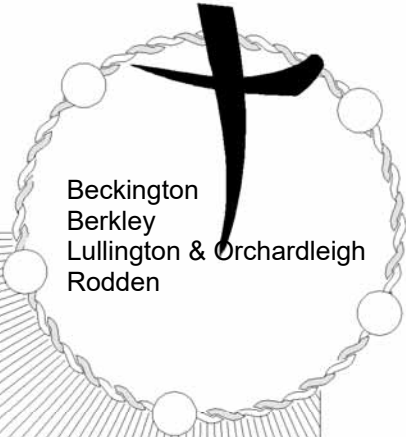


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Reader's Message

"If you can keep your head, when all about you are losing theirs..."

Writing in mid March, this opening line of Kipling's poem seems particularly apt, as confusion reigns in Westminster and nobody knows where the country will be when you read this piece in April. People hold strong views and *Network* is not the place to comment on the debate itself. But we can ask, "how do we cope with the uncertainty, when nobody knows what to do?"

Uncertainty is part of life, and, perhaps, coping with the constantly changing British weather gives us a measure of stoic patience. We talk about the weather and the constant battle between the Atlantic gales we dislike, and the high pressure that brings those wonderful calm sunny days. And it helps us.

Knowing some history also helps, reminding us that there is nothing new in life. Crises have always broken periods of peace. One lesson, which has been in my mind lately, is how King Jehosaphat in Jerusalem faced a powerful invasion that far outnumbered his defences. He went to the temple and cried out to God, ending his prayer thus, "We have no power to face this vast army. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT OUR EYES ARE ON YOU." The attack failed as the invaders fought each other ... You will find the account in 2 Chronicles 20.

A modern parallel is the summer of 1940. My father was serving under

Admiral Ramsay at Dover and I have a copy of a then secret order issued by the Admiral in June. It lists barely a dozen coastal batteries spread over some 55 miles between Margate and Hastings. There was little ammunition. Britain was virtually defenceless. No wonder King George VI called the nation to prayer twice. First in May 1940 before Dunkirk, and then in September at the height of the Battle of Britain. On both occasions we were remarkably rescued from disaster. Not because God was on our side, but because God opposes evil and true prayer aligns us with his will.

Few know, but there are many praying for our country today. In January, several of us joined some 4,000 others at the Wembley Arena for a day of prayer for the nation. There was a strong sense that God is shaking us out of our complacency and bidding us pay attention to Him rather than go on imagining that we can sort ourselves out without Him. He may seem absent but He hasn't forgotten us!

In the dark days of WW2 people took strength in Psalm 46...

"God is our refuge and strength....

He says, 'Be still and know that I am God'...."

Should we not now listen to what he has said?

Edmund Phillimore

Journey through Lent 2019

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The tower was lit:

On February 14th to celebrate the birth of Alfred Ronald White (Alfie) on February 1st 2019. A blessing from God.

On February 18th in loving memory of Francis on his 70th birthday. Holly & family

On March 3rd "in loving memory of Mike Casey"

Survey

We are very grateful to all those who have completed the questionnaire asking for your views on St. George's Church as part of our preparations to find a new Rector. If you have not yet done so, please contribute by filling in a paper form that you will find at the back of the church or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TH7B886>

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY MAY 4TH
10am -12 Noon
at BECKINGTON FIRST SCHOOL
(Friends of St George's)

The Friends of St. George's were sorry that the snow forced them to postpone this event in February. It now takes place on:

Saturday 27th April



Entertainment by Geoff Ditcham & friends "The Family Bath forgot"

Light hearted sketches, music, and poetry, with a local flavour by Geoff Ditcham and friends, followed by a delicious afternoon tea:

Tea at the Ritz by Friends of St George's

Beckington Memorial Hall

3:30 - 5:30pm

Tickets £8 Jo: 830885
or Jenny 830208

Due to the change of date, there are now a few tickets available. (those who bought tickets already, are transferrable. If you have a ticket and cannot come, please kindly let us know, for catering and allowing others to come!)



St. Mary's Berkley

Family Service

The March Family Service was very

well attended with around some 55-60 people, both adults and children, enjoying the service. The focus was on The Parable of the Talents. Children from Berkley School took responsibility for the Gospel reading and then shared their own skills and talents. Examples of Jean Johnson's amazing fabric art work were shared, and past pupils of Berkley School joined us to play their clarinets. Music for the service was provided jointly by St George's music group and Graham Hayward on the organ. Afterwards those attending shared refreshments and fellowship together.

Caroline White

Saturday 27th April 10.30 – Noon

DISPLAY OF CLASSIC CARS, PLANT SALE, COFFEE MORNING

Plus sale of Cakes & Preserves,
Gifts stall, Raffle, Bacon Butties,
Children's Lucky Dip

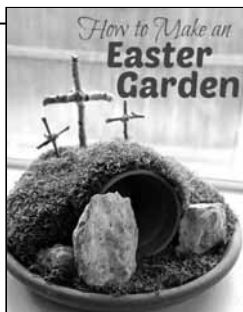
Proceeds to St. Mary's Church,
Berkley



Event venue: the home of Eric and
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Very good display of classic/vintage cars
already secured but if anyone else would
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Easter Garden Competition.

We would love it if you could design and make a 3D mini Easter Garden. It could be on a tray or in a shoe box or in any other form that you like. You could make one by yourself or with a friend or with your family.

We would like to receive them in time for our April Family Service which is at 9.15am on April 28th so the deadline is FRIDAY 26th April.

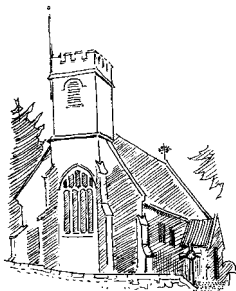
This does come after Easter itself but it would still be fun to do.

If you attend Berkley School then take them into Mrs Langton and I will collect from there. Otherwise ask your parents to make contact with me.

There will be small chocolate eggs at the service for those who submit a garden and a prize for the overall winner which will be judged by members of the church

Caroline White

All Saints Rodden



1st Thursday at No 30 will be on April 4th. Please join us at 30 Styles Hill from 10.30am. Come and take a break and join us for a hot drink and a chat.

Sheila Walker

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
7	LENT	Mrs Beck
14	LENT	Mrs McKie
21	EASTER DAY	FLOWER TEAM
28	FLOWER TEAM	FLOWER TEAM
5	Melanie / Rachael	Melanie / Rachael

A **Soup and Puds Lunch** takes place in the Hall on Friday 5th April from 12 noon. We look forward to welcoming you again this year

Advance Notice:-

Afternoon Tea and Fun Quiz.
Saturday May 11th.

Rodden 200Club.

If you have not already done so, please return your form and remittance to Sheila Courtney by the end of April.

Electoral Roll:-

If you wish to be included on the Electoral Roll for Rodden please return your application forms by the 6th April to J.Dowling, The Old Carthouse, Flintford Farm, Frome, BA11 5LD.

Beckington Defibrillator

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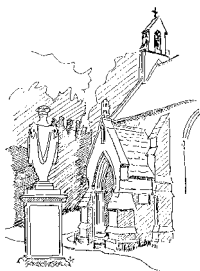
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BERKLEY PARISH NOTICE Defibrillator for Berkley Parish

As a result of a joint venture between Berkley School and Berkley Parish Council we are pleased to announce that a defibrillator for use by the Berkley/Frome community in the event of an emergency has been installed at Berkley School.

The defibrillator (AED) is located in a secure box by the entrance to the School. The AED is available for use 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it. When dialling 999 the Ambulance Call Handler will ask a series of questions and should the patient require a defibrillator the handler will give access details to the nearest AED.

Berkley School has several training DVDs available if residents wish to learn how to operate the AED. Please telephone the School on 01373 887390 for more information.



Lullington & Orchardleigh

Holy Week is being marked at St Mary's Orchardleigh (BA11 2PH) with a reflective sung service of Compline

on Tuesday 16th April at 6:30pm, do come and join us for this time of quiet and reflection, and as you will expect the texts will be the time honoured ones from the Book of Common Prayer.

The Easter Celebration in the parish of Lullington with Orchardleigh will this year be at All Saints, Lullington (BA11 2PG) when there will be a celebration of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 11:00am on Easter Day, Sunday 21st April. Do come and join us.

The Athenaeum Singers
invite you to Come and Sing
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also

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Private advertisements only please.

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From the Registers

Lullington

Baptism

3rd March Teddy Khamsouk Harry Luangrath

Beckington Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting:

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on the 12th of March, this was acclaimed to have been a success as unlike the year before, this year some residents came to the meeting!

A request was made by one resident that the Parish Council support the creation of a one-way street on Church Hill / Street. The Parish Council will now consult with the homeowners of the streets before resolving whether to support this change or not. Letters will go out in the next few months.

Full reports made to the Parish Meeting can be seen on the Parish Councils website under 'Meetings'.

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Planning

2019/0332/HSE - Erection of a single storey conservatory to the rear elevation. 5 Great Dunns Close Beckington BA11 6AF

2019/0216/HSE - Erection of a first floor side extension on oak supports with drive through access. 3 Green Park Lane Cottages Green Park Lane BA11 6TT

Table Tennis in Beckington

I am hoping to start an informal table tennis club at Beckington Village Hall. The idea is to hold the group once a week on Wednesdays from 5.00 to 7.00 pm.



The Hall Committee has agreed in principle, and the question of space for table storage etc. can be resolved.

I do not have a table, but think the first step should be to hold an informal meeting of anyone interested in taking part. **Perhaps someone may know of a table** lurking in a garage somewhere? I envisage after-school youngsters, early returners from work, or anyone at home, of course.

The idea is to have fun, socialise and enjoy some table tennis - not league or anything serious like that!

Please let me know if you are interested. My mobile number is 07932 795518 or a message can be left on 01373 831217.

Brenda Power

Beckington Group Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union meeting in March fell on Ash Wednesday and was a service of Holy Communion, marking the beginning of Lent.

In the middle of Lent comes *Mothering Sunday*, often popularly known as *Mother's Day*, and in recent years Mothers' Union has chosen to mark this with a special appeal to celebrate the lives of our mothers. The "Make a Mother's Day" tea parties have proved very effective at raising awareness of the special role of mothers, both here and worldwide. People are invited to support a local event, or make a donation, and the money goes to any one of several chosen projects, including literacy, health care, education, children's projects and business skills.

Our "Make a Mother's Day" tea will be held at LaHS Place, Beckington on Wednesday 3rd April, from 2.30 onward. There will be cakes to buy and to eat, bring and buy stall and a raffle. Please come and join us, and find out more about Mothers' Union. We look forward to welcoming friends and visitors, especially any who have recently moved to the village.

More events coming up soon: the MU Diocesan AGM will take place at Kingston Seymour on Friday 5th April and Cathedral Prayers for Frome Deanery in Wells on Thursday 18th April.

Rosemary Ball

Berkley School

It has been a typically busy and fruitful last month at Berkley, with the pupils supporting *Comic Relief* by wearing red, as well as a red nose and by making donations for this worthy cause.

The previous week, the children dressed up as their favourite book character as part of *World Book day* and also shared their favourite book extract with their classmates. We are also compiling a list of parental favourite reads when they were aged 4-9, together with parental favourite quotes from books (My own favourite being 'To thine own self be true' from Hamlet)

We have had three *Wow! Days* in the last month: the first being a visit from Wessex Water who made pupils aware of this precious commodity and how we can make the most of it; the second involved the children learning about our new sponsored child from Ethiopia – an 8 year old girl and the third involved 'Pete the Poet' regaling the children about matters related to *Comic Relief* (the day he visited).

Year 4's attended the *Pilgrim day* at Wells cathedral this week, which is a special day for them and is part of the process of the Year 4's leaving Berkley at the end of this year and moving on to the next chapter in their education.

The school has been visited by our SEP, (School Evaluation Partner) who looked thoroughly into the school's actions and progress and provided

positive feedback, as well as endorsing the actions in our School Development Plan.

Finally, the children are entering my *Headteacher's Poetry competition*, and here is an example of an acrostic poem by Isabella, who is in our reception class:

Why I love the summer:

Sprinklers spray me in my
swimming costume
Under the sun we can play
in the garden
Mummy is happy
Melting ice-creams
Everyday all the plants are
around and so many
butterflies
Rain never comes down

As I write this, the rain is indeed pouring down! Roll on Summer

Steve Kirby, Head teacher

Beckington School

The days are getting longer, and we're already over half way through the school year and as always it's flying by.

The whole school have been busy raising money for *Challenge Aid*. Money raised for *Challenge Aid* is used to create Schools of Hope in Africa and so far the children have been sponsored over for £700. The children aimed to walk two miles each day for a week so that they have a better understanding of what it is like for the children who have to travel this distance to fetch water for their families. All the children were thoroughly committed to reaching this target and many aimed to walk further each day to raise more money. My own daughter came home each day telling me I owed her more money as she had, 'done even more laps,' today!

Following on from the theme of giving and compassion the children are also doing 40 challenges for Lent. These link to the school's Christian values and encourage the children to carry out different acts of kindness ranging from giving people nice surprises, to helping other people clean up and sitting and playing with other children. Blackbird Class started this with making a list of things they were grateful for.

Year 4 children have undertaken the traditional 'Leavers' Pilgrimage to Wells with the children from Mells School. This year the children learnt about Bishop Bekynton, who came

from Beckington and was a Bishop of Bath and Wells in the 15th Century. They enjoyed mixing with children from other schools and shared a range of activities with them such as completing a blindfolded obstacle course.

Following on from the very successful STEAM week, Owls had a lovely trip to the quarry, and they are planning their own designs for the future of the quarry in 30 years time. Linked to the STEAM theme the whole school are eagerly anticipating their trip to *We are Curious* before Easter.

Lots of the children are looking forward to supporting the pre-school in their annual **Easter Egg Hunt** in the Easter break which promises to be a fantastic day. The Friends of Beckington school are also well on the way with preparations for the joint summer fete in June to raise money for both the school and pre-school.

We hope everyone has a restful Easter break and hope the weather continues to improve so we can all go on some nice walks to compensate for the chocolate we are likely to consume!

Emma Hurst, FoBS

Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

At our March meeting the famous artist John Nankivell spoke to a large audience of members with 5 visitors. He told us about his travels and showed us some of his wonderful pencil drawings. He brought more than a hundred of them with him. All quite large, some very large and all incredibly detailed.

He trained at Reading University School of Art and then moved to Wantage where he met and become friends with Sir John Betjeman. In 1970 he went to India with Lady Betjeman and 3 of her female friends to draw the temples there. The temples were built with layers of stone at the bottom, then wood, then stone all layered up without any cement. If earthquakes hit, generally the buildings shook, but did not fall, due to this construction. After that he travelled round Java for a year drawing the intricate carved panels in the Buddhist temples there. The governor's palace in Calcutta was an enormously long building that needed a very long roll of paper. Lastly we saw some of the 90 drawings he did of ruins in Ireland. Again all very detailed. All 90 were bought by the Irish Georgian Society for their new Head Quarters that

had just opened in Dublin. An exceptionally talented man and very nice to talk to.

The raffle was won by Valerie Rose and the competition for the oldest theatre programme by Andrea Brooke. At our next meeting on the 4th April author Julia Samuel a psychotherapist will talk about her latest book "Grief Works". The competition is for "4 tulips grown in my garden."

Visitors are very welcome to come and join us at the Beckington Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Marion Oxlade



Beckington School



Challenge Aid

Our recent whole school challenge in support of Challenge Aid was to walk the average distance it takes to get clean water which is one mile (14 times around our school field) - every day (despite the weather) for a week instead of playtime. Some children were even carrying water containers.

All the children did amazingly well, we even had parents and grandparents join us in our challenge. So far £780 has been raised in sponsorship for Challenge Aid which is incredible!

Challenge Aid promotes health and fitness throughout the UK by motivating schools, universities, corporate groups and individuals to raise money through sponsored exercise.

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Current regular slots include: WI, Circuit training, Yoga, Beckington Filling Station, Pilates, Gentle Exercise Class, Lunch Club (Monthly lunch for senior citizens), The Parish Council meeting, The Beckington Memorial Hall Committee meeting.

Hire the hall for:

Birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, weddings, children's parties quizzes, Board game clubs etc.

The Organising Committee is open to suggestions regarding possible future events. If you are interested in joining the committee we meet on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the Clifford Suite.

Celebration of recent events

Thanks to the Beckington Players for their generous contribution to the hall following a very successful pantomime production last November.

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Chilli quiz night in March. Particular thanks on the evening go to Debs for the wonderful food, there were multiple compliments for her cooking. As is tradition well done to David Norman for his excellent work as quiz master and thank you to Ian for being a great barman. Other thanks go to those who arranged, set up and helped on the evening. From the feedback received everyone had a great time, there were many requests for it to be repeated soon.

Dates for your diary in 2019

Charity cricket match and fun day – Sunday August 25th

Beckington Family Fireworks evening – Saturday November 2nd

The 200 Club

Winners of the 200 Club draw are:-

February: £40 Christopher Massey-Beresford **£20** Pat Wilson

March: £40 Jo Casey **£20** Andy Smith

If you would like to be part of this monthly draw please pick up a form from the entrance hall.

Beckington Memorial Hall 200-Club is registered with Mendip District Council's Licensing Department. The registration number is LN/009407396.

BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE UPDATE

Temporary Change to Dispensary Opening Hours

The Dispensary will be closed between 1 – 3 pm during April and May, the revised opening hours during this time will be 8.30-13.00/15.00-18.30. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Chronic Disease and Medication Reviews Recall System Change

All patients with one or several of the following chronic conditions are being recalled on a yearly basis, for one (combined) annual review.

The recall system covers patients with: Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension (high blood pressure), Atrial Fibrillation, Chronic Heart Disease, Heart Failure, Stroke/TIA, Chronic Kidney Disease, Mental Health, Asthma or COPD.

Patients due for review will receive an appointment invitation letter by post. Please do let us know if you cannot make this appointment so that we can re-schedule it.

At the appointment the health care assistant will carry out different checks (e.g. weight, blood pressure, etc.) and in most cases take blood. Once this appointment has been attended, a doctor will review the test results and decide if a routine review appointment with the doctor or nurse to discuss the management of the chronic condition should be scheduled.

Please note that repeat prescriptions can only be issued if the doctor is happy that all these important checks have been carried out.

A New Member of Staff

Dr Scott Eastick joined us in February. He will be with us for 6 months as our latest GP Registrar and Dr Beaven is responsible for his training. Dr Eastick is an ST2 or second year (of three) GP registrar.

Diabetes Prevention Programme

Monday 1 April to Sunday 7 April 2019. This April, the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme (NHS DPP) is holding the second Diabetes Prevention Week. We've teamed up with them to raise awareness of their Healthier You programme. This is a free service run by the NHS to help reduce the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

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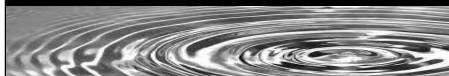
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If you have any questions please look at our website or give me a ring on 01373 830419.

John Ball

Rode and District Gardening Club

For our February meeting we were joined by Dawn Collins who shared the delights of the gardens at Stourhead where she volunteers as a Walks and Talks guide.

The gardens were laid out between 1741- 1780 around the artificial lake created by damming the stream. The design was inspired by the paintings of Poussin of classical landscapes and stories of Greek mythology.

The path round the lake gives views of the Pantheon and the Temple of Apollo designed to give emphasis to the beauty of the landscape. Other monuments were added, the Grotto, the Gothic Cottage, the Palladian bridge and the Bristol Cross.

There are trees from all over the world, many trees were planted when they were first introduced to the UK by plant-hunters and now are fantastic examples of champion trees. Californian redwoods, all kinds of pines and spruce from China and examples of rare trees from different parts of Europe. There are numerous examples of tulip trees and acers. Henry Hoare said "The greens should be ranged together in large masses as the shades are in painting: to contrast the dark masses with the light ones, and to relieve each dark mass itself with little sprinklings of lighter greens here and there." The planting, added to over the years, guarantees fantastic colour throughout the year and consequently many visitors. Luckily for us we live close enough to visit at any time and enjoy it throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th April when we will welcome Marion Dale to talk on *Designing your Dream Garden*. All welcome.

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Orchardleigh	Tuesday 16 th April		6.30pm	Compline
St. George's Beckington		Apr 7	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship & <i>Film Club</i>
	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Apr 14	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Berkley</i>
	<i>Good Friday</i>	Apr 19	10.00am	Morning Worship
	<i>Easter Day</i>	Apr 21	7.30am	Praise!
			10.00am	Holy Communion
		Apr 28	10.00am	Morning Worship & <i>Film Club</i>
		May 5	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
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St. Mary's Berkley		Apr 7	11.00am	BCP Matins
	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Apr 14	10.00am	Holy Communion at Beckington
	<i>Good Friday</i>	Apr 19	3.00pm	<i>Devotions</i>
	<i>Easter Day</i>	Apr 21	9.15am	Holy Communion
		Apr 28	9.15am	Family Service
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 Items for inclusion by **midday on April 20th** at the latest please.
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This Month

- Apr 1 **Woodlanders Music Hall AGM** 8pm
Horse & Groom Pub East Woodlands
- Apr 3 **MU** Tea for "Make a Mother's Day"
2.30pm Lahs Place
- Apr 4 **1st Thursday at 30 Styles Hill** from
10.30am
- Apr 4 **W.I.** author Julia Samuel
- Apr 5 Rodden Spring **Soup & Puds** 12 noon
- Apr 5 **MU** Diocesan AGM at Kingston
Seymour
- Apr 7 **Easter Egg Hunt** 11am – 2pm
Beckington Memorial Hall for Pre-
School
- Apr 18 **MU** Cathedral Prayers for Frome
Deanery, Wells, 11.30am
- Apr 26 **B.A.S.** Observing & Sketching the
Deep Sky Mark Radice
- Apr 27 **Plant Sale, Coffee Morning, Classic
Car Display** & more at Hill Corner,
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For St. Mary's Church, Berkley.
- Apr 27 **Entertainment & Ritz Tea** 3.30pm
Beckington Memorial Hall for Friends
of St George's
- Apr 28 **St. George's Church AGM** 11.30am
in the School/Church Hall followed by
bring & share lunch

Later in the Year

- May 1 **MU** meeting, Lahs Place, 2.15pm
- May 2 **W.I.** AGM resolutions & quiz
- May 4 **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** for
Friends of St. George's 10am-noon at
Beckington First School
- May 11 **Rodden** Afternoon Tea & Fun Quiz

- May 17 **B.A.S.** "The Herschel 400" Jonathan
Gale.
- Jun 6 **W.I.** The Magic of Somerset Carnivals
- Jun 21 **B.A.S.** AGM + Member Talks
- Jun 22 Rodden Cream Tea
- Jul 5 **W.I.** Inspired by Fashion
- Jul 17 **Organ recital St. George's** 12.30-1.30
- Aug 1 **W.I.** Social evening – shared supper
- Aug 25 Beckington Memorial Hall **Charity
Cricket Match**
- Sep 5 **W.I.** Belly Dancing Experience
- Sep 6 Rodden **Coffee Morning**
- Oct 3 **W.I.** Musical Moments with car booty
- Oct 7 Rodden **Harvest Supper**
- Nov 7 **W.I.** Cookery demonstration
- Nov 8 **Early Christmas Market** Friends of St.
George's
- Nov 15 Rodden **Festive Soup & Puds**
- Dec 5 **W.I.** George Formby and the ukulele