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#### Dear Friends,

Three months ago, I moved into the beautiful village of Beckington, and was delighted to be able to book my car in for its annual service and MOT. Something extremely ordinary in usual circumstances but nothing feels ordinary at the moment and everything seems to take much more effort. I am grateful to Beckington Motors who were so helpful; it's good to have a garage on our doorstep!

I am getting to know some of you, but we can't quite do that in the ordinary relaxed way which I may have done when coming to a new benefice. We can chat outside when it's not raining. We struggle a bit to hear behind a face mask, so life is difficult for all of us as we travel this particular journey of pandemic together. We experience ups and downs, we encounter unexpected obstacles, we are constantly having to reset the satnav and find a different route. We will find a way through for nothing is unsurmountable, but the journey is not an easy one. My prayers are with you as you navigate your own particular journey.

There are major festivals on the horizon like Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. We don't quite know what they may look like, but we can predict it won't be quite the same. We shall have to be a little creative. I don't have the luxury of asking you what normally happens and following that same path this year. It's a slightly different route for us all but we shall discover a route and via that route we shall find the heart of the festival.

Let us continue to be kind and gentle, patient and understanding as we find our way together.

Ronnie Reverend Prebendary Ronnie Crossman



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www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk

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#### **Thomas David Jones**

Some Beckington residents will be sad to hear that Thomas Jones, once postmaster here, has died aged 80 from motor neurone disease.

He and his wife ran the PO and general store opposite the Woolpack from 1984 to 1995.

A popular couple in the village, they always gave their customers a cheerful welcome and took an interest in everybody.

#### **Floodlighting**

If you would like the tower to be floodlit please contact: Mary Hickling maryhickling@btinternet.com or 830274. Suggested donation £10 payable to PCC Beckington.

# The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer on **Friday September 25**<sup>th</sup> **10.30-12MD**, by kind invitation of Christina and Edmund Phillimore at Nunton House, Bath Road, **Beckington**. This will be held in their garden with social distancing.

Please support by bringing your own mug and chair if possible.

Bring and Buy

Cake stall

Raffle

All by donation. Any other ideas please call Jenny Ayrton 830208 Freda Brann 830597

#### **Parents & Toddlers**

Sad to say we will not be meeting from September.

Stay safe and keep healthy. Take care to all our families.

Freda: 830597



A free phoneline of hymns, reflections and prayers

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#### Mothers Union

Sadly, it is some months since we have been able to meet as a group, although many of us have been keeping in touch with phone calls and emails, and, more recently, seeing one another in church.

However, we plan to meet again on October 7<sup>th</sup>, in St George's church Beckington at 2.15pm, for a service of Holy Communion, with our new rector, Rev Ronnie Crossman.

Please come if you can. We may be able to offer transport if needed.

We hope you are all keeping well in these strange times, and look forward to meeting again soon.

Rosemary Ball



#### A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it can last for ever.

None are so rich that can get along without it.

And none so poor but that can be made rich by it.

It enriches those who receive without making poor those who give. It creates sunshine in the home. It fosters goodwill in business; And yet it cannot be begged, borrowed or stolen unless it is freely given away.

Some people are too busy to give you a smile, so give them one of yours-For the Good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so badly as he or she who have no more smiles to give.





#### All Saints Rodden



It is with regret that we have had to cancel the remaining social events for this year; namely the Harvest Supper and the Festive Soup and Puds Lunch.

The Social Committee plan to meet in January to discuss events for 2021 in the hope that circumstances will allow us to meet up again.

The first service at All Saints, Rodden following lockdown will be Holy Communion on Sunday 20th September at 6.30pm when we look forward to welcoming Rev.Ronnie Crossman to her first service at Rodden.

Date	Flowers	Cleaning

#### **ALAN SANDALL**

Alan and I can recall many good times during his 12 years as a Church Warden.

During my 44 years in the role, I have had a great many others who came forth to fill the position but few did so as effectively as Alan.

I'm sure I benefited from Alan's many other interests in which he involved himself, where system and reliability are important, and has become a way of life to him.

It was a concern when he decided that it was time to call it a day, but I could well understand because of the pressures he was under when you add up all the organisations that he is active in, many of which he has participated in for many years. Having now decided to ease off, I'm sure everyone at Rodden wishes him well and a more restful life.

Jim Beck

#### **RODDEN 300 CLUB**

The winning information is as follows: Draw held on 1 May:
1st Prize £50 122 K Lewis
2nd Prize £25 22 P Hann
3rd Prize £15 102 P&S Stephenson
4th Prize £10 125 D Carruthers

Draw held on 25 July:
1st Prize £ 50 71 M Pattinson
2nd Prize £25 202 R&K Smith
3rd Prize £15 59 W Mitchell
4th Prize £10 115 R Williams
The final draw will take place in
November.

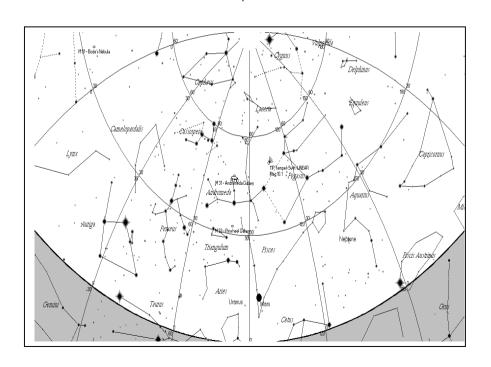
# Beckington Astronomical Society (BAS)

www.beckingtonas.org

In the September issue I would normally be inviting you to come to our BAS meeting at the start of the society's astronomical year. As soon as meetings can resume this will be announced on our website, face-book and in Network. The map shows the night sky looking East at about 10.00pm BST in the middle of the month. Mars (Mag - 2.2) should be easy to find. It is brighter than any star in the area and looks distinctly reddish. Just right of centre on the map is the square of Pegasus and should be easy to find. Come left and locate the star just below the 'a' at the end of Andromeda on the map.

Gradually look up to an area level with the centre of the square and locate the Andromeda Galaxy (M31 in Messier's list of objects). It will appear as a small fuzzy patch. This Galaxy is the most distant object that can be see with the naked eye from the Earth. It is over 2 million light years (ly) away. If you can see it, marvel at the fact that the photons coming into your eve have been travelling for over 2 million years and travelling at a speed equivalent to 8 times round the earth every second! This galaxy contains 100's of billions of stars. Looking South (not on the map) Saturn and Jupiter are like bright stars low in the sky. Astronomy is a fascinating subject and I hope some of you will come to our meetings when they resume.

John Ball 830419



#### **Springmead School**

Summer Fun at Holiday Club

What a busy Summer we have had at Springmead. The children have spent time making lots of different crafts, painting, cricket, archery, spending time enjoying the sunshine and so much more!















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www.ccslovesomerset.org.uk and www.somersetcarers.org or call me to find out who can advise you. Nic Edwards Village Agent 07946 461468

# Top Tips To Avoid Social Media Scams

We have all been online and on social media more since lockdown began, and it's important to stay vigilant of new scams circulating. Get Safe Online safety experts have put together some simple tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of social media scams.

www.getsafeonline.org

If you become a victim of a social media scam:

- Report it to the social media network via the reporting mechanism on the site or app.
- If you have lost money as a result of social media scams or via any other fraudulent activity, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

# Focus on Domestic Abuse awareness

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone, of any age. We are seeing a particular rise in cases of abuse being reported by people over 71 years and with one in four women and one in six men experiencing some form of abuse in their lifetime, the chances are we all know somebody who is experiencing domestic abuse behind closed doors.

It happens in all types of relationships, regardless of race, ethnic or religious group, class, disability, sexuality, lifestyle or nationality.

Tensions can escalate due to restrictions on socialising and 'normal life', but they are never an excuse for violence, manipulation, coercion and controlling a partner or family member. Even if you are self-isolating, government guidance allows you to leave your home to flee an abuser or seek help. It's rarely a one-off occurrence, but usually a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour. The Government define domestic abuse as:

"Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality."

#### Types of domestic abuse

Domestic abuse can take many forms such as psychological, physical, sexual, economical and emotional.

Controlling behaviour is: a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.

#### Getting help if you are being abused

- Online at <u>http://www.somersetsurvivors.org</u>
   <u>.uk</u>
- Call the local helpline: 0800 69 49 999
- In an emergency always dial 999, even if you cannot speak for fear of being overheard, you can get help by pressing 55 when the operator answers
- Talk to any health professional or your local Village Agent – we can help!
- Somerset pharmacies allow their consulting rooms to be a safe place for people experiencing abuse to get help and advice.

#### **Beckington Planning Applications**

For details see:

https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/.

Received and will be responded to by the Clerk:

**2020/1342/LBC** - Erection of a single storey extension and alterations.

5 Goose Street Beckington Frome BA11 6SS, 21 Jul 2020 Related

Applications: 2020/1341/HSE 2020/1341/HSE - Proposed single storey extension and alterations 5 Goose Street Beckington Frome BA11 6SS, 21 Jul 2020 Related

Applications: 2020/1342/LBC

**2020/1237/HSE** - Erection of single storey extension

Arundell House Mill Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6SN, 20 Jul 2020

To be received at the meeting on 11 Aug 2020

(Minutes)

2020/1433/TCA - T1 - Walnut - reduce approx. 8 lateral branches overhanging the garden of Milestones by approx 2.5 metres. Reduce low branch touching the wall by 2 metres 13 Bath Road Beckington Frome BA11 6SW, 30 Jul 2020

2020/1378/HSE - Creation of a pedestrian access and railings 1 Church Hill Beckington Frome BA11 6TJ, 23 Jul 2020

**2020/1252/FUL** - Erection of a rainwater canopy

Ivy House Farm Berkley Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6TF, 22 Jul 2020

Received at the meeting on 14 Jul 2020

(Minutes)

**2020/1168/FUL** - Full planning application for the erection of 8no. dwellings, access and internal roads, car parking, outbuildings, landscaping and other associated works.

Land At 380414 151647 Warminster Road Beckington Frome Somerset, 04 Jul 2020

Parish Council recommendation: No Objection

**2020/1150/FUL** - Erection of 30 dwellings (21 market, 9 affordable), with public open space and other associated infrastructure.

Land At 380227 152171 Great Dunns Close Beckington Frome Somerset, 23 Jun 2020 Parish Council recommendation: Objection

Received at the meeting on 10 Dec 2019

(<u>Minutes</u>)

**2019/2736/FUL** - Proposed erection of 4 new dwelling houses and demolition of existing dwelling.

22 Frome Road Beckington Frome BA11 6TD, 21 Nov 2019 Parish Council recommendation: Objection

Parish Clerk Decision:

**2020/1317/FUL** - INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING BAYS AND

ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCURE AND ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS AND ENCLOSURES

Bathway Service Station Old A361 Beckington Frome Somerset, 16 Jul 2020

Parish Council recommendation: No Objection

**2020/1269/FUL** - Erection of a twobedroom dwelling house and associated access. Erection of a single storey front extension to the existing dwelling, and demolition of existing garage.

4 Homefield Close Beckington Frome BA11 6SX, 15 Jul 2020 Parish Council recommendation: Objection

**2020/1224/FUL** - Conversion and alterations of stone barns to create three separate dwellings.

Eden Vale Farm Mill Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6SN, 06 Jul 2020

Parish Council recommendation: No Objection

2020/1133/LBC - Conversion of barn to create 2 no. dwellings with garage 4 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SW, 16 Jun 2020 Related

Applications: 2020/0632/FUL
Parish Council recommendation:
No Objection

2020/0632/FUL - Conversion of barn to create 2 no. dwellings with garage Monmouth House 4 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset, 11 Jun 2020Related

Applications: 2020/1133/LBC Parish Council recommendation:

No Objection

**2020/0693/OTA** - Outline application with all matters reserved for the provision of two dwelling houses.

Land At 379975 152332 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset, 02 Apr 2020

Parish Council recommendation: Objection

**2020/0467/TCA** - T1 - Willow. dismantle/fell

5 Bath Road Beckington Frome BA11 6SW, 03 Mar 2020 Parish Council recommendation: Objection

**2020/0229/CNS** - Installation of a lamp pedestal post box

Land At 382784 151664 Rudge Lane Rudge Frome Somerset, 27 Jan 2020

Parish Council recommendation: Objection

**2019/2974/FUL** - Construction of farm track and alteration to existing access (part retrospective).

Land At Rudge Lane Standerwick Frome, 17 Dec 2019 Parish Council recommendation: (No response sent)

#### **Sharing Gardening Tips**

Network Magazine is looking for articles / tips on growing vegetables, flowers or any other general garden related advice.

Perhaps you would like to share what plants or vegetables work well in your garden, allotment or containers. Have you got valuable tips or stories from family or friends that you are willing to share?

Do you have before and after pictures of your gardens or allotments that we could publish in our monthly Network magazine? Do you have a plot on the new Beckington allotment site? What are your new exciting plans for there? Please contact beckington.network@gmail.com Thank you.

# BEST APPLES IN THE WORLD And they are British

Article published Bath Chronicle and Herald 1938

That the fruit which was the cause of the trouble in the Garden of Eden was not an apple but probably a lemon was a suggestion put forward by Mr John Harris, head gardener of Summerhill Park, at a meeting of the Bath Gardeners' Society at the Pump Room on Monday evening.

He mentioned that prehistoric people knew the value of apples and 150 years before the birth of Christ there was evidence that instructions were given about their cultures.

Then there were only three varieties, but about the time of the birth of Christ

there were 29 varieties. At the beginning of the last century there were 1,400 varieties, and recently he saw a list containing 3,600 different names of apples. Some were probably different names for the same apple.

Mr Harris paid tribute to the work which had been done at the Research stations (National Fruit Trials at Faversham) in finding suitable stocks on which to propagate different varieties of apples. The result was that now it did not matter whether they planted five or five hundred trees of a variety, all would grow the same. On the subject of pruning, Mr Harris said the tendency always seemed to be to grow apple trees too thick and not to be afraid to use the saw. If they wanted an apple to go on a show bench, they would always find it at the top of the tree where it got sufficiency of light, sunshine and air.

He spoke of the methods to be taken to combat diseases and mentioned that in dealing with woolly aphis, he had been told that salt and water was a good check.

A tar oil wash in the winter formed a good preventive for many diseases but Mr Harris expressed the view that there was a danger, in doing all this spraying, of killing the enemies of the pests.

On the subject of marketing he said that we had, in this country, the finest apples in the world but you cannot blame people if they go for the foreign or colonial produce if it is more attractively marketed.

On the subject of varieties, he placed Cox's Orange Pippin as the king of

apples and mentioned the interesting fact that his father had raised a variety known as the Crimson Cox, which was a more highly coloured variety. The following is a list of suitable varieties, according to Mr Harris: - Dessert varieties; Lady Sudeley, Worcester Pearmain, James Grieve, Ribston Pippin, Cox's Orange Pippin, Lawton's Superb and Sturmer Pippin. Culinary varieties: Peasgood, Nonesuch, Gascoign's Scarlet, Bramley Seedling, Annie Elizabeth, Newton Wonder and Lane's Prince Albert.

"Lane's Prince Albert is my favourite for the small garden. I have never known the variety to fail. This with Newton Wonder and Annie Elizabeth although commonly used for cooking, make quite decent eating apples late in the season and they keep well."

(An adjoining newspaper cutting of the same date, recorded that a Major Shuldham who grew 150 acres of apples in Somerset expressed the view that the greatest, most interesting and profitable apple of recent introduction was Lawton's Superb).

Sally Anne Bailey

#### For Sale or Wanted

If you would like an entry in this column, please send it to Julie Evemy (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-when open. Private advertisements only please.

For Sale Mobility Scooter, barely used, excellent condition/as new. £300 or near offer, was £600 new, Bryan White 07792 234004

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#### Wanted

Moving back to this area and require dry secure storage space for my furniture to be temporarily stored. If you are able to help please phone 07968 629538 Thank you.

#### **Delicious Recipes**

This month's recipe for **Chocolate Brownie Ice-cream** has been kindly sent in by a resident of Beckington.

50g Dark chocolate
50g Unsalted butter
100g Light muscovado sugar
1.5 tsp Vanilla extract
1 Large egg lightly beaten
50g Plain flour
1.5 tbsp Unsweetened cocoa powder
75g Pecan pieces toasted
750 ml Good quality vanilla ice cream

Pre-heat oven to 180C/350F gas 4 A 23 cm square brownie tin or similar, greased and base lined.

To make the brownie mixture, break up the chocolate and put in a heat proof bowl over a pan of simmering water to melt gently - don't let the base of the bowl touch the water. When melted, remove bowl from pan, and using a wooden spoon, stir in the sugar and vanilla extract. Leave to cool for five mins. stirring occasionally.

When cool, stir in beaten egg well. Sift flour and cocoa powder directly on to chocolate mixture and fold in. When thoroughly combined, stir in nuts, pour into prepared tin and spread evenly. Bake in preheated oven for 12-15 mins. (maybe keep an eye on things from 10-12 mins) 'til just firm to the touch. Leave to cool in the tin before turning out.

When cool, roughly chop the brownie in to thumbnail size pieces and set aside.

Take ice cream from freezer and leave to soften (not melt) in fridge. When softened transfer to larger freezer proof container and stir in brownie pieces. Put whole lot back in freezer 'till firm.

Serve in scoops with hot chocolate sauce.....

#### **Hot Chocolate Fudge Sauce**

Over a low heat melt and mix together

175g dark chocolate 40g unsalted butter 2 tablespoons golden syrup 175 ml double cream

This will thicken and set as it cools and then gets cold but you can just gently reheat it and it will go back to pouring consistency.

# Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

We have still been managing to keep in touch with everyone, in spite of all the difficulties imposed by the Corona Virus.

The Zoom meetings have been continuing with a quiz organized by a different person each time. This results in a wide range of different questions on very different subjects. Members exchange information about what they have been doing, such as looking for some herbs or plants to exchange for their gardens or the social distancing coffee morning they have had with some of their near neighbours in their front gardens. (Bring your own coffee of course!)

The County News is still being circulated as before, as well as information from the Somerset Federation.

On Friday 7th August we had a meeting at 2pm on the Memorial Hall field. We had 24 members who all came with their own chair, tea and food (no sharing) and we were all told where to sit at the 2 metre distance in small circular bubbles.

A lovely afternoon. The weather stayed fine and really nice to be able to speak to people in person.

At the moment we are looking at resuming meetings in the near future subject to government guidelines. If you are interested in attending or joining please see our Facebook page or email our secretary Roz on

<u>zamund@btinternet.com</u> for more details.

It will be nice to meet up with everyone again and perhaps see some new faces.

This will be the first small step to going back to some normality, and hope it will continue.

Marion Oxlade

#### **Christians Against Poverty**

If you, or someone you know and care for is struggling with unmanageable debt, help is at hand.

Working in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Holy Trinity Church, Frome has opened a fully accredited debt counselling service which is available free of charge to anyone in the BA11 postcode area who may be struggling with debt and in need of help. The Debt Centre is based at Holy Trinity, and is being managed by Phil Gray supported by a team of volunteers.

The initial contact number for anyone with debt issues is as follows **0800 328 0006** 

If you would like to find out more about how you can volunteer please email me and I will be glad to let you know the options.

If you would like to support this venture by praying for the team then also let me know and I will send you regular updates by email for your prayer. philgray@capuk.org

#### Parish Council Meetings Your Parish Needs You!

Beckington Parish Council is involved in an ever-increasing number of projects and so requires more residents that want to become involved in them:

- Planning applications
- Tree works applications
- Local development
- · Traffic control / road safety
- · Footpaths and rights of way
- Cycleway development
- Your local environment and the open spaces
- Highways maintenance and improvement
- Acting as the Parishes rep to Mendip District Council
- Forging links between the Parish Council and Local groups
- Coordinating grant funding
- Consulting with residents to find out with the local priorities are

The above are just some of the areas that the Parish Council operate in. If you are interested in becoming involved, then why not attend the council's meetings to see what is involved. Or contact the Parish Clerk.

#### **Planning Barrister Appointed:**

The Parish Council has been working with Norton St Philip and Rode Parish Councils and earlier in the year commissioned a joint report by DLA Piper to respond to Mendip District Councils plans to allocate a further 505 homes to this area of the district. The same Planning Barrister has been engaged by the Parish Council to respond to the Redrow planning

application for 30 houses at Great Dunns Close.

The three Parish Councils have also agreed to use the barrister to represent all three councils at the public hearing looking at the Local Plan Part II and the additional allocation of 505 houses. By the end of the summer the Parish Council will have spent around £6,000 on legal fees, attempting to undertake parishioners wishes that the Parish should not have any further significant house building at this time.

#### **Cycling Strategy Feasibility Study:**

The Parish Council has commissioned a local company that has been working with Frome Town Council to carry out a feasibility study in the Parish with the view to improving cycling access and safety, both on the highways and non-highways routes. The cost is £1,200 and the repost should be ready by the end of September of the Parish Council to consider.

# Annual Charity Donations & Community Grants:

In July, the Parish Council made awards to three local charities.

Mendip Community Transport £75=

Mendip Citizens Advice £100=

Somerset Air Ambulance £125= The

Council also has funding available for community groups that operate within the Parish or possibly outside the

Parish but are used by residents of the Parish. See the Council's website for the full policy and application form.

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#### **Get ready for Recycle More**

A new recycling service for Somerset, allowing people to recycle more from their kerbside every week. We are making it easier for everyone to recycle even more which will reduce waste. protect the environment and help tackle climate change.

#### When are things changing?

Recycle More will be introduced in four phases over around 18 months and a detailed timetable will be agreed shortly. We cannot do it all at once because we need to update depots as we go (so they can handle extra recycling) and we want to be sure we can give help and guidance to those who need it. Mendip will be the first area to receive the new service.

#### Collecting more recycling from the kerbside

As well as all the things we already collect, the following extra items will be picked up every week:

- Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- Food and drinks cartons
- Small household batteries
- Small electrical items

#### Three-weekly rubbish collections

Recycling more means more space in rubbish bins. So, rubbish will be collected every three weeks rather than fortnightly. This was trialled successfully in Somerset and is

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#### New collection days

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More details: Freda 830597

#### People in the Parish

Each month we will be finding out about local groups, societies, individuals or businesses who have connections to our parishes.

This month we have been talking to..... **James Harrington** our village postman

# What does your average day as a postman entail?

"I'm up at 4am, into work for 5am and finish between 1.30-3pm. It's been a little bit different this year since Covid! I am tired, but I enjoy it once I'm out into the Beckington Bubble."

# Most difficult item you have had to deliver?

"I've delivered everything from pants to garden tubs."

# What do you value most from your job?

"My customers. I like to keep them happy; after all, if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't have a job. This is my community."

# Whose house would you most like to deliver to.....and why?

"Every house in the village- Why? Because I get on with so many people and I like seeing their smiling faces".

# Besides working in this area, do you have any other local connections?

"No connections to the village, only to say that they have the best postman ever, which I have served for 22 years. Thank you village, for serving me- I really love working in this village: my little plot of England."

# And finally, tell us something interesting people don't know about you ....

"Military and Ancient History".

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Benefice				
St. George's Beckington		Sep 6	10.00am	Morning Worship
		Sep 13	10.00am	Holy Communion
		Sep 20	10.00am	BCP Matins
		Sep 27	10.00am	Holy Communion
St. Mary's		Sep 6	11.15am	Holy Communion
Berkley		Sep 20	09.15am	All Age Worship
All Saints Rodden	First service following lockdown	Sep 20	6.30pm	Holy Communion
All Saints Lullington	Services in Lullington with Orchardleigh restarted 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sep 6	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
		Sep 13	11.00am	Matins
		Sep 20	11.00am	Matins
		Sep 27	11.00am	BCP Holy Communion
St. Mary's Orchardleigh				For the time being, no regular services are being held at St Mary's Orchardleigh, only small weddings will be held here. Booking is essential. Please email wardens@lullandorch.org.uk or telephone the wardens (contact details can be found on page 2 of Network)
Baptist Church	Re-opening for worship Beckington Baptist Church on September 6 <sup>th</sup> 2020 at 3.00pm Whilst observing the constraints of Covid 19 Let us worship God together			

#### **Diary Dates**

Sep 3	W.I. Behind the Scenes at the National Trust
Sep 25	Macmillan Cancer coffee morning 10.30-12MD
Oct 1	W.I. Down the Garden Path
Oct 3	St George's Barn Dance CANCELLED
Oct 5	Rodden Harvest Supper 7.00pm CANCELLED
Oct 7	MU Meeting 2.15pm at St George's church. Service of Holy Communion
Nov 5	W.I. 'Refresh' and talk on Rwanda
Nov 6	St. George's Early Christmas Market
Nov 13-1	5 Beckington Benefice Weekend Sidholme NO LONGER AVAILABLE - alternatives under discussion
Nov 21	Rodden Festive Soup & Puds,12-

2pm. CANCELLED

Dec 3 W.I. Kingdom of the Ice Bears

Please note that the next issue of Network is for October. All articles for this edition must be received by midday on September 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Network is online!

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