

# *The Four Parishes News Magazine*

BECKLEY  
FOREST HILL  
HORTON-cum-STUDLEY  
STANTON St JOHN



A riot of late summer colour in a Forest Hill garden

*October 2019*

## The editor writes:



Our front cover celebrates the glorious abundance of late summer, something which is very much in evidence for those of us who are lucky enough to live in the country. In this part of the world our fragile earth continues to astonish us at harvest time and each of our village churches will hold their own Harvest Festival to express thanks and to gather gifts for people who are not so fortunate.

This month we welcome two more new advertisers, so please browse through the back pages of the magazine and support as many of them as you can. My plea last month for help with managing the advertising appears to have fallen on deaf ears but it's not too late to volunteer and it could be useful experience for anyone who is thinking of starting their own business or who would like to learn a new skill. My contact details are on the opposite page if you would like to know more about what is involved.

*Julia Stutfield*

## Our cover photo ...

was taken by Peter Stutfield. Peter writes:

*I have been growing dahlias for over 5 decades in the tradition of my father. Having found a new source of rooted cuttings, this has been easily the best year yet.*

**If you have taken a photo which you think might be suitable for the cover of the next magazine, please email it to [4parishesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:4parishesnewsletter@gmail.com)**

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# Benefice of Beckley, Forest Hill with Shotover, Horton-cum-Studley and Stanton St John

## Ministry Team

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## Church Services in the Four Parishes, October 2019

	St Nicolas, Forest Hill with Shotover	St John the Baptist, Stanton St John	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Beckley	St Barnabas, Horton-cum- Studley
<b>6 Oct</b>	11am Parish Communion <b>HARVEST</b>	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Morning Prayer
		6pm Taizé		4pm Family Church (HcS Village Hall)
<b>13 Oct</b>	9.30am Family Service at Beckley <b>HARVEST</b>			11am Parish Communion <b>HARVEST</b>
	6pm Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)			
<b>20 Oct</b>	11am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)	9.30am Parish Communion	[no morning service]	11am Family Service
		4pm Family Church (Stanton Village Hall)	6pm Iona Service	
<b>27 Oct</b>	10am Joint Benefice Service at Horton-cum-Studley			
		6pm Church Without Walls (Stanton Village Hall)		

### Harvest Festivals

6 Oct (Forest Hill), 13 Oct (Beckley and Horton-cum-Studley)

## CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

We have no vicar at present so please contact the Church Wardens with any enquiries (details on page 4).

### Update on our search for a new vicar

As stated in our July magazine, we have decided to pause the process of searching for a new vicar. Meanwhile our focus is on working together as a Benefice-wide team to continue serving our communities to the best of our ability. The recruitment process will restart in the New Year.

### St Frideswide Pilgrimage, Saturday 19 October

In medieval times, you could barely move in England without encountering groups of pilgrims, often heading for shrines to Thomas Becket at Canterbury and the Virgin Mary at Walsingham in Norfolk. Pilgrimages were undertaken for religious reasons, but were also often something of a holiday, a chance to escape the humdrum of daily life, to meet new people along the way, to swap stories.

The tradition came to a sudden end when Henry VIII banned pilgrimages in 1538 but recently there has been a new boom in pilgrimage which has seen the re-establishment of ancient routes and the growing participation of people on a spectrum of belief from religiously devout to committed atheists.

[1]

Christ Church Cathedral has organised a two day pilgrimage with routes from all points of the compass into the centre of Oxford, details of which can be found at [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage). It is possible to join the walk from Islip (Route E) at Cutteslowe Park, where there is ample car parking. It is then about a three mile walk along back streets and footpaths to Christ Church Cathedral. Alternatively you can take part in the Pilgrimage by going to the Cathedral during the afternoon. There is a cup of tea in the cloister from 3pm and a Pilgrimage Service in the Cathedral 4 - 4.45pm with the Frideswide Consort and Bishop Steven.

Contact Rev'd Hugh Lee or a Church Warden for more information (see page 4 for contact details).

[1] Courtesy of the British Pilgrimage Trust <https://britishpilgrimage.org>

## Bible Study Group

Annie Payne is running another Bible Study Group on Monday afternoons throughout October and November at Studley Farm House, Horton-cum-Studley from 3 - 5pm. The sessions will be based on one of Bishop Steven's study guides.

If you are interested in attending please phone Annie Payne on 01865 351018

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Come and Sing Fauré's Requiem Saturday 2 November

Matthew Wood, a student at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, who has led several Choral Evensongs at St Nicolas, is organising a 'Come and Sing' of Fauré's Requiem in the stunning new (and warm) chapel at Cuddesdon. Details can be found on the back cover of this magazine or at <https://www.rcc.ac.uk/events/come-and-sing-cuddesdon-saturday-2nd-november>. Non-participants are most welcome to attend the performance at 5.15pm.

If you would like to join up with other people from the Four Parishes who are going, please phone Julia Stutfield on 07766 103427 or email [julia.stutfield@gmail.com](mailto:julia.stutfield@gmail.com) to arrange lift-sharing etc.

### Dame Elizabeth Holford's Trust

Dame Elizabeth Holford's Trust welcomes applications for bursaries from young people under the age of 25 living in Beckley, Forest Hill, Elsfield parish, Horton-cum-Studley and Stanton St John for the advancement of education, which includes social and physical training. This could include funding towards residential or online courses, music lessons, books or equipment required to aid in education (such as laptops or software), sporting equipment, tools etc. The applications are NOT means tested, but applicants must live or have at least one parent who lives, within the area of benefit. The Trustees are meeting again in November and welcome applications in writing to [holfordtrustchair@gmail.com](mailto:holfordtrustchair@gmail.com), or via letter to the Chair of Trustees, who is Alison Finch - address is 14 Mickle Way, Forest Hill, Oxford, OX33 1DX.

## Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Update

The No Expressway Group (NEG) continues to be busy with more orders for "Under Threat" signs, four village and town meetings and two travelling pagoda events. Winslow Town Meeting was particularly successful, attracting over 250 people, generating more requests for presentations and contacts with more skilled people along the Arc who can help our campaign.

**PLEASE JOIN US, ALL WELCOME!** NEG will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday 22nd October, 7.30pm, Horton-cum-Studley Millennium Hall** to update you on the latest news in preparation for upcoming route options announcement and the first Ox-Cam Expressway public consultation.

***Have you registered for updates on noexpressway.org yet?*** Have your say! Register now for updates on noexpressway.org to get the latest news and Consultation details.

***Have you registered as a Highways England Stakeholder yet?*** Unfortunately, Highways England (HE) gave us incorrect information about the stakeholder sign up process for individuals. Having spoken with HE directly again, we can clarify that **Individuals currently need to register using this process -**

- Register your email address and set a password here:  
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHIGHWAY/subscriber/new>
- In the long list of options to subscribe to updates about:
  - ◆ Expand "Road Projects" option
  - ◆ Expand "East of England road projects" sub-option
  - ◆ Select "Oxford to Cambridge expressway" (towards bottom of the road projects list), scroll down and **Submit**

Please contact us if you have any problems. We've been told that **ALL group and individual stakeholders**, will receive the same consultation information at the same time.

**Update on NDAs.** HE has finally provided us with a list of the eight parties it asked to sign NDAs for the expressway project, so it could

discuss route options. Those that signed are England's Economic Heartland (EEH), HS2, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council (DC), Vale of White Horse DC, Milton Keynes Council. Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale DC refused to sign. **Why** didn't HE want Cherwell DC's input? Corridor B1/B3 goes through Cherwell. **Why** do businesses involved in Local Enterprise Partnerships (part of EEH) get to see and feedback on route options, when the general public doesn't so far?

***General election & HE Consultation are opportunities to have your say.***

There are more signs that politicians are questioning the Ox-Cam Expressway. Several Councils have already voted to oppose the proposed Expressway, including Oxford City Council, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse DCs. Aylesbury Vale DC will debate and vote on an expressway motion on 18th September. Cambridge MP Daniel Zeichner has written to the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps MP, to ask for the proposed expressway to be scrapped and East West Rail be electrified. **When a general election is called**, we have a fantastic opportunity to ask candidates their (and their party's) position on the Ox-Cam expressway and one million homes along the Arc. How can they justify 100% increase in Oxon's population by 2050 when the national average growth forecast is 16% in the same period?

When the HE consultation on route options is announced, everyone should be involved and contribute. This is our first opportunity to have our say! Get the latest news and updates on [noexpressway.org](http://noexpressway.org).

**Actions**

- Sign up to receive our email Updates [noexpressway.org/#newsletter](http://noexpressway.org/#newsletter)
- Register as a project stakeholder (as above)
- Follow us on: Facebook [facebook.com/pg/noexpresswaygroup/](https://facebook.com/pg/noexpresswaygroup/) and Twitter @no\_expressway
- Please donate to our campaign here <https://donorbox.org/donate-to-no-expressway-group>

For all the latest news, updates and details of upcoming events visit [noexpressway.org](http://noexpressway.org). No Expressway signs for your garden? Campaign ideas? Questions? Contact Olivia Field [noexpresswaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:noexpresswaygroup@gmail.com)



John Howell MP writes...

September 2019

The House of Commons Chamber is a lively place, where Members on all sides often feel passionately about the issues being discussed and there are longstanding procedures in place to ensure the chamber remains respectful. However the way in which some senior colleagues have behaved of late is not befitting of the high office that they hold. Some behaviour has been insulting to colleagues and is far from the usual respectful way in which the business of the House operates. I am also dismayed at the recent behaviour of the Speaker which again is unprecedented. The Speaker should be politically impartial, and a key task is to maintain orderly debate in the Chamber. The habit of the current Speaker of insulting MPs has not set a good example. Both in the House and outside I have always maintained that people should be able to disagree without resorting to personal insult and abuse. We are all human and none of us gets it right all of the time but I am pleased when I can have robust discussion with constituents where we disagree but find no need to be rude to one another.

One of the problems with recent debate is the way in which people of different sides of the argument have been labelled and stereotyped. This is true both inside and outside of the House. I know from letters and emails sent to me that there are many complexities to views held and reasons for retaining or relinquishing our membership of the EU. There are many gracious people who seek to understand the view of others and indeed there are those who will only listen to voices which speak the same view as them. Even the Archbishop of Canterbury was caught up in a problem with language when he said "We have to take seriously the fact that the majority voted Leave. We may not like it, but that is democracy; and that means we have to stop whingeing about it and do something about reuniting the country." When criticised for the words 'stop whingeing' he apologised and said "What I was aiming to say was that in this political situation, just talking in increasingly hostile language does us no good. Nor is it helpful to only look backwards." I think this is a constructive reflection from the Archbishop.

Over the summer period I spent quite a bit of time knocking on doors in various communities across the constituency simply get a feel for the national, international and local issues that were on people's minds. In this period of prorogation I will continue with this as well as pursuing a programme of local meetings which would normally happen in the conference recess which usually happens at this time. I look forward to the opportunity for many more conversations. My office remains open during this period and I am still able to raise issues with Ministers and government departments as appropriate.

If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me please do email me at [howelljm@parliament.uk](mailto:howelljm@parliament.uk), phone on 0207 219 6676 or 01491 613072 or write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD).

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## Wheatley Library

### Dates to note:

#### **Thursday 3 October 3.45 - 4.15pm**

Poetry for children aged between 5 years and 8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Saturday 26 October 9.30am - 12.30pm**

Ex-library stock book sale, 40p each or 3 for £1

#### **Wednesday 30 October 10.30am**

Book Trivia event: 30 questions... How many can you answer?

#### **Wednesday 6 November 10.30am**

##### **Speaker event**

Local boy turned author Tom Campbell comes back to Wheatley to tell us about his second novel "The Planner"

#### **Saturday 9 November 9.30am - 12.30pm**

Jigsaw swap

#### **Saturday 30 November 9.30am - 12.30pm**

Ex-library stock book sale 40p each or 3 for £1

##### **Regular Friends of Wheatley Library events:**

On-going sale of donated books

Monday craft sessions weekly from 10-12, 2-4pm, and 7-9pm

First Thursday of the month, Clarinet Players at 7.30pm

*Thanks all, staff and volunteers of Wheatley Library*

Wheatley Library, The Merry Bells, High Street, Wheatley, OX33 1XP

Telephone:01865 875267

For opening hours and other events see the relevant page at

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)



## The Maple Tree

The summer seems like a distant memory but we would like to thank everybody that supported our summer-holiday programme. We held a Family Learning morning at Forest School, numerous cooking sessions, Sling and Buggy walks, as well as themed stay and play sessions in local parks.

Our exciting new programme is already underway. Alongside all of our usual groups, Oxford Sling Library join us twice a month during Wednesday's Well Baby Clinic, we will run cooking sessions for the under 5s on a Tuesday afternoon starting from Tuesday 24 Sept 1 - 2.30pm, pre-booking only please. For our first 4 sessions we will cook apple crumble, cheese straws, rock cakes and savoury scones.

Melanie runs her popular Crafty Stay and Play on a Wednesday afternoon 3.15 - 4.30pm. Do pop along and join her.

Parent and Carer First Aid courses will take place on Thursday 26 September (1-3pm) OR Wednesday 2 October (6.30- 8.30pm) at the cost of £20 per person - a great course for peace of mind.

We have a Silent Auction on Saturday 5 October with some fantastic Lots. If you would like a copy of the catalogue, email [auction@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:auction@mapletree.org.uk).

The Maple Tree AGM is on Thursday 24 October from 7.30 - 9pm. A great chance to come along and meet the Maple Tree team, find out what the Trustees have planned for the year ahead and also enjoy a glass of prosecco and a few nibbles (adults only please). If you have spare time, why not consider joining us as a Trustee yourself?

See our new Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley>

or to volunteer, hire the MT or just for more information contact [hayley@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:hayley@mapletree.org.uk)

*Hayley Hayle, Coordinator*

*The Maple Tree is a community charity (registration no. 1174117) based in Wheatley aiming to replace some universal services that were lost when local Children's Centres closed in 2017. We serve families from Wheatley and surrounding villages, including Stanton St John, Forest Hill, Horton -cum-Studley and Beckley & Stowood.*



# HORTON-cum-STUDLEY

## St Barnabas

### Feast of St Francis, Sunday 6 October

### Dogs Welcome

As part of the morning service we welcome Dr Margaret B. Adam visiting Tutor in Christian Ethics at St Stephen's House, Oxford. Also the Project Editor for CreatureKind and the Postdoctoral Researcher for the AHRC-funded project: Christian Ethics and Farmed Animal Welfare. Dr Adam will speak to us about how and why Christians might think about animals. This is an introduction to the topic, for people who may not have considered what connection there might be between Christianity and animal welfare.



### Harvest Festival, Sunday 13 October

Parish Communion service at 11am. Come and give thanks for all that comes from the earth and those that tend it on our behalf. The church will be decorated the day before (contact Annie Payne 351018 for offers of help). Non-perishable items can be brought along, which will be taken to Thame food bank.

### Parochial Church Council news

The PCC is planning work on the 19th century grade II listed church including an overhaul of the rainwater disposal system, patch repairs to the roof covering and minor repointing of brickwork. Approval has yet to be gained from the Diocese and applications for funding are being prepared since the cost of the project cannot be met from within current parish funds.

### Market on the Green (MOG) Christmas Market, 30 November

In the Millennium Hall - further details to follow!

In the meantime if you are interested in being a stall holder or would like to contribute in any way, whether this is ideas or practical input, please get in touch with Julia Slingo:

email: [jhslingo@gmail.com](mailto:jhslingo@gmail.com) mobile: 07766 659524.

## Saturday 19 October Michaelmas Fayre, Manor Farm 12 -2pm

By kind invitation of the Badger family.

Do come and support this wonderfully traditional event for all the family. Soup lunches, raffle, produce, cakes, books and the famous, fought-over, '\*\*giant pumpkin weigh-in' and more.

If you are available to help us/ donate then please contact Lisa Mynheer 01865 351340.

If you would like to do your own table top sale the cost is £10: you will need to provide your own table and spots must be booked in advance. Please contact Lynn Whitaker 01865 358838

## Weigh and Measure In for the Giant Pumpkin and Tallest Sunflower Competitions. Plus Wonky Fruit and Veg Display and Prize giving.

Please bring all entries to the Michaelmas Fayre for displaying, weighing and measuring. There is always a great display. This year we hope everyone will also bring any funny or unusually shaped fruit and/or veg for display. There will be cups and prizes awarded for all sorts of entries/categories so bring what you have grown. Everything from your veg patch welcome.

If your sunflower is very tall just chop it down and fold in half to bring for measuring or just walk it up the road! See you all at Manor Farm

*Cathy*

## Millennium Village Hall

There continues to be good news concerning the hall. All the shutters are now working and all the lights in the main hall and heaters in the changing rooms are fully functioning. As promised in the last report, Sam and Pete have re-erected the football posts, refurbished them and replaced the broken net - a net for the other post will be on its way. They have also marked out the pitch to FA standards. It was exciting to see two groups of boys using the pitch last Saturday. Sam is planning to offer training sessions for young people and is in progress of organizing a women's football team. Extra bark has been applied to the play area to comply with standards - many thanks to Barry for organizing that. Booking of the hall by outside organisations as well as for wedding receptions continue to provide much needed income.

## Horton-cum-Studley Parish Council

Oxfordshire Highways speeding survey has shown that the Village has a speeding problem particularly on the Brill and Oakley Roads.

Full details as well as a summary can be found on the Village web site. The PC has raised this with our District Councillor Dan Sames who will take this up at County level as well as with Thames Valley Police. The Parish Council will be looking for villagers to participate the Community Road Watch group to work with the Police to discourage speeding through the Village. This is likely to happen in Spring 2020, but we are eager to have a Volunteer group ready for action.

The Parish Council had asked for feedback from Parishioners on the new policy of not cutting verges but unfortunately to date none has been forthcoming. If you do have comments, please do send them to the Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 10 October at 7.30pm in the Milenium Hall.

## Horton-cum-Studley Women's Institute

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 October at 7.45 pm in the Millennium Hall. The Speaker is Jane Abbott who will speak on "Alpacas and a World of Fabulous Fluff".

**Advanced Notice:** Our November meeting is an Open one when we invite all residents of the village, both men and women, to come along. The Speaker is Liz Woolley, a local, distinguished historian. Liz concentrates on the history of Oxford City as opposed to the University. At this meeting she is going to tell us how the suburbs of Oxford came into being. Please consider joining us for this meeting.

## Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 12 October in the Millennium Hall starting at 10.30am. This month we will clearing up very promptly as the hall is being used at again 12 noon.

Any queries please contact Rachel Hawes Tel: 01865 351540

## Otmoor Challenge

We have now distributed funds from the 2019 Otmoor Challenge.

<b>Distribution of Funds</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
HcS Parish Council Defibrillator	£ 500	
Sir George Croke Alms Houses	£ 700	£ 450
Friends of Beckley School	£ 450	£ 150
HcS Millennium Hall	£1500	£1050
Sobell House Hospice	£ 300	£ 200
Army Cadet Force	£ 150	£ 100
HcS Gardening Club	£ 650	£ 575
HcS Women's Institute	£ 900	£ 675
St Barnabas Church PCC	£ 700	£ 500
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	£ 200	
Otmoor Flyer	£ 100	
Market on the Green	£ 250	
HcS Junior Football	£ 200	
HcS Senior Football	£ 200	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£6300</b>	<b>£4200</b>

This year was more successful than 2018 and we have been able to support additional village organisations (the junior and senior football clubs, the Market on the Green and the Otmoor Flyer) for the first time.

Planning has already started for the 41st Challenge which will take place on **Saturday 6 June 2020**. As ever, we are keen to get new people and new ideas into the organisation: please make sure that you have it marked into your diaries and calendars.

*Andrew Pennington; Chairman, Otmoor Challenge Association*

## Horton-cum-Studley Toddler Group

From Friday 20 September the Toddler Group will now be every Friday in the Millennium Hall, 10-11.30am. The group is open to all ages including babies. There will also be 'Toddler Tennis' from 11am. Please call Elizabeth Bennett on 07966 101027 for more details.

## Horton cum Studley Gardening Club

We have a great autumn programme starting on 15 October with a talk by Dr Chris Thorogood on "Weird Plants" and followed on Tuesday 19 November by Marcel Floyd telling us about clematis and other climbers. Marcel will be selling plants from their specialist nursery (bound to be some tempting bargains) so do come along if you have vertical gaps that need filling or want ideas for your own garden. Clematis do pretty well in my garden in our claggy clay soil and this is a good time of year to put new plants into your garden. There should be some rain-eventually. We are keen to involve families in the club as we would like to encourage the next generation to start gardening whether this is at home or at school. Please come along and share your ideas about how we might do this better-should we even have a competition at the Otmoor challenge? Visitors are always very welcome. For more information about our programme see

[www.horton-cum-studley.org.uk/community/clubs/](http://www.horton-cum-studley.org.uk/community/clubs/)

If you would like to know more about the Gardening Club, please contact the chairman, Susan Burge 01865 351310.



# STANTON ST JOHN

## Stanton St John Parish Council

The Parish Council request your help in collecting photographic evidence of any vehicles driving through the parish which you believe are too long, wide or heavy and don't have a need to be driving that route. Please send the photographs to the clerk ([stantonstjohnpc@gmail.com](mailto:stantonstjohnpc@gmail.com)), stating where, when and which route you observed them taking.

## Stanton St John W I

Stanton St John W I will hold our regular meeting on Tuesday 15 October in the Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Gilly Pusey who will explain the fascinating skills and techniques of Dyeing and Spinning.

Our **Autumn Craft and Produce Sale** is on Saturday 5 October from 10.30-12.30 in Stanton St John Village Hall.

There will be:

**Tea-Coffee-Cakes-Chat**

**Jams -Plants - Chutneys**

**Knitwear- Jewellery**

**Decorative Glass- Tiles-  
Gifts**

**Children's activities and a  
Grand Raffle**



## Stanton St John Outdoor Film Night

The joint screening between Rectory Farm and the Stanton St John Film Group was held on the night of August 31st at Rectory Farm. It was an overwhelming success. 220 tickets were sold. There was also a bar, lovely food, snacks and popcorn provided by Rectory Farm.

Families came with their children, people spread out picnic blankets or sat at picnic tables provided for the event. The weather was with us! Light flickered from the fire pits where jacket potatoes were baking and from candles on the tables. Using his sound and light experience, Zander Cornish-Moore organised a first-class state of the art sound system and screen. As the skies darkened, the crowd settled in for the screening of the comedy classic Mrs Doubtfire starring Robin Williams.

The irrepressible Imogen Stanley and Lily Germain managed things for Rectory Farm and Michiel Stofferis, Simon and Ros Harrison and Vicky Hunt were among the prime organisers for the Film Group.

We are delighted to announce that Rectory Farm has donated all their profits (more than £600) to the Film Group and to the Stanton St John Church Building Fund.

Thank you, one and all. Let's do this again next year!

*Jamie Brown*

## Dates for your diary

### Stanton Film Night, 31 October

The next Stanton Film night will be on Saturday 31 October at 7.30pm.

### Christmas Fair, Saturday 7 December

In Stanton St John Village Hall

### Carol Concert, Saturday 14 December

The Shotover Singers are giving a concert at Stanton St John church on Saturday 14 December at 7pm. Entry is free but there will be a collection after the concert.

## Stanton St John Charities

Parishioners within Stanton St John may apply for help with winter fuel and heating costs for 2019/2020. Persons of any age may apply but funds are limited and assistance will normally only be given to households which have no regular wage earner, are state pensioners or receive Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

If relatives or neighbours are aware of anyone who may benefit from the grant, but is unlikely to see this notice, the Trustees would be pleased to receive the information. Previous applicants will be contacted directly.

To assist them in the allocation, the charity trustees have requested that new applications be made on a form available from:

The Village Shop, Middle Road, Stanton St John.

The form should be returned to Richard Ebbs (Stone Cottage, Mill St.) or the village shop, in the envelope provided, by Friday 1st November 2019.

Information on the form will be treated in strictest confidence by the charity trustees.

Further information from Richard Ebbs, tel. 01865 351491 or email [richard.ebbs38@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.ebbs38@btinternet.com) *Charity no. 202853*

## Volunteers needed for Fairtrade Shop in Headington

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## FOREST HILL

### News from St Nicolas Church

**Please see page 5** for details of all church services during October or visit our website at [www.stnicolasforesthill.org](http://www.stnicolasforesthill.org).

### Decorating the Church for Harvest Saturday 5 October at 10.30am.

All are welcome. If you are able to bring some flowers, fruits, vegetables or greenery, that would be helpful (but not essential).

### Harvest Festival Sunday 6 October

Our morning service is a Parish Communion at the usual time of 11am. In the evening we are organising a bring and share Harvest Supper, starting at 7pm In the Village Hall. If you are thinking of coming, kindly let Jane Walker know (01865 872399) so that we can sort out a balanced menu.

### Date for your diary

**Saturday 30 November, Christmas Bazaar**, 12 noon until 2pm In the Village Hall.

You are invited to

A 'Bring and Share' Harvest Supper

with the Osborne/Blyth Jazz Trio

on Sunday 6 October at 7pm in Forest Hill Village Hall

Bring food to share with friends and neighbours and listen to live music from Forest Hill's very own jazz trio, fresh from a recent appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe!

Contact Jane Walker on 01865 872399 to reserve your place and arrange what food to bring.

## Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to remind dog owners and dog walkers to clean up after your dog. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place. There are dog waste bins in the recreation ground, Polecat Lane and outside the village hall.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 7 November 2019, at 7pm in Forest Hill Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public and have an open session where residents can bring attention to any village issues. All residents are welcome!

Current Agendas and Minutes are posted on the two notice boards; outside the Village Hall and at the end of Mickle Way. Archived Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website:

<http://www.parish-council.com/foresthillwithshotover/index.asp>

You can contact the Parish Council Clerk, tel: 0844 884 3328 or email address: [theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.org.uk](mailto:theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.org.uk)

### Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2019

#### Programme of events in Forest Hill

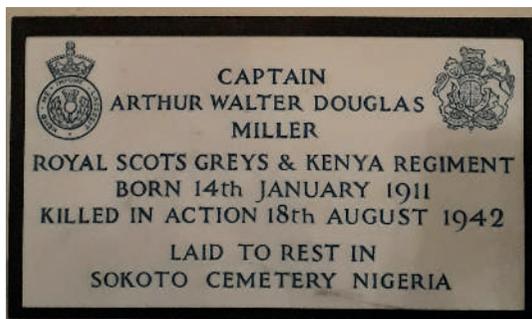
10.45am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
11.15am	Service of Remembrance	St Nicolas Church
5.15pm	Exhibition opens	St Nicolas Church
6pm	Music and readings with a focus on the Second World War, to include popular WW2 songs with plenty of audience participation.	St Nicolas Church

## Forest Hill Remembers: Second World War

10 November 2019 is Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and in other conflicts since. In 2018 we marked the centenary of the end of the First World War with a programme of events to remember the sacrifice made by so many from this community, and to also celebrate the peace and freedom that they won for us all. 2019 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War, so it seems appropriate to turn our attention to those from our community who gave their lives and those who served between 1939 and 1945.

### Once again we need your help.

As in 2018, we are planning an exhibition and evening event with music, poetry, photographs, letters and other memorabilia. We are therefore looking for information on the 6 men that gave their lives and any others that served. We would also like to hear about the community as a whole during war time.



Can you help assemble relevant material, especially if you are a relative, or you know someone who is? Are you are willing to spend some time researching for us? If you have any documents, artefacts or photographs, or suggestions as to where we might find things,

please contact Julia Stutfield by email – [julia.stutfield@gmail.com](mailto:julia.stutfield@gmail.com) – or call 07766 103427.

## Beckley

### Beckley Church

#### Harvest Family Service 13 October 9.30am. All welcome!

After the service we shall be taking gifts of food to the Food Bank in Kidlington. They would particularly like tins of fruit and vegetables, rice pudding, cartons of long life semi-skimmed milk and fruit juice, and also toilet rolls, washing-up liquid etc. Please ensure that all items have a best before date of **at least 6 months ahead**.

The Autumn Concert on 8 September was a wonderful village occasion, thanks to the kindness and generosity of those who organised it. The church was full, the performances by our talented musicians were impressive, and we enjoyed wine and delicious smoked salmon in the interval. £501 was raised for the Fabric Fund.

### Beckley and Stowood Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 3 October at 8pm in Beckley Village Hall. Minutes and agendas and dates of future meetings are available at [www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk](http://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk) and the Clerk's email address is [clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk).

**The Otmoor Flyer** - Information on the four villages' mini-bus service can be found on the Parish Council website. The mini-bus comes to Beckley on Tuesdays and Fridays and picks up at 10.40am from the bus stop opposite The Abingdon Arms Pub. Bus tickets available from The Abingdon Arms (during opening hours) and Dee Hazell in Beckley. The bus goes into Headington and Oxford.

**Fix My Street** – find and report road or street problems at [www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### Beckley Village Hall

See [www.beckleyvillagehall.org](http://www.beckleyvillagehall.org) for details of regular weekly and monthly activities. To make a booking please contact Stuart Marshall, email [booking@beckleyvillagehall.org](mailto:booking@beckleyvillagehall.org).

## Save the date

Beckley Bonfire and Firework Night at Beckley Village Hall and playing field on Saturday 2 November. Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks at 7pm. Refreshments available. **Please park on the playing field and not on Woodperry Road.** Entry £5 for adults and children over four years.

### Beckley & Area Community Benefit Society The Abingdon Arms, Beckley

#### 'More than a Pub' programme – October 2019

'More than a Pub' events			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>MEN OF BECKLEY LUNCH</b>	<b>12.30pm</b> - first Wednesday of each month Contact Steve Smith for more information: <a href="mailto:barkbeetles@gmail.com">barkbeetles@gmail.com</a>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>WOMEN OF BECKLEY LUNCH</b>	<b>12.30pm</b> - first Thursday of each month for now Contact Sarah Smith for more information: <a href="mailto:beckleysarah@gmail.com">beckleysarah@gmail.com</a>	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>COMMUNITY WALK</b>	<b>10.30am-12.30pm</b> Meet at front of pub for prompt departure, returning for drinks and lunch afterwards. Walk leader Mike Hobbs - 4-5 miles, part-circular route to Stanton St John involving some gentle descent and ascent.	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING</b>	<b>10.00-11.30am</b> - second Friday of each month Coffee & cake £3.50. Come along, meet old and make new friends.	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>JAZZ SESSION</b>	<b>6.30-8.30pm</b> - third Sunday of each month <b>Pete Oxley (guitar), Frank Harrison (keyboard), Mark Hodgson (bass).</b> Free entry, raffle. Cool sounds and a warm welcome.....	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>LITERARY TALK postponed</b>	Unfortunately, the talk scheduled for this date has been postponed. Our next literary event is a poetry session on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA</b>	<b>4.00-5.30pm</b> - last Wednesday of each month Afternoon tea with family, friends, neighbours.... Tea / coffee, home-made cake, biscuits £3.50. Table games available too.	
OTHER EVENTS AT THE ABINGDON ARMS			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Pub Quiz: 7.30pm</b>		
<b>KEY-</b>			
Food & Drink	Music	Literature	Activities

More information about MtaP activities at: [www.bacbs.org](http://www.bacbs.org)

The Abingdon Arms - information, including table reservations, at: <http://theabingdonarms.co.uk/>

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