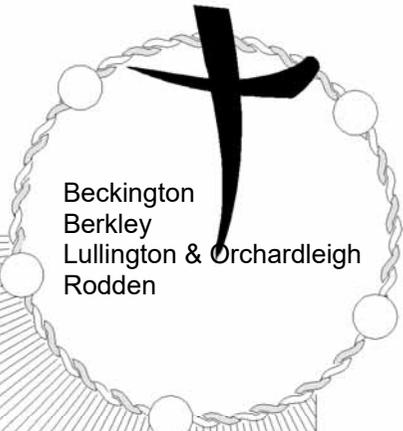
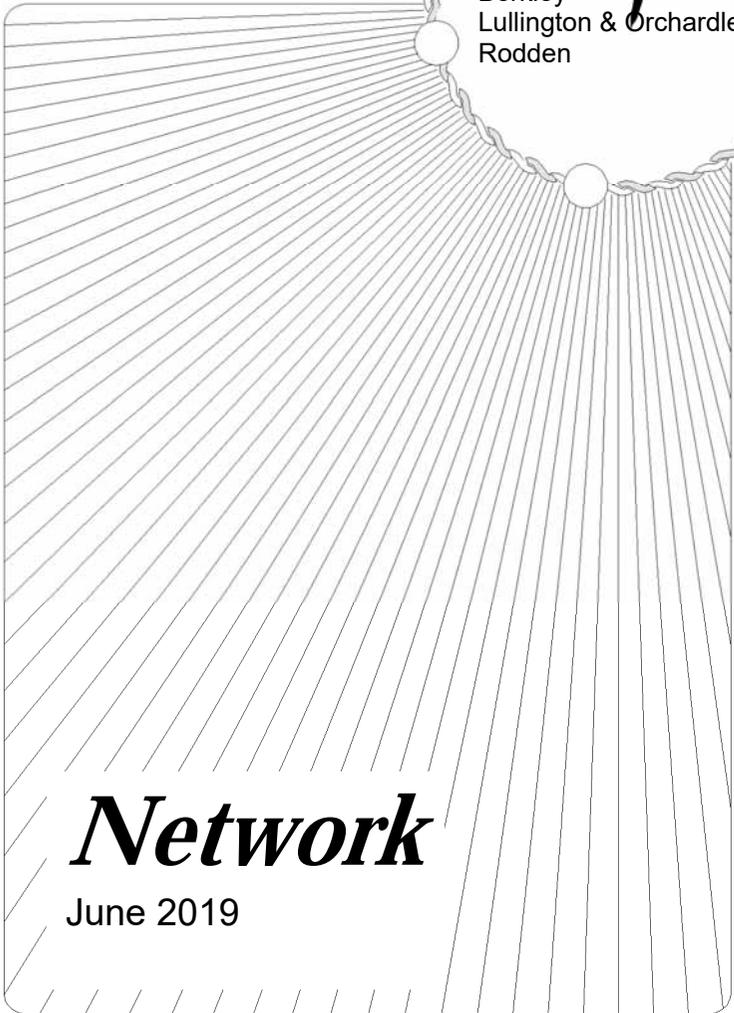


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Reader's Message

Some of you may be wondering when we will be getting a new Rector. Unfortunately there is no exact answer. However I can tell you that we have completed some essential groundwork that is enabling our four PPCs to meet early in June to agree the way forward.

While there may be other options, the expectation is that the post will be advertised in the usual way leading to applicants being interviewed by a selection committee. That committee is made up of representatives from both the four parishes and Frome Deanery, chaired by the Archdeacon of Wells, the Venerable Anne Gell. Once a candidate is selected they will usually have to give three months' notice to their current benefice. So there is still some way to go.

The vital groundwork has been preparing a *Benefice Profile* that sets out all that potential applicants need to know about us and our parishes, what we can offer and what we are looking for in them. The days have passed when one could jot down several key things and get on with filling the post. While that may have worked in many cases, there were less happy outcomes when it led to false expectations and consequent unhappiness for all concerned. So taking more time to prepare a well thought-through Benefice Profile is important.

Our four parishes serve four very different local communities and each has its particular concerns. So we have spent some time discussing our situations and seeking to understand

each other better. Hopefully this will enable us to welcome a new Rector into a more united community. Thank you to all those who completed a St. George's Church 'Your views' survey. We have had a good response and it has been helpful to hear what you said.

Something else that we have been doing is to meet each month to pray for the future of the benefice. God's service is a calling. So we have been asking God to call someone to come here, using this simple prayer suggested to us by Rev John Samways:

*Lord, call to this your church a true shepherd,
One who is deeply aware of God's calling, a minister of Christ;
And make us, together, a church joyful in worship and witness.*

Amen

But there is more to prayer than simply asking God to do things for us. Prayer is also about listening to God. It opens the door not only to understanding God better but also hearing his calling on our lives. What would he have us do for him? Everyone is valuable to God and each has something to offer which will benefit others.

Few of us are called to do great things. Most are called to follow in the common round of everyday life, learning to love God whole-heartedly and he responds by calling us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Edmund Phillimore

Beckington Group Mothers' Union

Our meeting opened as usual with a service, which was led by Penny Hoare. The prayers focused on the difficulties the country is facing at the present time, for leaders throughout the world, and for justice and peace.

We also prayed for members who are unwell at present, and for families who have been bereaved..

There were a few items of business and we are pleased to report the tea for *Make a Mother's Day* raised £200. This money goes to projects working with families around the world, helping with

education, health care, literacy and business skills. The MU holiday scheme AFIA (Away From It All) has helped a number of families in need with days out, travel expenses, holidays and short breaks, and our branch continues to support this very worthwhile project.

Our speaker this time was Glyn Bridges, known to many through his ministry at Lullington and Orchardleigh, with his wife Ruth. On this occasion he wore a different hat, and gave us an entertaining and informative talk on his role as Mayor of Trowbridge. The mayor is elected for one year; Glyn has held this post on three separate occasions, and brought

with him three albums of photos, newspaper cuttings, reports, invitations and a few souvenirs to illustrate what his role had been. A mayor is expected to turn up at important local events, to greet dignitaries and perform official ceremonies. This can be quite demanding and time-consuming, but a valuable part of local life.

Next month we look forward to meeting Rev Clarissa Shaw-Notice, at present part of the team of clergy at Holy Trinity Church, Frome. The July meeting will be our annual cream tea, with proceeds going to the work of MU. Julia Birkett, our Mission partner with OMF, hopes to be able to join us. This will be held at LaHS Place.

Rosemary Ball



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A change of churchwardens at St George's Beckington

Some might say we were fortunate to have Lisa and Peter Spencer in post as churchwardens when church difficulties arose back in April 2015. But it wasn't good fortune for, as it was said at the recent Annual Church Meeting, Peter and Lisa have literally been a God-send to us all. They have steered the Church through these challenging years without a Rector and contended with issues such as the introduction of complex data protection and increased safeguarding legislation and training, in addition to the normal business of wardenship.

After several years of hard work and total commitment, they are now retiring. We are so grateful to them and wish them every blessing in the years that lie ahead.

Su Coates and Judith Craig, already long-standing members of the PCC, have agreed to serve as our new churchwardens, albeit with some apprehension as there is much to learn. We wish them well as they start getting to grips with their new roles and pray that the wider community will feel able to connect with the life of the Church in many different ways in the coming years.

The four PCCs in our group of Churches (from Beckington, Berkley, Rodden and Lullington with Orchardleigh) are currently working through the procedure in order to seek a new Rector. We are grateful to all those who completed a questionnaire to help inform this process.

New email address for Beckington Churchwardens:

wardens.beckington@gmail.com

Mike Rolfe
Secretary, Beckington PCC



St. Mary's Berkley

Despite *Hurricane Hannah*, the Berkley Plant Sale/Coffee Morning/Display

of Classic cars went ahead. Thank you very much to all who attended and supported the event despite to awful weather, and those who grew the plants,

made the cake/preserves, organised and ran the stalls, served the refreshments, parked the cars, helped set up and then braved the exceptionally windy conditions on the day resulting in the sum of circa £1245 being raised for Berkley Church Funds. Amazing!

Eric J. Oakes
(Churchwarden)

All Age [family] Service
June 16th at 9:15am with Berkley School



As it is Father's Day we will be celebrating **all** the important men in our lives – our dads, granddads, step-dads, and any other men who have been significant to us.

There will be a gallery of the children's artwork to enjoy and they will be helping to lead the service.

It is also our annual Gift Aid Day event.

We are able to claim back the tax paid on any donations [for example the collection during the service] from British taxpayers, which is a significant help to our fundraising.

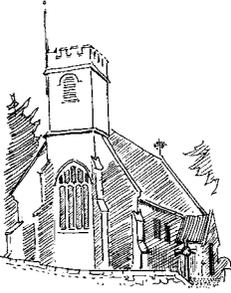
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For further information if required contact Eric J. Oakes, Church Warden
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All Saints Rodden



1st Thursday at No 30 will be on June 6th. 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
2	Mrs Bungay	Mrs Bungay
9	Mrs Bungay	Mrs Bungay
16	Mrs Ruddick	Mrs Ruddick
23	Mrs Ruddick	Mrs Ruddick
30	Rachael / Melonie	Rachael / Melonie
7	Melonie / Rachael	Melonie / Rachael

The afternoon Tea and Quiz was much enjoyed and resulted in a profit of £123.

Our next event will be **Cream Teas with a Bring and Buy** stall in the Church Hall on Saturday 22nd June from 3.00-5.00pm. We do hope you can make it.

Jim Dowling

From the Registers

Orchardleigh

Blessing

20th April - Damien Deschamps and Marion Felicite

Baptism

12th May - Elsie Bluebell Milton

Lullington

Marriages

27th April - Oliver Valvona and Victoria Campbell

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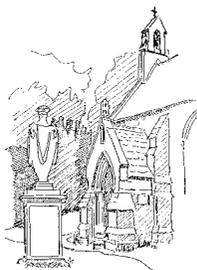
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Lullington & Orchardleigh

Delights of Lullington 52: Bee Off

My son rushed in, clutching a granddaughter. He slammed the door. "There's a swarm of wasps out there!" he yelled. Wasps? In April? I went out to look. It was indeed a swarm, but of honeybees looking for a new home. We've seen plenty over the years, but they soon pass on. This one didn't. The queen settled on a plum tree and was swiftly enveloped by a glistening, pullulating mass of adoring workers. I kept bees years ago, but my hives and frames (and bee-proof suit) have long since rotted to dust. And we were having lots of family for lunch next day – in the garden. So I googled "Somerset Beekeepers", and ten minutes later a cheery old apiarist bowled up from Frome. He was carrying two objects: a white sheet and a cardboard box. "Oops. Forgot one thing," he said, and hunted about until he found a small flat stone. Thus equipped, he donned his suit and veil, spread the sheet beneath the plum tree and picked up the cardboard box. Then he gave the tree a few hearty shakes and – hey presto - most of the swarm dropped into the box with a slight thud. Inverting this onto the sheet, he propped up one end with the aforementioned stone and stood back with a grunt of satisfaction, brushing stray bees gently from his gloves. "Now," he said, "I'm going to have a sitdown for half an hour."

So we sat in the sun and drank tea and ate parkin while he regaled us with tales of bees and flowers, of hornets both British and Asian, and of his childhood at the Home Farm in Orchardleigh. After exactly half an hour, he put down his cup and took a look at the swarm. By now most of the stray workers had crawled into the box, so he turned it upright, wrapped the ends of the sheet round it and drove off with it buzzing faintly in the back of his car. A few bees remained, clinging to the spot where the queen had left her heady pheromones, in the pathetic hope that she would return. But she never did.

Great Bustard

Choral Evensong

Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday
Choral Evensong will be sung in St Mary's Orchardleigh at 6:00pm by the choir of Christ Church, Frome. The music will include the Ellis 'Morland Responses' the canticles will be sung to Wise in E flat and the anthem is Bob Chilcott's 'God so loved the world'

Coffee and Cake

During the summer drop in to All Saints, Lullington (BA11 2PG) for coffee, cake and a chat on the second Thursday of the month between 10:00am and 12:00noon.

The next is on June 13th – see you then!

The other dates for 2019 are 11th July, 8th August and 12th September.

Beckington Parish Council

Beckington Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on May 14th. Cllr Mark Wilson was elected as Parish Council Chairman for 2019/20.

- Cllr Wilson will take on the responsibility for getting the Allotments and the Association up and running (along with the Parish Clerk). The Council divides up the responsibilities across its Membership so that the Chairman is not responsible for everything:

- Cllr Roland Kelly is responsible for Councils Planning and Development Portfolio, this means he coordinates the Parish Councils response to all tree and planning applications made to Mendip District Council.
- Cllr Kevin Bishop holds the Highways & Transport Portfolio, meaning that he looks after any issues relating to the same for the Council.
- Cllr Liz Wright is the Councils Rep to Rudge, as well as the Footpaths and Rights of way rep.
- Cllr Clive Winterbourne will continue to look after the Environment Portfolio. Clive helps keep an eye on all the new dog bins and is the fly-tipping supremo as well as looking

after the Council assets.

- Cllr Paula Fox – S106 local developer money coordinator.
- Mr Simon Pritchard – Rep / Trustee to the Memorial Hall.

Full contact details for all the Members can be found on the Parish Council website. If you wanted to contact the Council about an issue not covered above, then please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Looking for a new member

The Parish Council is also on the lookout for one more member to join the team. You may already be interested in one of the areas that have been outlined above or have a completely different interest to bring to the Council. Maybe you would like to kickstart a project for raising funds to replace the playground or maybe you want to see more land obtained for recreation / allotments. If you have drive, energy and a good plan the Council would be pleased to hear from you – please contact the Clerk.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

Notice is hereby given of a Public Consultation Meeting for a proposed residential development of 4 new houses following demolition of the existing property at

22 Frome Road, Beckington

When: 5th June 2019 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: Clifford Suite - Beckington Memorial Hall

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Berkley School

The children entered a writing competition that involved writing an acrostic poem linked to the seasons or weather patterns. Here is the winning poem from Year 4 class, written by Lily:

Trees bending, blowing, falling

Hissing like a cat crashing, breeze
blowing your hair

Every night crashing, roaring,
shaking, thumping, cracking,
scraping and –worst of all –
screaming

Snow breaking, thumping, booming,
it's amazing, searing and wet, cold,
hungry frost

Towering piles of clouds in the air,
bursting with thunder and rain, cold,
freezing, sitting by the fire nice and
toasty warm

Ooo...it's looping, swishing,
swooping, crashing, braking. Yellow,
brightly coloured lightning

Round and round the thunder turns,
barging in the air, crowding like a
football match looping up there

Mum! Mum! I'm scared. Help me
mum! Blowing, breathing,
squashing, yelping, all because of
the storm

Over sixty pupils entered, with the winner in each class receiving a well-earned book token and all children received a certificate.

Since the start of the Summer term, the children entered a *Design an*

Easter garden competition that formed a display at our Family service, with each entrant winning an Easter Egg.

All the children took part in an Easter Egg hunt, which involved them looking for clues hidden around the school.

Year 4's had a wonderful time at their three-day residential at Mill on the Brue – three days packed with exciting, challenging experiences with the focus on team work.

The Life Education Bus spent a day at the school, and finally, the governors appointed a new head teacher – Mrs Thompson, who will start in September.

Steve Kirby, Head teacher

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Beckington School

The summer term started with a fabulous week of team building activities for our Y3/4 children. The Y4 children had their residential trip to Mill on the Brue. They had many tales of the adventures they enjoyed and the new things they had tried. I am sure these are experiences they will remember forever! They were all also 'Zero Heroes' which means they didn't create any food waste from their meals that couldn't be recycled and it sounds like they ate very well! It was also a lovely opportunity for the children mix with children from different schools – Beckington, Mells and Berkley Schools were there as well as a school from another area.

While the Y4 children were away, the Y3 children also had a fun week doing slightly different activities from their normal routine, which included a whole day of *Forest School*. They went to All Hallows School Forest area in the morning and made scrambled eggs with wild garlic which they had picked, before returning to Mells School and lighting fires using flint and steel, among other activities. We encouraged all the children to try new skills and praised their resilience.

The younger children have also been enjoying wellie walks and lots of outdoor learning, including learning to identify different flowers and trees.

We have enjoyed having the *Life Education Bus* here once again and the children have benefited from learning more about healthy life styles and how their body copes with

emotions and feelings – with a bit of help from Harold, the Giraffe.

During the week commencing Monday 20th May, we took part in the *School Travel Challenge* once again. This is where we encourage everyone to come to school (or part way to school) on foot, by scooter or by bicycle, thus helping to ease congestion around our school, provide a healthy active start to the day and raise money for *Sustrans* who are continuing to build the cycle path from Great Elm to Frome in the Missing Links project. It is a local project which many other local schools took part in. The week also included a nature trail card with things to look out for on the way to school, a visit from the *Smoothie Bike* and *Active Challenge* activities at playtimes. We hope everyone had fun being extra active!

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Murray on 20 years' service at Beckington Church of England First School. She is a hugely loved and respected member of our team and we hope will stay with us for a few more years yet.

We look forward to seeing you at Beckington School and Pre-School Fete on 30th June!

Claire Chantler

Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

We started our A.G.M. on 2nd May with a minute's silence as we remembered our friend and loyal member Sheila Ewart who recently died. She wrote the W.I. report for *Network* until a few months ago and will be missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Dereck and the family at this sad time.

The two resolutions for the National Federation of Women's Institutes main A.G.M. in Bournemouth in June were both carried unanimously. The N.F.W.I. called on the Government and local authorities to increase subsidies and work in partnership with bus companies and community transport operators to enable an adequate provision of services especially in rural areas. It was felt this would alleviate loneliness, improve health and wellbeing as well as promoting sustainable development.

The second resolution was to urge members to attend routine cervical screening, taking action to raise awareness and address barriers to attendance to help eradicate cervical cancer. Around 5,000 lives a year are saved yet attendance is currently at its lowest for a decade.

President June Saffin was willing to stand for another year as was Secretary Carol Sadler and Treasurer Ann Oakes. They and all the committee were thanked for their hard work during the past year. Two new members were voted onto the committee and reports were read.

Janet Cooke was presented for the second year running with the glass vase for winning the most competition entries over the last year. Many ideas were put forward in this month's competition for speakers, workshops and outings in 2020.

A lively end to the evening as we enjoyed a quiz on flowers provided by June Saffin. With our membership now at 38 our W.I. goes from strength to strength.

The next meeting is on 6th June. Mr. Dando will be talking about *The Magic of Somerset Carnivals* and the competition is a photo of a carnival float. Visitors are always welcome to join us at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

Valerie O'Shea

G.Q.T. COMES TO LAVERTON

Legh and Diana Walker, of *Barbers Farm Nurseries*, Chapmanslade, are coming to St Mary's Church, Laverton, on Wednesday 19th June for an evening of *Gardeners' Question Time*. This is an opportunity to put those questions you've never dared to ask – the Walkers' only condition is that they have a few days' notice beforehand so they can give you a correct answer! *Question Time* will start at 7 pm and will be followed by supper in the Egg House. Tickets: £15 from Debby Hill on 01373 830362 or bob@bobhill.demon.co.uk . There's no charge for anyone who'd like just to come to the Q&A but there will be a leaving collection in aid of the church.

Beckington School

At Beckington, our year 4 children spent three days on their annual residential visit to Mill on the Brue, a family-run activity centre in Bruton. They packed in a range of challenging activities including canoeing, tunnelling, a long zip wire, crack stack (it gets quite high) and numerous assault courses and challenge tracks. Every child had a go at everything - thanks to their fantastic 'can-do' attitudes and their impressive support of each other. They ate well - recording no food waste at meal times to win the coveted ZERO HERO status for another year - and both Mr Vincent and Mrs Kendrick praised the attitude and behaviour of the whole group throughout the trip. There were many highlights but pride of place might go to Chelsea and Mrs K ending up in the river during their canoeing session!



Berkley School

Year 4's had a wonderful time at their three-day residential at Mill on the Brue – three days packed with exciting, challenging experiences with the focus on team work.



Springmead School

The Springmead School Association hosted their first ever 'Africa Night'. This joyous event awakened our senses with the food, dancing, drumming, art and culture of this fabulous continent and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

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- Pasta sauces/stir fry sauces
- Tinned meals such as ravioli, macaroni cheese, chunky chicken, chilli, curry etc
- Super noodles
- Rice pouches (such as Uncle Ben's) that you can microwave

We would be so grateful for everyone's help!

If people would like to donate these items, please could they bring them either to Routes, 1A Palmer Street, anytime between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday, or to the Foyer at 16 Bath Street any time from 8am to 8pm.



LEIGH ON MENDIP SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE, 12 until 4-00PM

RECREATION FIELD, LEIGH ON MENDIP

Traditional village fairs conjure up many images; warm sunny days, maypole dancing, music, cider and real ale flowing freely, children laughing and families having a well-earned relax. The annual summer fair at Leigh on Mendip is all these things. This year will see more of an emphasis on **live music**, with three bands on stage, together with a return of the successful **fun dog show**, as well as a show of **classic cars**. Our main sponsor, Tarmac, will run **free minibus tours around one of the biggest local quarries**. And of course there will be many stalls and games, and plenty to eat and drink. So why not come along to the Recreation Field from 12 noon until 4pm on Saturday 15th June for some traditional Somerset fun. 01373 812459

Free Entry

Polly McRae

Following a car accident in early April, our Nurse Practitioner Polly was treated in hospital for severe brain injuries. Sadly she passed away on 7th May

Our thoughts are with her husband Phil and her two sons at this most difficult time.

We are deeply sorry to have lost Polly from our practice family. She made a huge contribution to the care of our patients and we will miss her.

A book of condolence is available at both Beckington and Fromefield surgery sites for patients to write in if they wish.

RSPB 25th Anniversary Walk at Ham Wall

Saturday 1st June, 6-10am. RSPB members £8, non-members £10, child members £4; non-member child £5 (suitable for children 12+)

Join RSPB Ham Wall Site Manager Steve, for a special walk to discover more about the history and wildlife of Ham Wall as part of our celebrations of 25 years as a RSPB reserve.

Ham Wall and the Avalon Marshes are one of the most important wetlands in the country. We will be going in search of some of the

amazing birds that make their home here including Bitterns, Marsh Harriers and Great White Egrets.

For more information and tickets, visit: rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events

MY PRAYER

I asked for strength that I might achieve;
He made me weak that I might obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things;
I was given grace that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
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Do you have life skills and experiences and want to help? We are looking for volunteers prepared to give up a few hours each month to make Beckington even more inclusive.

If you are interested in joining the committee we meet on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the Clifford Suite.

Dates for your diary in 2019 – events held in the memorial Hall

Charity cricket match and fun day
Sunday August 25th

Beckington Family Fireworks evening
Saturday November 2nd

This will be a family village event with locally reared and sourced farm food. Summer and autumn events: more information in the next issues.

The 200 Club

Winners of the 200 Club draw are:-

May: £40 Chris Rose
£20 Judith Burton

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.

Rode & District Gardening

We had a late change to the programme for our May meeting as the speaker was unable to come. Fortunately an old friend, Neil Ross, was able to give us an entertaining talk on 'Garden Disasters.' Neil felt that some disasters such as the Great Storm of '87 in fact provided an opportunity for a re-think when the ruined trees had been removed. Some problems such as frost, weeds, and animals are always with us and we have to develop systems to cope. Fern fronds can be used to cover tender plants for the winter with the advantage of rotting away in the spring. Various sprays or garlic concoctions can be used to discourage rabbits and deer though fencing may be the only permanent solution.

Despite these tales of woe we all enjoyed Neil's sense of humour and agreed we would keep on gardening anyway. The disaster everybody suffered was losing tools and we resolved to put fluorescent tape round the handles to help us find them.

Next month we have a **picnic outing to Duck Pond Farm**, Wingfield, 6pm on Tuesday 4th June. Please phone a committee member if you require a lift. For our June meeting on Monday 10th June, we will welcome Caroline Pakenham to talk on the Cultivation and Use of Unusual Herbs. All welcome in Rode Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

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Beckington Planning Applications

2019/0972/HSE - 11 Sandy View Beckington BA11 6TR. Move dropped kerb and driveway access 6.3m north of current location. Replace existing concrete path and tarmac hardstanding with permeable block paving. Extension of existing 6ft wooden fencing by 6.3m to cover old entrance and road/hard-standing boundary. I am aware that this application is by a Member of the Council. Members of the Public are able to contact me directly, in confidence, about this application or you can comment directly to Mendip District Council using the online portal. The Parish Council will not be passing any formal comment on this application.

2019/0883/FUL - The Grey Building Stubbs Lane Beckington. Retention of existing B1, B2 and B8 uses and creation of additional floor space for B2 use.

2019/0872/VRC - Tower Hill Barn Mill Lane Beckington. Application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 2018/2675/VRC (Convert and extend barn into a single dwelling).

2019/0554/VRC - Office Dairy House Farm Stubbs Lane Beckington. Application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 2018/2150/FUL (Proposed change of use of B1 (office) to mixed use of B1 offices and ancillary tourist accommodation for shooting parties and two storey side extension.) to reorientate windows to prevent overlooking. Parish Council recommendation: no objection

Appeal Decisions

Site visit made on 13 February 2019 by John Wilde CEng MICE an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

Decision date: 11th March 2019

Land North of Bath Road, Beckington BA11 6SW

- Appeal A is against a refusal to grant planning permission. The application was refused by notice dated 5 January 2018.

- The development proposed is a mixed use development including employment starter units; an employment unit; a new car dealership; health screening clinic and associated works.

Appeal B The development proposed is the erection of car dealership (with national electric vehicle charging infrastructure) and associated access and landscaping works.

Decision

1. The appeal A is dismissed.
2. The appeal B is dismissed.

New District Councillor Elected

Beckington and Selwood now have a new District Councillor, former Beckington Parish Councillor Shannon Brooke has been elected to serve the ward.

Results for Beckington and Selwood Election 2019:

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Cockroft, Christine Frances - Liberal Democrats 172

Thomas, Julian - Green Party 193

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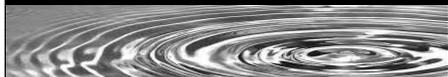
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We will have our AGM meeting which only lasts about 10 - 15 minutes. This will be followed by a few short talks by members. There are no society meetings in July/August.

You do not need to know anything about astronomy to join us - just a desire to know more about this fascinating subject. If you have any questions please look at our website or give me a ring on 01373 830419.

John Ball

A guide to footpaths in Beckington Parish

In 2005 Beckington Parish Council obtained a grant from Somerset County Council to produce a guidebook to walks within the Parish. David Wright was commissioned to make the guide. A stunning full colour A5 size book was created with maps, photos, sketches (by local artists). Copies of the book have, in years gone by, been delivered to homes around the parish, left in the pubs for people to pick up and even given out at church services.

As the years have gone on and the Village has grown, no doubt some will have lost their original copy or never had one in the first place. If you are

interested in obtaining a copy of this book, then you can contact the Parish Clerk for a free copy.

Sewing for Charity

Tuesday 11th June from 6.30 to 9pm (come at whatever time suits you best, bring sewing machine and scissors, everything else is provided)

So much more than sewing - a group meets once a month at Trinity hall to sew various items for Charity. The current project is to make around 100 a month, reusable cloth sanitary pad kits.

Each kit consists of a waterproof lined bag, one shield and 4 changeable liners of different absorption levels. These kits are packed into Water Aid boxes that are sent by Frome Rotary Club to disaster areas around the world where people have lost everything. A massive 400 kits were recently produced in one month and sent from Frome to the cyclone Idai appeal in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

It's not only ladies, there are various men who help out with cutting, putting on poppers and turning things inside out. There are a few men who are proper experts on the sewing machines, particularly the over-locker which can be a bit intimidating.

For further info contact Kally at kallydunn@rocketmail.com or 01373 453425 on Weds, Thurs, Fri mornings 9.30 to 12.30.

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	June 30 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Orchardleigh

St. George's Beckington		Jun 2	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship
	<i>Pentecost</i>	Jun 9	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Berkley</i>
		Jun 16	10.00am	BCP Matins
		Jun 23	10.00am	Morning Worship
		Jun 30	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Orchardleigh
		Jul 7	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship

St. Mary's Berkley		Jun 2	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Jun 9	10.00am	Holy Communion at Beckington
		Jun 16	9.15am	Family Service
		Jun 23	9.15am	Holy Communion
		Jun 30	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Orchardleigh
		Jul 7	11.00am	BCP Matins

All Saints Rodden		Jun 2	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
		Jun 9	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion
		Jun 16	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Jun 23	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Jun 30	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Orchardleigh
		Jul 7	6.30pm	BCP Evensong

All Saints Lullington		Jun 2	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Jun 16	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Jun 30	4.00pm	Evensong
		Jul 7	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion

St. Mary's Orchardleigh		Jun 9	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Jun 16	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Jun 23	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Jun 30	10.30am	<i>Benefice</i> Holy Communion
		Jul 7	11.00am	BCP Matins

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Don't forget that the next issue of *Network* is for **July/August**.
 Items for inclusion by **midday on June 20th** at the latest please.
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This Month

- Jun 5 **MU** meeting Rev Clarissa Shaw-
Notice Lahs Place, 2.15
- Jun 6 **W.I.** The Magic of Somerset Carnivals
- Jun 13 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church**
10-12
- Jun 16 **Berkley Church Gift Day** 9.15 - 12
- Jun 21 **B.A.S.** AGM + Member Talks
- Jun 22 **Rodden Cream Tea** 3-5pm
- Jun 30 **Beckington School & Pre-School**
Summer Fete. Memorial Hall 11am

Later in the Year

- Jul 3 **MU** Cream Teas, Lahs Place
- Jul 4 **W.I.** Inspired by Fashion
- Jul 11 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church**
10-12
- Jul 17 **Organ recital St. George's** 12.30-1.30
- Aug 1 **W.I.** Social evening – shared supper
- Aug 8 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church**
10-12
- Aug 25 Beckington Memorial Hall **Charity**
Cricket Match
- Sep 5 **W.I.** Belly Dancing Experience
- Sep 6 **Rodden Coffee Morning** 10am-12
- Sep 12 **Coffee & Cake at Lullington Church**
10-12
- Oct 3 **W.I.** Musical Moments with car booty
- Oct 6 **Rodden Harvest Festival** 6.30pm
- Oct 7 **Rodden Harvest Supper** 7pm

- Nov 2 Beckington **Family Fireworks** evening
- Nov 7 **W.I.** Cookery demonstration
- Nov 8 **Early Christmas Market** Friends of St.
George's
- Nov 15 **Rodden Festive Soup & Puds** noon-
2pm
- Dec 5 **W.I.** George Formby and the ukulele

Don't forget that the next issue of *Network* is for July/August so **you need to send in material for BOTH months by midday on Thursday June 20th.**

If you are likely to be away on August 20th when September copy is needed, please make sure to send it in early (or get someone to send it in for you!)

We wish you a great summer break.

The calendar of activities in St. George's church is online at:
www.beckington.org.uk/stgeorgescalendar