support of everyone who attended the lunch, helped with catering and manned stalls, and most especially to those who donated so very generously to make this splendid sum possible.

We have let Sue Davies know that the work on the refurbishment of the kitchen can begin, and have received the following reply from her:

"Dear Matthew

Thank you so much for the fundraising. I am very grateful indeed. That kitchen sink is getting uglier and uglier. I will acknowledge receipt of the funds with a special letter of thanks to the friends who helped so much.

We had a very successful two week all day programme in the school holidays for 60 orphans ages 5 - 15 years. It took the form of structured group therapy and had good results in allowing them to ventilate their feelings of sadness, grief and anger. We ended with a big party and much fun and laughter.

With love and blessings to you and everyone there, Sue"

Revd Margie Schutte, former curate, who introduced the CATCH Project to our parish has also sent this message:

"My dear friends in Ashton,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your huge generosity in supporting the CATCH project in Mzamomhle! The world is in such turmoil and it is acts of kindness like this that make one realise that God is good and (as someone said) if we call God 'Our Father' then every man, woman and child is our brother or sister. Your generosity will make the lives of some extremely deprived children in Mzamomhle so much better in terms of hygiene, health and safety and sheer enjoyment of being alive - something so many of us take for granted.

May God bless you all -

*with warm love,
Margie"*



Invitation to a Parish Harvest Tea on Tuesday 4th October

For many years there has been an annual tea for senior residents in the parish. It has been decided this year to broaden the invitation to all parishioners in the Beckford Group Parish.

The Harvest Tea will be held on Tuesday 4th October at 3.00 pm in Beckford Village Hall, to which all are welcome.

If you would like to come it would be helpful if you could let your local churchwardens know to give us some idea of numbers; don't worry if you forget to do so - please come anyway! Contact details of churchwardens can be found on the back page of the magazine.



Chapelries Harvest Festival

The Chapelries Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service this year will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Alstone, on Sunday, September 25th at 11am. It will be a service for all the family and everyone is welcome.

We will be decorating the church on Saturday, September 24th from 10am, so if you would like to help please come along then. Any produce may be put in the church by 10.30am on the Saturday, or brought to the service. The produce will afterwards be given to St. Vincent's, Cheltenham.

Thanks to everyone who gave to the special collection at the Teddington United on July 24th. We were able to send just over £122 to the DEC East Africa Appeal.

Overbury and Conderton Harvest Lunch - Sunday 2nd of October

Following our 11 am Harvest Festival Service at St Faith's, all are warmly invited to a "bring and share" Harvest Lunch at Overbury Village Hall at 12.15 pm.

Contact Chris Clark 725405



Walk round the Parish - Sept 10th

On the second Saturday in September every year there has been a sponsored ride to raise money for the Historic Churches Trust. This year we're told that walkers are also encouraged to take part.

There is an eleven mile route round all the churches in our Parish, starting at Overbury and ending at Teddington. Some may remember walking it on the Millennium holiday. I am prepared to lead this walk again on September 10th for walkers, sponsored or not. If you prefer not to collect sponsorship may I suggest a minimum £10 donation to the HCT, half of which in fact will find its way back to a church you nominate.



I would like to start at Overbury at 9.30am, hoping to finish at Teddington at around 2.45pm. Take your own picnic lunch, water, snacks and your own first aid! Please contact me for more information, or just to confirm you will be coming.

Alastair Humphrey (01386 881479)

John and Margaret Lodge wish to express their sincere thanks for all the messages of sympathy they have received after the news of Judith's tragic death. They are very much appreciated by all her family.

Many thanks, John & Margaret.



A Distinguished Old Alstonian

John Wood 1585-1640

The minister or curate at Alstone has, since the 17th century, benefited from the will of John Wood, who was born to a yeoman family in the village in 1585 and died in 1640, a relatively well off Bachelor of Divinity, prebendary of Gloucester Cathedral and minister of St James, Duke's Place, Aldgate.

Wood's immediate ancestors were benefactors to the local churches, notably Richard Wood, who in 1557 left 20 shillings towards the building of the north aisle at Alstone, and the maternal Hawkins relations, who left wheat and barley towards the repair and maintenance of Alstone and Little Washbourne chapels. Nothing is known of Wood's early education but it may have been in Gloucester where his younger brother James became a prosperous clothier, Sheriff and Alderman.

In 1622 the City of London, after a preaching competition, chose Wood as parson of the newly built church of St James, Duke's Place; and in 1624 he married Elizabeth Bennett, whose widowed mother Mirabel came from a very wealthy London merchant background. They had one son, John. In 1625 Wood was by royal appointment given the 3rd Prebendary stall at Gloucester and thereafter played a full part in the running of the Cathedral, acting as Treasurer in 1636/7.

He was, additionally, in the 1620s and 30s a lecturer or unbeneficed preacher at St Andrew's, Holborn, and probably other London churches. In 1635 he was censured by the High Commission and characterised by Archbishop Laud as a "wild turbulent preacher".

He died in London in 1640 and his lengthy will reveals considerable wealth. One of its provisions was that, in the event of his son's death, a rent charge on his lands in Dymock should be used by the Mayor and Corporation of Gloucester for a £10 annuity for the minister at Alstone, provided he preached a monthly sermon there.

His son died in 1641 and the Dymock property - a farm called Mirabels to the north of the village - came to Wood's brother James and his sons. The first recorded payment to the Alstone minister appears in Gloucester accounts for 1656 and payments by Gloucester Corporation/Community Council continued to 1974 when administration passed to the Charity Commissioners.

The benefaction is now run by the Charities Official Investment Fund and the sum held is about £500. John Wood clearly belonged to that side of the Church which favoured preaching rather than ceremony and ritual.

It is good to know that his gift still operates though not nowadays encouraging any noticeable wildness or turbulence.



Parish Music 2011-12

We have an exciting new programme for you - voice, woodwind, strings, choral, keyboard - something for everyone, concerts on your doorstep by top class musicians. All our artists say how much they enjoy the friendly reception from our audiences and how rewarding they find performing in our lovely small churches, away from the stress of the city.

Our first concert is in Ashton at 8pm on Saturday 24th September. Two young musicians from London, soprano Jessica Summers and pianist Jelena Makarova, present a wide ranging programme from across the centuries in England, Europe and the USA. Do come; we're sure you'll enjoy it.

And make a note of the other dates in the series:

In Beckford on 22nd October at 8pm the Santiago String Quartet play music from the USA and Latin America. In 2012 there are concerts on 3 March in Overbury, 24th March Bredon, 21st April Alstone and 19th May Teddington.

For further information please phone 01386 881479 or 882060 or visit the website at:

www.ashtonunderhill.org.uk/organisations/music



Ashton under Hill Fun Run - Saturday 8th October 2011

Run it, walk it, skip it - do it any way you want, but do it!

Open to absolutely everyone of all ages and abilities Ashton's First Fun Run is an easy course around the Playing Fields. Separate categories from preschoolers to veterans with a special prize for the oldest competitor.

Don't want to run? Get involved with checking in runners, recording results, marshalling, organising competitors, serving refreshments and more.

Money raised will help improve our Village Hall and Playing Fields, in particular a new kitchen for our very worn out old one!

Further details, or to offer your help, please contact Jo (881860) or Penny (881594) Look out for entry forms nearer the date.

Event organised by Ashton Recreation Committee

- Caring for your Village Hall and Playing Fields.



Please note that there will be no Beckford Simply Soup in September.

We will return on October 11th.

See you then?



Parish Minibus Shopping Trip to Worcester

September 9th & 23rd

Picks up from all villages on request.

*Call Andy Richmond 881237
Andrew Barnett 881145*

Get Well Soon Alex!

Our thoughts and best wishes to Alex Shirra of Ashton who is currently in Birmingham Hospital.

Alex was badly hurt in a car accident on the A46 in late July. He was airlifted to hospital where he underwent lengthy surgery. He is now in a stable condition, off the critical ward and beginning the long process of physiotherapy and recuperation.

Our love and best wishes to Alex and his family. They have been in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



BUPA Great North Run

On the 18th September, David Whitehouse will be running in the Great North Run.

He will be raising money for the Midlands Air Ambulance, the only Charity responsible for funding and operating three Air Ambulances serving the communities of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands. This constitutes the largest air ambulance operating region in the UK.

What is not widely known is that Midlands Air Ambulance receives no Government or National Lottery funding. £6 million is needed each year to keep its three Air Ambulances operational which is donated entirely by the public and local businesses.

If a patient reaches hospital within 60 minutes of injury (referred to as the 'Golden Hour') their chances of survival are dramatically increased. That is why the rapid response of the Midlands Air Ambulance is so vital in an emergency situation, such as that of Alex Shirra from Ashton under Hill recently.

If you would like to sponsor David in his bid to raise money for this extremely worthy cause, please visit his page at



<http://www.justgiving.com/David-Whitehouse4>

or send donations via the editor, Deborah Whitehouse.

Kemerton Lectures

29th September - 24th November 2011

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL IN HISTORY AND LITERATURE

Gordon Ottewell explores with us how education developed in villages. Come and contribute your own memories! Share the history of local schools, discovering the national significance of St Benet's School, Kemerton. Dip into the facts – and enjoy the fiction written about the institutions that played a key role in village life.

Thursday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, Victoria Hall, Kemerton

Fee: £40 for 8 weeks.

Visitors are very welcome and may attend any one session for £6.

Further details from Sue Bennett, 01386 725 245



BECKFORD NATURE RESERVE

We need your support!

You have probably noticed the changes that have been made to the Beckford Nature Reserve over the past few years. Although we rely heavily on volunteers for much of the hard work in keeping the reserve tidy, some of the ground work that has been done has cost money - and relies on fund raising.



However, just like owning a house, there are annual running costs that will never go away...

Public Liability Insurance - £512, Accountants Fees - £325, New Hide Insurance - £128
Companies House registration fees - £15. This totals £980, and together with the £1820 on average spent every year in the last 3 years on the ground works, means that we cannot afford to be complacent about fund raising.

The Beckford Nature Reserve trustees would like to thank all those who have supported the reserve over the last 4 years and hope that you will continue to support us in the future. The 200 Club currently raises £900 each year, made up of 91 numbers issued at £25 each and prize money of £115 per month along with the cost of the licence fee of £20 per year.

The Level of support for the 200 Club has been consistent over the years, which is absolutely fantastic, but as you will appreciate to help us carry on the good work we need your support more than ever.

It costs less than 50p per week to hold a number and you have 5 chances of winning a prize each month of between £10 and £50. So if you have not had a number before, or have had one and let it lapse, please reconsider. The Nature Reserve was bought by the Village for the Village and will only remain a wonderful haven with your support.

THANK YOU. For any further information please call Jennifer Berriman on 01386 882029

More from Teddington's Clerihewer

A recent issue promised more examples of the late Trevor Roberts' musical clerihews. He was, for instance, challenged to deal with some of the more dauntingly named composers and duly produced the following:

Khachaturian
Was no epicurean;
He was Armenian bred and born,
And he played a mean horn.

This was followed by a gaggle of Russians:

Borodin told Glinka
That Mussorgskij was a drinker,
But Tchaikovskij said to Cui
'That's all hui!'

N.B. These biographical snippets will *not* be found in Grove's Dictionary of Music.

Kemerton Conservation Trust

Annual Open Day at Kemerton Lake
Nature Reserve

**Saturday 3rd September
between 11am - 3pm**

There will be guided walks, information stands, refreshments, a raffle and a fun nature quiz for kids.

Why not come along and enjoy the flora and fauna our beautiful reserve has to offer? Entry is £1 per person (under 5s and Friends of KCT free).

For more details about the day, please visit the News & Events pages of our website www.kemerton.org or contact our support coordinator

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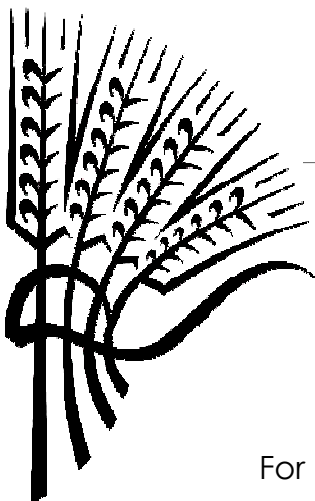




On August 15th Beckford Community Council ceased to be, and was replaced by Beckford Community Village Hall Ltd, a charitable company with limited liability, which better protects its assets and officers. This was a process started by the late Rupert Ellis and brought to a successful conclusion after a good deal of work by the trustees of the BCC.

Everyone assumes that the Village Hall and playing field will always be there for parties and entertainment, markets, group meetings and local elections, but a full survey of the hall has recently been undertaken revealing that considerable work may be necessary. The first AGM of the new company will be held in the village hall on September 19th at 7.30, and after general business there will be a discussion of what needs to be done. Depending on those discussions, large sums of money may be required.

If Beckford is your village, then this is your Hall, so please come to the open meeting and take part in the decisions. There will be free tea and coffee, and possibly even a biscuit!



**Celebrate Harvest with St Nicholas, Kemerton
Autumn Fair - Sept 24th**

12 noon in St Nicholas' Church for children's concerts,
1 pm in the Victoria Hall for adult and children's stalls,
lunches, teas.

Harvest Festival - Sept 25th, 11 am in the Church
For details, call Richard or Sue Bennett on 01386 725245

ASHTON UNDER HILL W.I.

Ashton WI members and members of their "twin" WI from Ashton Keynes, enjoyed a lovely day celebrating again their 70th birthday. The Committee organized a delicious home-cooked buffet lunch, which included ham, chicken, quiches and various salads all washed down with sparkling cordials.

There was on display several photograph albums of past WI events down the generations and a glorious stitched mural which past and present members completed in 1991.

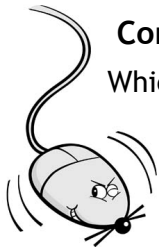
Then Frank Hardy, a very well qualified horticulturalist gave a very entertaining talk on flowers for fragrance, flower and foliage. He identified each plant as he progressed and gave some very useful tips for the best areas to plant each plant and their suitability for wet and dry areas.

Ashton Keynes ladies thanked Ashton for a lovely afternoon and presented them with a hand-made 70th Birthday card and a new album to continue our collection of photos throughout the years ahead.

We concluded the day with tea and home-made cakes and Doreen Cope thanked the Committee profusely for arranging the afternoon and preparing the luncheon, Each Committee member received a plant as a thank you present.

Forthcoming outings include "Taster" evening at Nadine Simpkin's home, a visit to the Jinney Ring Centre, Bromsgrove on 8th September and a visit to W.I. House on 16th September.

There will not be a walk this month because of the Taster Evening.



Computers! Are you afraid of them or do you use one every day?

Which ever it is Beckford WI have a day arranged that you and your family are sure to enjoy. We would like to invite you to an exciting hands-on interactive Technology Festival being organised by Beckford WI at **Beckford Village Hall on Saturday 8th October from 11am until 4.30 pm.**

During the day visitors will be able to see and try the latest gadgets, find out how to get online, use Skype, play Wii Fit and see a whole host of other interesting things such as live filming with college students, our Beckford Village Website, hold a geocache and see displays from Evesham Library and Silver Surfers. The travelling Comput@bus with its eight connected laptops will be on site.

You will also be able to sit down and listen to experts on topics such as New Technology in The Early Years (with Mirka from Little Beckford), Hi-Tech Treasure Hunting for families (Geocaching), setting up a Community Website, Free Software for your PC and an Introduction to the Internet.

The event is for everyone, from absolute beginners to the more experienced. Admission is £2 but only £1 to WI members. Free admission to accompanied children under 12. There is a raffle to win an Ipod Shuffle. Parking is free.

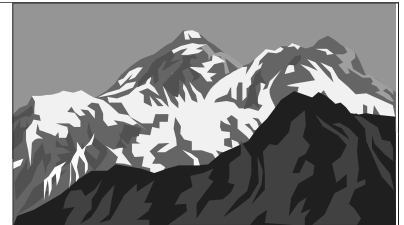
Our team of ladies will serving refreshments throughout the day, which promises to be a cracking one! See you there.

“A TREK IN THE HIMALAYAS”

Saturday 17th September

7pm. Beckford Village Hall

Come and share the experience in comfort with Neil Piercy who is giving a Presentation and Talk.



Enjoy a hot supper and glass of wine too which will be served during the evening.

All Proceeds will be shared between the **“Katja Foundation Trust - Kathmandu, Nepal”** and **Beckford Village Hall Roof Fund**. The Foundation Trust is a non-profit making charity organization which attempts to change the lives of street children, orphans and kids from deserving families of Nepal by educating and caring for them.

Tickets £10 per person are available from Jean Croft 01386881230 or Angela Piercy 01386584416. Please apply by **10th September 2011**.

LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS - SEPTEMBER 2011

Geological Growth on Cleeve Common - Friday September 09 - Moderate

Footwear for scabbling around awkward places please. 3 hours, 5 miles.

10.00 am at Cleeve Hill Quarry Car Park. OS Explorer Map 179/989 272

Views of Long Compton better than a King's - Thursday September 15 - Moderate

Includes a couple of long climbs. 5.5 hours, 10 miles.

10.00 am at Great Rollright Crossroads. OS Explorer 191/322 314

Around the Villages from Churchill - Thursday September 22 - Moderate

Undemanding route. Optional pub lunch available. 5.5 hours, 11 miles.

9.30 am at All Saints Church, Churchill. Please park considerately. OS OL Map 45/282 241

Blockley - a delightful and historic village No. 2 - Thursday September 29- Moderate

Optional lunch at the Great Western Pub. 5 hours, 9.5 miles.

10.00 am at The Great Western Pub, Blockley. OS OL Map 45/166 348

For more information see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000

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September Diary

2nd	Ashton Lunch Club, Cricket Pavilion	12 noon
3rd	Kemerton Conservation Trust Open Day	11am - 3 pm
10th	Parish Hike - start at Overbury	9:30 pm
	Family Music Festival, Bredon Hill Middle School Grounds	2 - 10:30 pm
11th	Harvest Festival, Beckford Church	6 pm
13th	Beckford WI, Beckford Village Hall	7:30 pm
16th	Copy date for magazine	
17th	Himalaya Talk, Beckford Village Hall	7 pm
18th	United Parish Worship, Overbury Church	10 am
24th	Kemerton Autumn Fair	12 noon
	Parish Music, Ashton Church	8 pm
25th	Harvest Festival, Ashton Church	11 am
	Harvest Festival, Alstone Church	11 am

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2nd	Harvest Festival & Lunch, Overbury Church	11 am
4th	Parish Harvest Tea, Beckford Village Hall	3 pm

Ashton Under Hill
Family Music
Festival 2011

Under 16s MUST Be Accompanied By An Adult.

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
AT BREDON HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
2pm - 10.30pm

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This is not a school function.

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Saturday 8th October

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