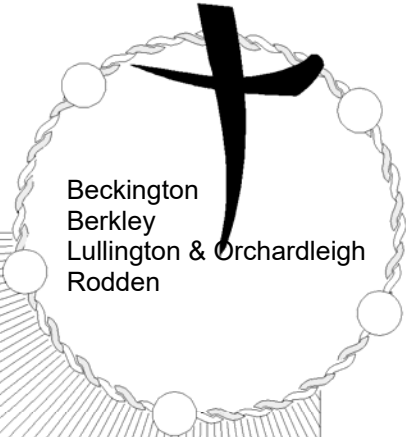


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Reader's Message

It is the harvest season and time to give thanks for all that makes life possible. You would be most welcome at the Harvest Thanksgiving services on 6th October:

10.00am at Beckington,

6.30pm at Rodden

(Berkley, Lullington & Orchardleigh held theirs on 22nd September).

If you come and would like to bring a small gift for *Frome Foodbank*, they are looking for: tinned meat & fish, meal in a tin (including curry), tinned vegetables, biscuits, instant coffee, soup, tinned snacks, juice, long-life milk, & toiletries.

With so much confusion and uncertainty around, some may wonder what there is to give thanks for. For some there may be personal hardship and difficulty and none of us feel like giving thanks when life is grim. But the reality is that there *is* always hope.

I have just been reminded of a young and destitute widow, Jane D'Esterre. In her despair, she thought about ending her life in the river. But then beyond the river she saw a young man ploughing and singing cheerfully. His happiness in his work encouraged her to go on. Some years later she remarried and had a son who went on to become a leading evangelist and teacher. There *is* always hope, and a thankful heart is one way of unlocking that hope.

You may not know of an Old Testament prophet named Habakkuk. He lived at a time when his people, Israel, were in dire straits yet he did

not give up hope. He wrote these amazing lines:

*Though the fig tree does not bud, and
there are no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails and the fields
produce no food,
Though there no sheep in the pen and no
cattle in the stalls,
Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful
in God my Saviour.*

Rejoicing and thankfulness go hand in hand - they should be our natural response to God's love for us. He is constantly giving us tokens of his love if we will but see them. They, together with all that we read about Jesus in the gospels, assure us of his faithfulness to all his promises to us. Habakkuk lived some 600 years before Jesus came, yet he knew that God was trustworthy and had something better for him than empty fields. It was that sure hope that enabled him to rejoice.

A few months after Jane D'Esterre overcame her despair she was listening idly to a preacher, when the words of his text, "God so loved the world...", struck her with fresh reality. Michele Guinness tells the story in her book *The Guinness Spirit*: "It was as if Jane were hearing the familiar words for the first time, that God loved not 'the world' in general, but Jane in particular, that this was a love which would not let her down and could perhaps make life less of the intolerable burden it had become."

Life may be hard but there *is* so much to give thanks to God for.....

Edmund Phillimore
Reader, Beckington

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If you would like a job specification, then please contact: tracey.gale@nhs.net. Please apply in writing with current CV to: Tracey Gale, Practice Secretary, The Beckington Family Practice, St Luke's Surgery, St Luke's Road, Beckington Frome BA11 6SE

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Please phone either Jo on 830885 or Jenny 830208 : we can arrange collection.

Beckington Choir

The choir always welcomes new members and rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm-9.30pm in Beckington Memorial Hall.

Our next concert is on Tuesday 10th December in the Memorial Hall. Music on the menu will be carols both old and new including Rutter and Chilcott. Some solos and group items will also feature.

Tickets at £10 can be purchased from choir members or on the door on the night. Children may attend free of charge. Our legendary refreshments will be provided after the concert as part of the ticket. All welcome.

Neil Moore





St. Mary's Berkley

All-age Service

Sunday October 20th 9:15am.

We are delighted that Berkley School will be joining us and helping to lead the service.

We will be thinking about 'God's Wonderful World'.



The happy smiling faces of those who took part or provided refreshment for the participants of the very enjoyable 'Berkley School and Community Walk' on Sunday 15th September organised by Liz Halliwell (on behalf of Berkley School) and Caroline White (on behalf of Berkley Church).



THE ST MARY'S CHURCH BERKLEY CHARITABLE TRUST HAS ESTABLISHED A TRUST FUND, (CHARITY NUMBER 1174747)

The aim of this fund is to encourage people with a connection to BERKLEY CHURCH from school, marriage, christening, attending church, loss of a loved one or just living in the area etc. to make a donation or leave a LEGACY when making a will to help build a secure fund for the maintenance of this unusual church with its domed ceiling for future generations.

For further information if required contact Eric J. Oakes, Church Warden
Tel 01373 474652 or email ericoakes@btconnect.com

Berkley village committee

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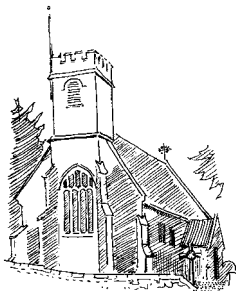
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All Saints Rodden



Rodden **Church's Harvest Festival Service** is on Sunday 6th October at 6.30pm. We would love you to join us for this traditional service of thanksgiving.

Our **Harvest Supper** is on Monday 7th October at 7.00pm in the Church Hall followed by the auction of produce, the proceeds of which will be donated to Dorothy House.

On Friday 25th October at 2.00pm, we will be holding a **Bridge and Afternoon Tea** event. To book a place please contact either Melanie Pattinson [07803 327381] or Jim Dowling [01373 462515].

Advance Notice:- November 15th
Festive Soup & Puds from 12-2pm.
Jim Dowling

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
6	HARVEST	FLOWER TEAM
13	FLOWER TEAM	FLOWER TEAM
20	Mrs Jones	Mrs Drew
27	Mrs Jones	Vacant
3	Mrs Higham	Mrs Higham

1st Thursday at No 30 will be on October 3rd. 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

From the Registers

Beckington

Wedding Blessing

31st August Ching Chang and
Sarah-Jayne Carver

Orchardleigh

Marriages

22nd August - Ross Winyard and Olivia Kipling
24th August - Ian Moyes and Victoria
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5th September - Steven Coy and Kerrie
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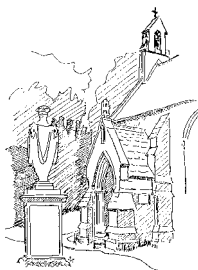
13th September - Adam Bentley and Harriett
Ferris

Baptism

25th August - Josh Stephen Kian Geoffrey Kearn

Standerwick Harvest Festival Service

Thursday 3rd October Standerwick
Harvest Festival service 7pm at
The Standerwick Centre, Frome
Market.



Lullington & Orchardleigh

The end of this month should see the completion of the restoration of the west window at

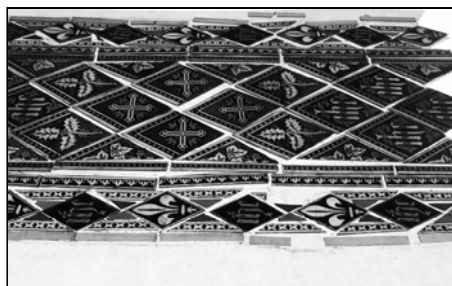
All Saints, Lullington. The stone work has now been repaired and the glass is being cleaned and re-leaded at Holy Well Glass in Wells. Meanwhile, the organ and font are covered to protect them from damage. Once this work has been completed there will still be more work to do. Recently a large lump of plaster fell from the ceiling in the nave and the PCC is now looking at a way to secure the ceiling for the future. The architect suggested further falls could be prevented by covering the ceiling plaster with plasterboard. The PCC suggested that instead of plasterboard some kind of insulation would be better as this would do the same job of preventing plaster falls with the added benefit of maintaining heat within the building. We are awaiting proposals from the architect.

Psalm 127 begins, 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.' It is our intension to keep the church building in as good a state of repair as possible so that it can stand as witness to the Christian faith for future generations and that the gospel can continue to be preached every Sunday. We believe that our labours are not in vain!

Glyn Bridges

Recently members of the parish visited the Conservation Studios in an

old mill in Wells to see the work underway. The photos show work on the window underway in the main studio and some of the glass on the light box for viewing.



Harvest

Harvest at All Saints , Lullington (BA11 2PG) it will be on Sunday 6th October when there will be a celebration of Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 11:00am.

Beckington Astronomical Society

(www.beckingtonas.org)

Our meeting on Friday 18th October will be:

the 21st anniversary of the BAS

- yes the society started in 1998!

The meeting will be a bit different from usual. For a start it will be **FREE**, to encourage many of you to come and have a look and hopefully join the society.

The introduction will cover how the society started and some of the astronomical events that we have witnessed during those 21 years. A short session on the basics of astronomy will be followed by a display of telescopes, binoculars and cameras with amateur astronomers to explain how to use them. You will also be able to see some of the fantastic images taken by our Chairman. There will be tea / coffee & biscuits during the evening. The programme we plan for each year is drawn from members' views and we shall hold a Q&A session during the evening to help our planning. If you would like to join the society it is just £15 for the year - join at this meeting and it will work out at less than £2 per meeting up to June next year. We meet at the Beckington Baptist Church Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Please come along and meet members of your local Astronomy Society.

If you have any questions please look at our website or give me a ring on 01373 830 419.

John Ball

Parents & Toddlers

Everyone is welcome, especially new families with babies and toddlers.

We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Baptist Church hall.

More details from Freda: 830597



SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

Many patients are entitled to a seasonal flu vaccination. This includes patients aged 65 or over, those who are pregnant, those with long-term health problems (including children aged 2-17). Main carers of someone who is disabled or elderly, and whose welfare would be at risk in the event of their carer becoming ill, are also eligible for this free scheme. Please visit NHS Choices for further information. Please telephone 01373 830006 to make an appointment.

Teddy Bears Picnic Parties:

Children who were 2 or 3 years old on 31st August 2019 are eligible for a free nasal flu vaccine. We are having 2 teddy bears picnic nasal flu parties – bring your favourite teddy and get a party bag! Details as follows:

Fromefield: Saturday 2nd November
13.30-15.30pm

Beckington: Saturday 9th November
13.30-15.30pm

Please telephone 01373 830006 to make an appointment.

Berkley School

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the summer holidays. May I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new head of Berkley First School. I am extremely excited about my new post and about meeting all the members of the wider school community.

The summer holidays for me are a time to recharge, relax and reflect in readiness for September. Rest is holy and whilst we like to plan it is good for us all, especially children, to have the space and time to sit, observe and tap into our imagination. I like to spend time on the beaches of Cornwall with my family and friends. Whilst I am there this summer, I will be thinking about Berkley and all the children who will be preparing for their first day.

A little bit about myself, I moved to Frome 4 years ago, having previously lived in Bath and then Dilton Marsh. I live with my husband and two sons, and previously worked in a village C of E Primary School on the outskirts of Bath where I loved being part of their community. I understand how unique small schools are and how much we need the wider community's support. It is now time for me to join in the fun here and to build new relationships with the Beckington Group of Parishes.

We have an action-packed term planned and I really appreciate all the hard work that has already gone into the preparation for September.

I look forward to hearing all about the children's adventures and to sharing the term ahead.

Suzanne Thompson,
Head teacher

For Sale or Wanted

If you would like an entry in this column, please send it to Julie Every (see inside front cover). A suggested donation of £1 towards *Network* would be appreciated which can be left in the slot in the wall inside St. George's church.

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Art Exhibition and Sale of work

Readers will no doubt be interested in a unique event taking place in the newly completed music and art studio at 8, Warminster Road, Beckington.

David Jordan is exhibiting a wide range of his work, some dating back to 1970, and including a body of new pictures completed since last year. The exhibition is open to all.

Dates: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October between 11am and 5pm.

Rode & District Gardening

For our September meeting we welcomed Bryn Bowles to talk about "Doing your bit for bees."

After starting from scratch, Bryn ran a successful nursery in West Harptree culminating in medals at RHS shows. Now he is extolling the value of bees as a very necessary part of our food production chain and as part of the greater diversity of life. Bees are important for pollinating flowers to produce crops in our own gardens but are used in commercial nurseries in massive movements of hives across the country to cover the different flowering periods of crops. Hives can be moved to different areas to make the most of particular flowers to produce single variety e.g. heather-honey. Local honey will have particular tastes and benefits. Much of commercial honey is blended from sources all over Europe and some contains corn syrup to make it cheaper.

Manuka honey comes from bees feeding on varieties of leptospermum plants grown in different areas of New Zealand. It is labelled with a UMF (Unique Manuka Factor) number. This is measured by a viscometer and higher numbers will be suitable for the most specialised medical needs such as use on open wounds and therefore most expensive.

There are many challenges facing bees from varroa mite, climate change leading to loss of habitat and actions such as concreting over gardens which can contribute to flooding. Use of chemicals such as glyphosate, can directly affect bees and other insects

when sprayed and may be having unforeseen effects in the long term. We can do our bit by providing food for bees for as long a season as possible. Lawns can be turned over to wildflower meadows which will encourage a wide variety of insects which will in turn develop habitats for other wildlife. We can provide nectar rich flowers early in the year with hellebores, pulmonarias and mahonias. These can be followed by bulbs and fruit tree blossom. The perennial geraniums such as 'Roxanne' provide flowers for weeks. Later in the year the season can be extended with sedums, rudbeckia, echinacea, solidago and persicaria. Ivy, if allowed to grow and flower will provide a good source of nectar late into the winter.

Bryn had some suggestions to help us all do our bit for bees.

- Hand weed and never use chemicals.
- Leave some wild corners.
- Raise the cutter blades or make a meadow.
- Support local honey
- Avoid the possible disruption of cell phones
- Become a bee-keeper

We thanked Bryn for a thought-provoking talk.

Next month we have our coach outing to Hilliers' Arboretum and Garden in Hampshire on Monday 7th October. Spaces still available, contact Sari 830257 or Helen 831228.

Averil Morrow

Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

In September, Waffa Powell demonstrated and taught us all Belly Dancing. When her children were grown up she wanted a new career. As she likes talking and interacting with people, she decided to train as a councillor. To pay for her studies, she started to teach Belly Dancing as it was something she has always practised (she did graduate as a councillor!). Her Belly dancing classes become very popular and has been teaching for 14 years.

Belly dancing is 2,000 years old. Women in Arabic countries did not have the freedom they have now, they were much more restricted to the home. Belly dancing was something they could do at home on their own or with a group of friends. They could have fun and express their feelings. It is practised by women for women and is very good exercise, but must be to Arabic music as it is a cultural dance. It is a sensual dance not sexual, very good exercise and teaches you to walk and stand tall. You do not need

any special costume or shoes, you can be bare foot if you like. When there is a celebration men sometimes also join in a group, but generally they are not so good as the ladies. Waffa demonstrated how to move your hips and arms, and then persuaded nearly all of us to stand up and have a go, resulting in much merriment. The moves all looked very easy, but somehow we did not look the same as Waffa! However everyone had a good time. Waffa also gives talks and demonstrations with Arabic food.

Members were reminded about the glass workshop in November.

Next Meeting 3rd October *Musical moments with car booty* 7.30pm in the village hall. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

Saturday 5th October 10.00am – 1200pm in the village hall. A sharing skills open morning free to anyone - see below.

Marion Oxlade

Are you in a knot with knitting? Stuck with sewing?

Cross with crocheting?

If so, then the ladies of Standerwick, Beckington and Berkley WI are holding a sharing of skills open morning for anyone to come along and learn a new skill.

Free and open to all.

Tea and Coffee

Spinning demonstration

Saturday 5th October

10am- 12pm Clifford Suite Beckington Memorial Hall

Beckington School

We have had a very positive start to our new school year. The new reception children have settled in beautifully and have quickly learned the new routines at the same time as making lots of new friends. Our Year 4 children are being excellent role models for the rest of the school and our peer supporters are taking their responsibilities very seriously on the playground and encouraging lots of positive play.

Our Federation with Mells Church of England First School started with an INSET day on 2nd September, exploring everyone's strengths with a VIA questionnaire and looking at ways we can all improve our well-being. The day took place in the picturesque Mells Walled Garden and involved some meditation and laughter yoga as well as forest school activities. The combined staff and governors enjoyed exploring the school vision and ways of ensuring the well-being of all our children. Outdoor learning is an important part of our curriculum and Forest school sessions take place for each class on a weekly basis. Take a look at our new website to see how we are developing our STEAM curriculum and to see pictures of what the children have been learning.

www.beckingtonandmellsfederation.co.uk

Our musical input this year includes Mr Large visiting each week to teach ukulele, which Owl Class have been embracing! We are also looking forward to being involved with Jackdaws Year of the Bassoon and Miss Knight is organising to take the

choir to Young Voices in Birmingham in January.

Our sporting activities so far include a visiting cricket coach who has been teaching the children to develop their throwing, catching and fielding skills through lots of fun games. 'The Dance Lady' has been energetically inspiring the children to create dance sequences around topic themed ideas, which the children have also enjoyed.

Our topics this term are 'Amazing Arizona' and 'Nature, Nature, Everywhere'. We hope to be able to share some of their compositions with everyone soon.

We are looking forward to our harvest service which will take place in St George's Church on 9th October. This follows our open day on Tuesday 8th October from 2pm.

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At Beckington, Owl Class have begun reading the classic children's story, The Indian in the cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks. Here is a selection of their work so far

Tuesday 10th September

The Indian in the cupboard

The main character is Omri. He has a friend called Patrick who gave him a toy Indian on his birthday. He also has two brothers called Gillon and Adiel who gave him a cupboard so he could put his Indian in. His mum and dad gave him a skateboard. When he tried to open his cupboard it was locked. Luckily his brothers had lots of keys so Omri looked and then he found one. Just as he turned it, his mum came in. He told her he found one then she said "That's the one that she had". Omri put his Indian into his cupboard and locked it. Then he got into bed, just as he was starting to go to sleep he heard a noise. After that he heard nothing so he went back to sleep. In the morning he heard it again, then he carefully opened the cupboard and the Indian wasn't on the shelf any more, he was at the bottom; he tried to pick him up but he stabbed Omri with his tiny knife and said "you touch, I Kill".

by Florence



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Beckington Group Mothers' Union

Our first meeting after the summer break was very friendly and well attended, and we continue to welcome members from Frome and Norton St Philip. The opening service was led by Eleanor Sames, with a reading from the works of Eddie Askew, a popular Christian author and theologian, and prayers for our fellow MU members in Sudan, Nigeria and India.

A letter from the head of fund-raising at Mary Sumner House was read, thanking us for the money raised from our cream tea for the *Summer of Hope* appeal. We are also now ordering Christmas cards, calendars and diaries and members were encouraged to look at the wide range of attractive gifts which can be purchased from the latest catalogue.

Our friend Gill Redman from Warminster made a welcome return as our speaker. This time her talk was about Venice, brought to life with pictures capturing some of the different aspects of this amazing city and Gill illustrated her talks with humorous personal anecdotes. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Next month we are going to Fairfield Farm at Dilton Marsh for our **Harvest Lunch**. This will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 12 noon. Transport is available.

Please contact Jackie Lobleby if you have any queries.

Rosemary Ball

The Woodlanders

The Woodlanders' forty second show will take place between 7th and 12th October at The East Woodlands Village Hall.

Tickets are now on sale and can be obtained by phoning a new contact: Janice Cole 07728 794667 or 01373 472333.

Please see our website for more information including directions.
www.thewoodlanders.org.uk



Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients that are interested in being a representative of the local community served by the practice and meet regularly with practice staff for discussion and action.

The aim of the PPG is to ensure that patients are involved in decision making about the range and quality of the various services provided by the practice thus improving communication between the practice and the local community.

The GPs and supporting staff in the practice with the help of the PPG are committed to promote the proactive engagement of patients. This may be to seek views through the use of local surveys or by speaking directly to the PPG members.

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Beckington Parish Council

Church Street / Hill One-way proposal:

At the annual Parish Meeting in March a resident requested that the Parish Council apply to Somerset County Council to make Church Street / Hill a one-way road. The Parish Council resolved not to take any action until it had consulted with the residents of the roads. A letter was hand delivered inviting a response. The Parish Council received many responses, this showed a majority supported keeping the road as it is. As there would have needed to have been a large majority of residents in favour of the one-way proposal for the Parish Council to support it, it is not something the Parish Council will pursue. However, the Parish Council will be writing to both the schools to ask that that have and enforce a rigid policy for parents dropping of their children at the school. It was noted that some of the journeys start from Beckington Village itself, so within walking distance of the school.

Footpath to the Farm Shop:

The Parish Council is actively exploring a way to create a footpath from Beckington to White Row farm shop that doesn't involve crossing the A36, this would rely entirely on the good will of landowners as currently no right of way exists. The Parish Council does hold some money that can be used to install styles or steps or gates.

Vacancy for a Parish Steward:

The Parish Council is looking to appoint a Parish Steward. The position is self-employed and will be around a day's work per week, this could be all in one day or spread over the 7 days, it would be up to the post holder to organise their time. Tasks would involve cutting / strimming grass / cutting hedges, sweeping roads / pavements, maintenance of the Councils assets (mostly the Bus Shelters), filling grit bins, emptying bins and all sorts of other odd jobs that will come up within the year. The Parish Council will set a jobs list every month and expect time sheets to be submitted. As the post is self-employed the Parish Steward would need to provide their own equipment. Over time the Parish Council will start to obtain some of its own equipment for use. While a paid role, this position is very much a community one for someone who is proud of the Parish and would like to spend some of their time keeping it looking nice. If you are interested in applying to become the Parish Seward, then email the parish Clerk with your CV, covering letter and your proposed rates.

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This is a friendly group and all are welcome both experienced crafters and those who just want to have a go.

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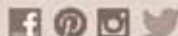
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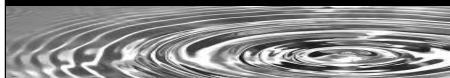
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Somerset County Council is asking everyone to stand up for care by signing their online petition calling for action. The more signatures of support obtained will help to raise the profile of this campaign. Your help in circulating this would ensure that as many people as possible are aware of this and help in trying to end the shortfall in social care. One day we all will need access to social care of some degree and improvements to social care funding is essential. Thank you.

Cllr. Linda Oliver
Somerset County Councillor, Frome
North Division.



The petition, which is gathering support across local government and the care sector, calls for cross-party discussions before Christmas to end the well-documented financial shortfall in social care.

Government funding hasn't kept pace with the growing demands of an ageing population, leaving councils up and down the country struggling to provide the support and care that people deserve.

The country needs a plan to fund social care in the long-term and your County Council is proud to be playing a lead role in forcing the issue.

Leader of the Council, Cllr David Fothergill, launched the petition this summer and said: "There is nothing

more important to Somerset than looking after vulnerable people.

"The system for social care is broken – and this council is the one demanding change and is standing up for care." You can sign the petition by visiting:

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Earlier this year Somerset helped put care in the spotlight by working with BBC Panorama on its Crisis in Care documentaries. These films were seen by millions and showed the difficult decisions that come with meeting the growing demand for care at a time of limited funding.

The powerful stories of inspiring families, carers, social care staff and volunteers have played a big part in pushing the issue right to top of the political and public agenda. Our thanks go to everyone who took part.

Everyday around 6,500 people in Somerset receive some sort of care, thanks to a network of nearly 300 care providers. Last year our care spends accounted for nearly 40 per cent of our whole net budget. And, with Somerset's population ageing faster than the national average, the pressures are being felt here more than many other parts of the country.

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			10.00am	Harvest Morning Worship
		Oct 13	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Berkley</i>
		Oct 20	10.00am	BCP Matins
	<i>Bible Sunday</i>	Oct 27	10.00am	Morning Worship
		Nov 3	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.00am	Morning Worship
St. Mary's Berkley		Oct 6	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Oct 13	10.00am	Holy Communion at Beckington
		Oct 20	9.15am	All-age Service
	<i>Bible Sunday</i>	Oct 27	9.15am	Holy Communion
		Nov 3	11.00am	BCP Matins
All Saints Rodden		Oct 6	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
		Oct 13	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion
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	<i>Bible Sunday</i>	Oct 27	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Nov 3	6.30pm	BCP Evensong
All Saints Lullington		Oct 6	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Oct 20	11.00am	BCP Matins
		Nov 3	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
St. Mary's Orchardleigh		Oct 13	11.00am	BCP Matins
	<i>Bible Sunday</i>	Oct 27	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
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- Oct 3 **1st Thursday** at 30 Styles Hill from 10.30am
- Oct 3 **W.I.** Musical Moments with car booty
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- Oct 6 **Rodden Harvest Festival** 6.30pm
- Oct 7 **Rodden Harvest Supper** 7pm
- Oct 8 **Beckington Parish Council** 7pm Clifford Suite
- Oct 7-12 **Woodlanders Music Hall** at East Woodlands Village Hall 7.45pm
- Oct 12 **Coffee Morning**, Bring & Buy, **Plants**, Raffle. For Friends of St George's 10am-noon Lahs Place
- Oct 12-13 **Art Exhibition** and sale of work by David Jordan in The Studio, 8, Warminster Road, Beckington. 11-5 each day
- Oct 17 **The Card Club** Clifford Suite 2pm - 4.30pm
- Oct 18 **Beckington Astronomical Society** 21st Anniversary **FREE** meeting 7.30pm in the Baptist Church hall

- Oct 21 **Beckington Memorial Hall AGM** 7.30pm in the hall
- Oct 25 **Bridge & Afternoon Tea** at Rodden Church hall at 2pm

Later in the Year

- Nov 2 **Beckington Family Fireworks evening.** This should be fun. Hopefully a Lantern Parade, live music from the Beckington Bandits, great food and a couple of bars
- Nov 6 **MU** meeting Lahs Place, 2.15pm
- Nov 7 **W.I.** Cookery demonstration
- Nov 8 **Early Christmas Market** 10.30am – 3.30pm Friends of St. George's
- Nov 12 **Beckington Parish Council** 7pm Clifford Suite
- Nov 15 **Rodden Festive Soup & Puds** noon-2pm
- Nov 28-30 **Beckington Players' Panto**
- Dec 5 **W.I.** George Formby and the ukulele
- Feb 1 ***The Mikado*** at Beckington Memorial Hall

Don't forget that the next issue of *Network* is for **November**.
 Items for inclusion by **midday on October 20th** at the latest please.
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