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**Norton Newsletter**

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Stockton Parish Council

The next meeting will take place at 7:30 on Wednesday 1 July 2015 in Norton Village Hall.

Date Change

Please send any items that are to be in the September newsletter to me by 18th August, thank you. K Ward

**SIX PARISHES FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 14th July – 2.00pm**

at **Richard and Janet** **Solari’s**  for **Tea on the Lawn.**

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Note to Contributors

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***Dates for your diary:***

*1st July*- Stockton Parish Council

*3rd July-* Darby Singers Evening

*12th July* - Car Boot Sale

*22nd July* - Norton Ladies Group

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**NORTON VILLAGE HALL CAR BOOT SALE**



Sunday 12th July 2015

Gates open at 7am

*Norton Village Hall Committee would like to*

*thank everyone that has supported our car boots*

*so far this year and look forward to seeing as many*

*of you as possible at the next one on 12th July.*

*Again if anyone has an hour or two to spare and would*

*like to come and give us a hand, or enjoys baking and*

*would like to donate a cake for our ever popular*

*refreshments stand then please give Helen a call on*

*01952 730489.*

*All donations of time or cake would be greatly received.*

Norton Over 60’s

We had a pleasant meeting, as Sid was away Ken called for Bingo. It was nice to see Mary back. We are looking forward to our trip round WALES on the 7th July- let’s hope we have some sunshine. Our next meeting is 25th June, trip 7th July, 16th July that will be our last meeting until September - date to be confirmed. Rene

**CELEBRATE SUMMERTIME**

with the

Darby Singers

At

**ST MARY’S, SUTTON MADDOCK CHURCH**

On

Friday, 3rd July 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £8.00 adult, £2.00 under 16’s

to include wine/soft drinks and refreshments

**CONTACT: Angela Chatham 01952730216 or any PCC member for tickets**

**Norton Ladies Group**

Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm

On behalf of Norton Ladies group we would like to thank all those who attended and supported the garden party at Carol and John's in aid of Severn Hospice; great thanks also to our hosts for making us feel so welcome. We raised in excess of £400 which will go towards the care and support of the patients. We would like to thank all those who contributed raffle prizes and desserts which were very much appreciated.

For this month's Ladies we are holding a social evening in Norton Village Hall to include a beetle drive.

Chris Sheila and Paula.

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**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to Wilfred Holt, son of Chris and Katie (nee Burslem) who was baptised on 7th June at Kemberton Church

Also to Evie Rose Waterworth daughter of Derek and Laura who was baptised on 7th June at Badger Church.

Also to Aaron Morris, son of James and Gemma who was baptised on 14th June at Sutton Maddock Church

Please pray for them that with help and encouragement they may grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Craig Williams and Siobhan O'Callaghan who were married on 30th May at Sutton Maddock Church.

Congratulations to David and Caroline Evans who renewed their wedding vows on their 21st wedding anniversary June 6th at Beckbury Church.

DIARY DATES for JULY 2015 OUT & ABOUT

**Every Monday to Friday** Oasis Christian Shop in Shifnal open 11am - 3.00 pm.

**Every Saturday** Oasis Christian Shop open in Shifnal open 11 am to 1 pm

**Every Wednesday during term time** Norton Nippers in Norton Village Hall9.30am -11.30am

Tues 7th Norton Over 60’s Club, Trip around Wales

Sun 12th 7.00am Norton Car Boot, Cheswardine Lane

Tues 14th  2.00pm Six Parishes Friendship Club, at Richard and Janet Solari’s, Heath House, Beckbury

Thur 16th 2.30pm Norton Over 60’s Club, Norton Village Hall

Wed 22nd 7.30pm Norton Ladies Group, Norton Village Hall

CHURCH NEWS

**….**On **Friday evening July 3rd at 7.30pm Sutton Maddock Church** welcome back the **Darby Singers** with their musical Director Robyn Davies for a **SUMMERTIME CONCERT.** Tickets £8 including refreshments.

….The evening service **12th July** at **Beckbury Church 5.30pm** is a 1662 prayer book **sung evensong** with the Six Parishes Choir singing parts of the service.

**….**In the services rota in these newsletters, **services** called 'matins' and 'evensong' use the 1662 Prayer Book with traditional language. 'Morning Worship' and 'Evening Worship' have modern language using the green and blue booklets in church

**….**Revd Charlotte Cheshire was made priest by the Bishop of Shrewsbury at a special **ordination** **service** at Shifnal Church on 20th June, having served her first year as deacon at St Andrew's Shifnal, where she continues as their curate.

**….**Revd Rich Cresswell is the **new curate** at Lilleshall and Muxton, and the Deanery Synod will have the opportunity to welcome him to the deanery at their meeting at **St John's Muxton**

**on Wednesday 8th July**

**….**Revd Mary Wade will be made the **vicar of Albrighton Boningale and Donington** in the special service 7.30pm Wednesday 15th July at St Mary's Albrighton. The Bishop of Shrewsbury will be leading the service.

**...**........................................................................................................................................**FROM the RECTORY**

**Dear Friends**

In this summer month of July we have five weddings across our six churches and in the whole of 2015 we will have had seventeen ceremonies, including some at Ryton and Badger, where there have been few weddings in recent years.

Morning services are rare nowadays with most couples choosing around 1pm for their ceremony. I guess that this nicely allows for the family to get ready and for guests to travel during the morning.

The choice of music at weddings varies a lot from traditional Wagner's bridal March 'in' and Mendelssohn's Wedding March 'out' to the couples own choice of their favourite songs. Hymns have also changed since the days of versions of the 23rd Psalm and 'Love Divine' were a default choice.

The traditional procession of bride and father followed by bridesmaids sometimes still takes place, but often the bridesmaids come in before the bride or some precede while some follow. When couples ask me ''what normally happens ?"

I can only say that there is ''no normal'' anymore but rather a variety of options.

Another change is with the bestman, who may nowadays be with a ''groomsman''. I did one service where we had three ''bestmen'' and a fourth person with the rings! I guess the groom did not want to fall out with his mates, so chose them all.

One feature that has changed little is throwing confetti on the couple at the church gate. This is an old tradition dating from the middle ages in Italian carnivals when fruit and sweets were thrown (the Italian word for sweet is *confetti* linked to our word *confectionery).* Sometimes egg shells were filled with perfumes and thrown but this was banned when some started throwing rotten eggs! In 1875 an Italian businessman from Milan began selling paper confetti for the carnivaland paradecollecting the small punched paper disks that were left from the production of the holed sheets used by the silkworm breeders as cage bedding, The new paper confetti was well received by the costumers, being less harmful, funnier and cheaper than the alternatives, and its use soon caught on. We still have paper confetti today but sometimes dried flower petals. One local producer advertises "we grow; you throw''.

We try to accommodate couples requests as much as we can. The vows however (‘‘the contractual words'' ) cannot be changed. The only choice is whether the bride wishes to say ''obey'', and very very few girls make that choice now!!

With best wishes ***Keith Hodson***

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases

and whose mercies never come to an end:

grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love

new every morning in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**THE BECKBURY SHOW 2015**

Planning is now well under way for the 2015 Beckbury show and we kicked off this year’s campaign on Friday 12th June with the Beckbury Show Comedy Night. A great night was had by all as yet again entertainers Chris King & Doug Parker gave the audience a night to remember. Chris King got the party started with his mixture of witty banter and well known songs which left the audience tapping their feet and singing along with gusto. Doug Parker did not disappoint either involving the audience in his act from the start he had everyone crying with laughter with his hilarious anecdotes. We would like to thank both Chris & Doug for giving us all a very entertaining night out.

Thanks also go to The Seven Stars who kindly ran the bar, and in addition donated 50% of their profit to the charity, and of course to all those of you who attended making it a fabulous evening and helping us raise a magnificent £705.00.

Please keep your eye on our social media sites and the village notice boards for up to date information about upcoming events and show news. As always if you would like to get involved we are always looking for volunteers so please drop us an email at [beckburyvctrust@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckburyvctrust@hotmail.co.uk)

BECKBURY ACORNS NURSERY

As some of you may be aware it is soon to be the end of an era for us here at Beckbury Acorns, as from 16th July Beckbury Acorns nursery will be closing its doors for the last time. In September the early years provision in Beckbury will be provided by a new Early Years Unit that will be a fully integrated part of Beckbury School.

To mark the end of the nursery we felt it would be fitting to hold a party for all those who have been involved in the nursery over the years along with our current children and parents. We will be holding this party on Tuesday 14th July. Full details / timings will be available nearer the time but if you would like to be a part of our celebration please do let us know so we can make sure you are included in any future correspondence.

Please feel free to contact me on 01952 750372 or by e-mail [hannah\_williams79@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hannah_williams79@hotmail.co.uk)



Many Thanks for your support

Hannah Williams (Committee Chairman)

*On behalf of Beckbury Acorns Nursery*

 **IN SHIFNAL DISTRICT**

The Pentecost Picnic at St Andrew’s in which Churches Together took part (and made the tea!) proved a really good afternoon and hopefully something to work on for the future with maybe more of us being inspired to take part.

And ‘taking part’ is something which we need to encourage to grow Churches Together in Shifnal and District because we are not just a group, the very name includes all of who are involved in our churches.

During the summer, can we all think of ways – and that includes me most of all – to work and have fun together, to serve our communities and really help make a difference. We do need more of us with all our ideas to be active and support the relatively small group soldiering on to hold things together.

Which brings me to Oasis. Our drop in centre in the town is a wonderful opportunity to, again, tell our Christian story and welcome everyone from everywhere.

But it is not realising its potential and given that and recent problems with flooded premises, we can’t carry on just patching bits up here and there without feeling that it is working and growing.

My thanks as ever to those who are hanging in there and a plea to the rest of us to support with ideas and action where possible.

So watch out for news of Autumn happenings. Until then, have a lovely summer when I hope we’ll still catch up now and again.

Shirley Chairman CTISD

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Rota of Services in the 6 Parishes July 2015

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|  | **Badger** | **Beckbury** | **Ryton** | **Kemberton** | **Stockton** | **Sutton Maddock** |
| **JULY 5th** | **9.30am**  Communion  Trad (KH) |  |  | **11.00am**  Morning  Worship  (LT) |  | **11.00am**  Communion  Trad (KH) |
| **12th** |  | **5.30pm**  Sung Evensong  CHOIR  (KH) | **9.30am**  Communion  (new) (KH) | **11.00am**  Communion  (new) (KH) |  |  |
| **19th** | **9.30am**  Matins  (TD) | **9.30am**  Communion  Trad (KH) |  | **6.30pm**  Evensong  (KH) |  | **11.00am**  Morning  Worship  (KH) |
| **26th** |  | **9.30am**  Matins  (KH) | **9.30am**  Morning  Worship  (LT) | **8.15am**  Communion  Trad (KH) | **11.00am**  Communion  (new) (KH) | **6.30pm**  Evensong  (KH) |

**Abbreviations:** KH=Revd Keith Hodson; CM=Revd Christine Mason; TD=Tina Dalton; LT=Local Team

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