

# *The Four Parishes News Magazine*

BECKLEY  
FOREST HILL  
HORTON-cum-STUDLEY  
STANTON St JOHN



Beckley Church, 10 December 2017

*February 2018*

## The new editor writes:

Following John Baker's farewell note on the back of the previous edition of this magazine, it seems only fair that I should introduce myself as the new editor. As John mentioned, I live in Forest Hill, having moved



here, with my husband Peter, in 1999. For the first few years, work commitments left us little time for involvement in village life but I decided to take early retirement for family reasons in 2010 and, as a result, I have gradually found myself being drawn into our busy and welcoming community.

As a member of the Forest Hill Village Feast Committee and organiser of various musical events both in my own village and in the wider Four Parishes, I have become very aware of the importance of this publication as a vehicle for connecting our four villages together. The first 'Four Parishes Newsletter' was started in the 1990s and it has always been run for the benefit of the community. Over the years, several other local people have supported the magazine with their commitment and skills and I am proud to be part of this tradition.

*Julia Stutfield*

### Our cover photo ...

was taken by Betty Dye who lives in Beckley. Betty writes:

*"The smudgy bits are where snow landed on the lens and I did not realise it was there. It was snowing quite a lot as I took the picture."*

**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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## Inter-Village Bible Study Group.

You are welcome to meet with the group on 14th and 28th February when we expect to be continuing the series of studies entitled Christian Beliefs. At the time of writing, the venue(s) have still to be decided so contact David or Rita Turner (01865 351460) for more information nearer the dates.

## Letter from the Vicarage

I have never heard God speak to me in an audible voice, but we read in the Old Testament that the lad Samuel did. God called Samuel, and Samuel thought that it was Eli the priest calling, but it was God. Samuel went on to hear much more from God and he was sent by God to tell others what God wanted them to know. Samuel grew to be a man, and the Lord God was with him and “let none of his words fall to the ground”. And all of the nation of Israel knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord God.

Some things that God says to people are rightly private, other things are for everyone. The Christmas story and the Easter story are for everyone. The message that God loves everyone no matter where they are from and whether they have a faith or not is also for all of the world. God so loved all the people of the world (and still does, and always will) that Jesus came to show us and tell us.

There is no limit to the ways that God can communicate with us, through art, music, His creation, a song, a book, our own thoughts, a dream, the Bible; the ways are boundless. The most amazing way though, is through the life and words of Jesus. In His life and words, we can discover and know for certain that we are loved, that God cares about us and that He has good plans for our lives.

I have never heard God speak to me in an audible voice, but I am so glad that He speaks and keeps telling me, (and all the world) that we are loved.

All best and blessings,

*Andrew*

## Church Services in the Four Parishes, February 2018

	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>4 Feb</b>	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
		4pm Family Service (Village Hall)		
		6pm Taize		
<b>11 Feb</b>	9.30am Family Service At Stanton St John		9.30am Parish Communion	11am Parish Communion
	4pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)			
<b>18 Feb</b>	11am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	11am Family Service
			6pm Iona Evening Service	
<b>25 Feb</b>	10am Joint Benefice Service at Stanton St John			
		7pm Church without Walls (Village Hall)		

# BECKLEY

## Beckley Church

The **February PCC meeting** will be held on Thursday 7th February at 7.30 pm at Beckley Village Hall.

The first Sunday in every month at 9.30am is Beckley Church's **Family Service** at which families with children will be especially welcome.

### Why Family Service?

As far as the universe is concerned we are part of a **tiny constellation**, on an insignificant planet orbiting an average size sun, physically occupying a smudge of a country, living in an itchy-bitsy village, many of us part of a small family, and some of us just tiny members of that family.

**In worldwide matters we are pretty insignificant**, but as far as God is concerned each one of us is invaluable, chosen, cherished, loved and needed. At Beckley Church we are trying to create an ethos in which each child will know this.

**Perhaps the littlest ones will create a bit of noise**, perhaps the liturgy will have to be modified to make it comprehensible to all, but that is unimportant in the eyes of a loving, cherishing, understanding God.

Today our young people face challenges - bullying, drug abuse, uncertain job prospects - that most of us did not have to think about. If the 'church family' can offer **one more safety net**, one more layer of caring compassion, it will have obeyed that most important of commandments 'love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Of course we also welcome adults to this service and there will always be something for them as well.

If you have any questions, please email me, Betty Dye, at [betty.dye@tesco.net](mailto:betty.dye@tesco.net) or just turn up on the spur of the moment and you will be sure of a warm welcome.

## Beckley and Stowood Parish Council

**Beckley and Stowood Neighbourhood Plan** ; there will be a Public Meeting at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at Beckley Village Hall. Pre-Submission Public Consultation runs to 24th February 2018. The whole plan is available on Beckley and Stowood website – [www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk /parish council](http://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk/parish_council). Hard copies are available at the Village Hall and The Abingdon Arms, Beckley. Any queries to Ginette Camps-Walsh 01865 351762 or [camps.walsh@btinternet.com](mailto:camps.walsh@btinternet.com).

Minutes and agendas are available on the website [www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk](http://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk) along with other Beckley news and information.

Information on the new **village mini-bus service** – The Otmoor Flyer – can be found on the website [www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk/parishcouncil](http://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk/parishcouncil). The mini-bus comes to Beckley on Tuesdays and Fridays and picks up at 10.40 am from the bus stops. Tickets are available from Stanton St John Village Shop.

For information on the new Beckley Village Hall, please see [www.beckleyvillagehall.org](http://www.beckleyvillagehall.org) and to make a booking please contact Stuart Marshall, Booking Secretary at [booking@beckleyvillage.org](mailto:booking@beckleyvillage.org).

### **Community Barn Dance with Kismet Ceilidh Band Beckley Village Hall Sat 3rd Feb 7.30-10.30 pm**

Tickets £10 for those over, 18 years old, £5 for under 18's.

It would be great if you could spread the word to friends and neighbours.

Please bring finger food and drink to share.

As with our first dance in October, you won't need to know the dances as the 'callers' will explain and show the steps. Huge fun!





## Beckley Village Hall

The Village Hall has now been operational for one year and January will see the completion of the formalities with the Builders (Kingerlee) who have had a 12 month defect liability obligation. The use of the Hall is steadily growing. Our operating policies and procedures are largely in place although subject to refinement as we gain more operational experience. We have had very positive feedback from Hirers. The Trustees are mindful of the need to ensure that the activities in the Hall support our charitable objectives and I am pleased to note that of the 54 hires over the last couple of months only four could be considered to be primarily for income generation and not linked to those objectives. The more the Hall is used the more we will have the capacity to further support village activities that may need some subsidy. We have also turned down some offers of hire for non-village sports events that had the potential to create nuisance for local residents. I hope that the Village recognises the efforts made by the Parish Council, Trustees and Friends of the Hall (past and present) in trying to balance what are sometimes competing objectives but all in the overall interest of the Village.

*Geoff Mills, Trust Chair*

## Beckley Open Day, 17th June 2018

### A date for your diary!

Our last Open Day was 2 years ago in 2016, so we shall be holding another one this year, and we are starting to make plans. As always, the main interest will be the open gardens, and there will also be the usual stalls, teas, and other attractions. The profits will go mainly towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

A gentle plea - if you are planting in the Spring: it would be very much appreciated if any spare plants could be put aside for the plant stall.

If you have any questions, or would like to help in any way, please contact Gina Robson, 01865 351637, [gina.robson@virgin.net](mailto:gina.robson@virgin.net).

More information will follow later!

## Beckley Community Orchard

On the 13th January we held our annual Wassail at the orchard. This is traditionally held on the 12th night when we ask the gods to give us a good harvest and fire shotguns to ward off evil spirits! Our Wassail was a more subdued affair and included a bonfire, the banging of saucepan lids coupled with copious amounts of cake, cider and apple juice.

The traditional poem to read is;

*Old Apple tree, old apple tree;  
We've come to wassail thee;  
To bear and to bow apples enow;  
Hats full, caps full, three bushel bags full;  
Barn floors full and a little heap under the stairs.*



In the evening we continued our celebrations of a successful year with a supper attended by 31 Friends at the Abingdon Arms. With many thanks to Aimee, Stuart and staff. I hope that this will help to explain that we are not just an orchard!

I invite you to become a Friend of our orchard, the annual membership is £10 and this will entitle you to a jar of honey each autumn from our bee hives at the orchard. Please contact me at [beckleyday@btinternet.com](mailto:beckleyday@btinternet.com).

Many thanks.

*Colin Day (Chairman)*

### Go Active Gold has come to Beckley Village Hall

with a beginning taster on the 17 Jan when the needs and goals of local residents over 60 were assessed and put together. Classes are scheduled to begin in February, with exact times not available at the time of printing. The emphasis will be on what each person needs to work toward.... what activities sound attractive .... Or do-able.... and an approach that can include talks on nutrition, diet, motivation, and other related topics.

Please call or email Ann Henman for further details  
01865 351492 07969 578740 [annhenman@gmail.com](mailto:annhenman@gmail.com)

Go Active Gold is funded by Sport England and the Lottery and administered through the South Oxfordshire County Council

## FOREST HILL

### Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council

The Parish Council wishes all residents a very Happy New Year.

The Council continues to pursue the condition of the **road surfaces** in the village. Work on the area at the junction of Mickle Way and Stanton Road was delayed in December because of snow, but hopefully by the time you read this, should have been completed on the 15th January.

Regarding **refuse collection**, bins will be collected early in the morning so, as a reminder, if you are putting your bins out the night before it must be done after 6pm and please ensure, where possible, that you are not blocking public footpaths. There is a new app called 'Binzone' that is available for both Apple and Android smartphones. It allows you to see what colour bin is being collected on what day and also what can go in each bin.

Our County Councillor Dr Kirsten Johnson gave us an update on the 12th January regarding the **travellers** who at the time were occupying an area in the Thornhill Park and Ride:

*'30+ caravans arrived PM on the 9th January, these are the Travellers that were at Water Eaton before Christmas, they have spent the festive period in Cambridge, where some remain. They have been served with a land owners and code of conduct notice; there are a few loose dogs which they have been advised about. Thames Valley Police urn 943.09012018.*

*If you have specific concerns, please do contact the OCC member of staff that oversees this on [travellers@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:travellers@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or 01865 815569.'*

The **next Parish Council meeting is Thursday 22nd February**, at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend. Current Agendas and Minutes are posted on the two notice boards: outside the Village Hall and at the end of Mickle Way. Archive Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website.

**Contact details for Helen Cross, the Parish Council Clerk** are:

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Website: [www.parishcouncil.com/foresthillwithshotover/](http://www.parishcouncil.com/foresthillwithshotover/)

## News from St Nicolas Church

Many thanks to all who helped over the Christmas period – decorating the Church, making mince pies, organising and providing music, officiating at services etc. So much has happened in the two months since the last newsletter that we can only mention a few highlights here.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** on 25 November, run jointly with Forest Hill Sports and Social Club, was a productive and happy event, raising a total of £862. 92, to be split between the two organisations.

Our **St Nicholas Day celebration** in early December included Advent Carols from the St Nicholas Choir and a Christingle, all of which nearly didn't happen because of the snow! Sadly some of the choir were kept at home by the weather but an amazing number of people made it to the village hall to assemble their Christingles and then tramped in procession through the snow to the church. We raised nearly £90 for the Children's Society and will certainly do it again next year.

Although the snow had retreated by the time we came to **Carol Singing** around the village the following week, it was still bitterly cold and after an hour our brave little group of adults and children were all frozen. Hopefully next year the weather may be kinder.

Our candlelit church provided a beautiful backdrop to the **Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols**, after which it was not long until our Crib Service on Christmas Eve and followed by Christmas Day itself.

Our final Christmas event is **Candlemas** on 28 January, a service by candlelight with music from the St Nicolas Choir to celebrate the presentation of Christ in the Temple. At the time of writing, the service has not yet taken place, but it is something to look forward to in these dark January evenings.

Details of February services can be found on the Service Rota on page 6 and on our website at [www.stnicolasforesthill.org](http://www.stnicolasforesthill.org). Community events are listed on our website and advertised elsewhere in this magazine.

We hope that 2018 will be a healthy, peaceful and happy year for everyone.

## Sara Thompson

Sara and family moved into Mickle Way, Forest Hill, around 25 years ago. Her sudden death on the morning of 12 November 2017 was a great shock to family and friends. She was always ready to help her neighbours. Sara will be remembered in this area as the Rainbow Guide Leader kingfisher.

Sara leaves her husband Mark, children James, Daniel and Lucy, and their families.

## Music at St Nicolas

St Nicolas Church is once again hosting a **series of short concerts** at 3pm (note new time) on four Sunday afternoons during February and March. Each concert will last 40 – 45 minutes, after which tea and cake will be served. Entry is free but there will be an opportunity to make a voluntary donation towards the upkeep of the church.

The first concert is on **Sunday 25 February** and will consist of a selection of Lenten chorale-preludes played by our organist, Peter Stutfield, interspersed with some Passion chorales by J.S. Bach for all to join in (music will be provided) or listen to.

Details of subsequent concerts will be on our website at [www.stnicolasforesthill.org](http://www.stnicolasforesthill.org).

## Forest Hill Gardening Club

LAST MINUTE REMINDER! DON'T FORGET THE QUIZ

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 7.30pm

Forest Hill Village Hall

As usual there will be a bar, refreshments.... and prizes!

Admission £2.00 per person or £5.00 per team of four

## HORTON-cum-STUDLEY

### News from St Barnabas Church

The faith of the congregation was tested in **December's snow fall**. A healthy congregation (we had no excuses that Sunday not to turn up whereas the vicar did!) turned out in their winter gear and wellies and in the absence of the vicar a scratch service was delivered by villagers. Rachel Hawes warmed us up with coffee and biscuits before we all walked home.

The **Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December** was the start of our Christmas celebrations with Freddie East singing a wonderful first verse solo of Once in Royal David's City.

The **Crib Service** was held on Christmas Eve. Everyone in the village must have attended - the church was so full and it was such a beautiful atmosphere with candles and decorations to celebrate the birth of Christ. Children from the village gradually built the nativity crib before our very eyes while others assisted with readings and prayers.

The **Christmas Day Service** was held in Horton this year and was well attended. The church looked beautiful throughout Christmas and will continue to do so as we will leave our Christmas tree up until Candlemas (Feb 2nd), an ancient tradition that celebrates 40 days of Christmas.

### Bob Wakelin

I would like to thank everybody who came to my late brother's funeral- Robert Wakelin –'Bob' and also to others who knew him.

Bob lived his whole life in Horton-cum-Studley. He was born on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1935. Much of his early life he was confined to the Churchill Hospital, a very poor sick lad. Our family moved around the village quite a lot. Mostly in tied cottages belonging to the Henderson Estate. We moved into, No 2 The Green in 1950. It had 3 bedrooms and a bathroom –Luxury. I am sure you will remember Bob as the fellow who always carried a camera, talked to anyone and everyone, gave you the history of your house and families who lived there before. I would like to thank the ladies who are sorting out all of his village photos- The best of luck!

Many thanks to the vicar and Churchwardens for letting us 'plant' Bob close to the Wakelin family graves. He will be sadly missed. God Bless You Bob.

*Richard Wakelin*

## Christmas Chiaroscuro Theatre Production

'Path of Stars' was performed on the evenings of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December in St. Barnabas Church. This was the 20th year that the company has used a play at Christmas to raise money for the Special Care Baby Unit (now the Neonatal Unit) at the John Radcliffe. Over this time, it has raised over £20,000. The vast majority of the cast are from local villages, most of them veterans of many shows, and two have appeared in all twenty! Most are now at college or beyond - and some have gone on to become professional actors - but they still love coming together to give their time and energy for such a good and appropriate cause in the run up to Christmas. Thank you to the many villagers who turned out in the wintry weather at what is always a busy time of year, to support our efforts to help the Neonatal Unit do its work of bringing happiness to so many parents of premature and unwell babies. Here's to the next twenty years.

*Gail Sawyer, Chiaroscuro Theatre*



*"Floating between Roman occupied Palestine and contemporary occupied Israel Gail's extraordinary Path of Stars made the old familiar story of the birth of Christ both contemporary and disarmingly relevant. Gail's visionary plays are an annual blessing to this village and should never be missed."*

*Nicholas Mynheer*

## Date for your diary: Tearfund Service & Lunch

Please join us at the Tearfund lunch on **18<sup>th</sup> March** and help provide Ethiopian families with loans to start small businesses by supporting **Our Tearfund Project**. This involves providing funds that enable Ethiopian Christians to organise people from poor families into self-help groups. These are places where people learn first to save money and then start their own businesses by borrowing some money. It works mainly with women from the poorest families in urban areas and requires supporting action on a number of fronts including literacy and education & training on, IV and AIDS, health, hygiene and sanitation.

## Village Coffee Morning

The February Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall on the **11th Feb** at the usual time of 10.30am. Everyone's welcome, this is a social event for parishioners. More details from Rachel Hawes 01865 351540.

## Gardening Club

By the time you have read this we will have had our AGM, and there may be some changes in the committee and officers. We next meet on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at the Millennium Hall at 8pm. Please check the time as it may be changed at the AGM. The speaker is Victoria Logue of Whitehall Farmhouse Plants who will speak about "Getting the most from your garden". There may be some plants for sale. Any queries please ring Richard Hawes 01865 351540.

## Social Night at Studley Wood Golf Club

On the last Friday of each month a number of locals join together at Studley Wood Golf Club for a social evening which includes a meal. If you are new to the area it is a great way of meeting others. A notice is normally put out on The Green the week before as a reminder and if you email Iveta (Manager) at [iveta@studleywoodgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:iveta@studleywoodgolfclub.co.uk) she will send you the menu choice. If you need any more information ring Ruth on 01865 351444.

## Women's Institute

The meeting this month will be held on **Tuesday 13th February** at 7.45pm in the Millennium Hall. Our Speaker will be Rosalie Crane, who very kindly exchanged months with our original February speaker. We look forward to hearing the talk on her work as a Probation Officer. We do welcome all ladies in the Village to join us and further details can be obtained from the President Barbara Jewell (01865 351315).

## Parish Council

We are in the midst of applying for a grant to purchase a **cardiac defibrillator**. In order to fulfil the requirements for a successful application we do need to train a number of residents in the use of the defibrillator. If you are interested in participating in this training would you please give your name to our Parish Clerk, Alexia Lewis (01865 351025).





# Stanton Village Hall

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup> // March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 - 5:30pm**

Activities designed to entertain and tell children about the teaching of Jesus: treasure hunts, crafts, singing and dancing, story time and games.

**Includes dinner for the children**

*Please email Jo Allen for any further information:  
contactjoallen@gmail.com*

## STANTON ST JOHN

### Stanton St John WI

Stanton St John WI are pleased to be having a talk from Chris Lowe on the work of Royal National Lifeboat Institution on **Tuesday 20th February**. We meet as usual in Stanton Village Hall at 7.30pm and are always delighted to welcome guests to our meetings.

### Stanton St John Parents and Toddlers

Stanton St John Parents and Toddlers meets on alternate Thursday mornings for coffee and cake in the village hall between 10.30 and noon.

Our dates this term are:

- January 11
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22

Please do pop in and join us. For more details contact Fenella at [fenellapritchard@icloud.com](mailto:fenellapritchard@icloud.com)

## Stanton St John Parish Council

### Looking for part time work?

Stanton St John is looking for a new Parish Clerk to work 10 hours a week. The Clerk provides administrative and clerical support to the council and, as the Responsible Financial Officer, manages the council finances.

The work is mainly home based and hours are very flexible. You would need a high standard of oral and written communication skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office software (particularly Word and Excel), be capable of working independently and have the ability to deal with a range of issues. Having some administrative experience and a competency in maintaining accurate accounts would also be an advantage.

The closing date for applications is 10th February.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Chair of the Parish Council, David Polgreen on 01865 351469 or email [stantonstjohnpc@gmail.com](mailto:stantonstjohnpc@gmail.com)

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## Rural crime update from Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross: December 2017

Reports of rural crime in the Thames Valley have increased by five percent between October 2016 and September 2017. I would like to reassure members of our rural communities of my commitment to investigating reports of rural crime. We rely on information from our local communities and take reports very seriously.

Incidents are investigated by our local policing teams who have dedicated Rural Crime and Wildlife Officers based across the Thames Valley. Rural crime can take many different forms including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing. We continue to work with local residents, businesses and partners to raise awareness of crime prevention techniques while developing problem solving solutions to tackle rural crime. There are often fewer witnesses to rural crimes and greater opportunities for criminals to target isolated properties and businesses. The impact of these crimes can also be greater, with people feeling more vulnerable due to their remote location. You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by taking a few simple steps:

- **Keep the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure**
- **Fit strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings**
- **Check security equipment regularly to ensure it is working**
- **Lock equipment away in a secure building when not in use**
- **Security mark your tools and equipment**

For more crime prevention advice, and to see details of your local Rural Crime Officers, visit the Rural Crime page on the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/)

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should report it to police by calling the non-emergency number, 101. If an incident is in progress, or there is an immediate threat to life, you should call 999.

You can receive the latest rural crime news from Thames Valley Police and their partners directly to your phone or inbox by signing up to CountryWatch at: [www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/](http://www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/)

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**Females of Beckley lunch:** Tuesday 6th Feb, 12.30. **Men of Beckley lunch:** Wednesday 7th Feb, 12.30. The women and men of other villages are encouraged to use the pub for their social meetings too!

**Community walk:** Saturday 10th Feb, 10.30 - 12.00/12.30. 5 miles or 3 miles. Meet outside the pub, then return after walk for drink / lunch.

**Folk music evening:** Sunday 11th Feb, 6.30 - 8.30pm. Acoustic 'sing-around': bring your fiddles, guitars, whistles, recorders etc and your voices! An informal gathering at which people play (mainly traditional) folk music together and chat. No entry charge: drinks and simple bar snacks available for sale.

**Table games:** Tuesday 13th Feb, 2.30-4.30. Inaugural session with scrabble, bridge, backgammon, chess in prospect; children's games may be added. Come along with your games set and a partner if you can.

**Jazz evening:** Sunday 18th Feb, 6.30 - 8.30pm. Roger Beaujolais (vibraphone), Raph Mizraki (bass), Mark Doffman (drums) tbc. No entry charge: drinks and simple bar snacks available for sale, and wine will be raffled.

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