

# *The Four Parishes News Magazine*

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FOREST HILL  
HORTON-cum-STUDLEY  
STANTON St JOHN



Sunset near Stanton St John

*November 2018*

## The editor writes:



As most people cannot have failed to notice by now, 11 November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. Parish councils, churches and other organisations all over the country are preparing to commemorate and celebrate this important anniversary in many different ways and there is plenty going on in our four villages. In addition to the usual Acts of Remembrance culminating in 2 minutes silence at 11am, there are concerts and poetry readings, a lunch, exhibitions of memorabilia, bell ringing, and even an appropriately themed quiz! A list of events appears on the back cover of this magazine but there may be more I don't know about. Overall, I suspect that by this time next month we will all know a lot more about the sacrifices made by the men and women in our villages who lived and died during the 'Great War'.

*Julia Stutfield*

## Our cover photo ...

was taken by Anneli Nilsson from Stanton St John. Anneli writes:

"I was out for a local evening walk around SSJ with Ludo, my lurcher, and thoroughly enjoyed the autumnal dusk. I thought your readers might enjoy the spectacle too."

**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

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## Church Services in the Four Parishes, November 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 Nov</b> <i>All Saints</i>	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
		6pm Taizé		
<b>11 Nov</b> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.45am Act of Remembrance <b>(War Memorial)</b> 11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Parish Communion	10.45am Morning Prayer	10.45am Morning Prayer
	[no evensong]		4pm Family Church (Village Hall)	
<b>18 Nov</b>	11am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	11am Family Service
		4pm Family Church (Village Hall)	6pm Iona Service	
<b>25 Nov</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	10am Joint Benefice Service at Forest Hill			
		6pm Church Without Walls (Village Hall)		

Please see the back cover of the magazine for details of all village events commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One.

## GENERAL NOTICES

We have no vicar at present so please contact the Church Wardens with any enquiries (details on p.4). Anyone who knew David Turner may wish to know that his funeral is on Monday 5 November. See p. 14 for details

### Meredith Ainley

Meredith Ainley, who helped at Stanton House for three months this summer, preached at Horton-cum-Studley on Sunday 30 September. Meredith has a Masters in Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary and worked at a church in Los Angeles for 11 years. Rev'd Hugh Lee has arranged for her to kindly provide us with a copy of her sermon which Dropbox users can download from:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7drqbwuwfjihagh/NSM9649%20Meredith%20Ainley%20sermon%2030Sep18-1.pdf?dl=0>. If you can't access the file, please ask Julia at [4parishesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:4parishesnewsletter@gmail.com) to help you.

### Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Update

The Horton-cum-Studley Expressway Group have been reviewing the Government's preferred corridor announcement of 12 September in greater detail and talking with other groups (including Cherwell District Council, Expressway Action Group, North Otmoor Expressway Group, No Expressway Alliance and CPRE) about the implications.

The HcSE Group has identified the following threats:

- There is likely to be an Expressway somewhere
- The Otmoor basin & Bernwood Forest ecosystems are still at risk
- It is likely new route proposals will include a new M40 junction near Arncott
- Ongoing plans for an additional 300,000 new homes in Oxfordshire by 2050 with all associated infrastructure/services requiring development also
- Huge risk that Green Belt land will be lost to the Expressway and associated development
- Highways England has confirmed in writing to the HcSE Group that they could choose a route for the Expressway outside the boundaries of their preferred Corridor B

Following the Government's announcement, Highways England's next steps are to:

- Identify possible routes within the preferred corridor between now and Autumn 2019
- Conduct a non-statutory consultation on these routes (members of the public will be invited to comment on the alternative routes)
- Announce the preferred route in Autumn 2019

Hence the HcSE group will be continuing to campaign to raise awareness (including new unified messages for all campaign materials), working with other groups and preparing for the Public Inquiry on the selected route.

On 27 September, BBOWT and the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire launched a legal challenge to Highways England on the process for corridor selection. This could lead to a Judicial Review over the lack of a Strategic Environmental Assessment of expressway corridor choice. The HcSE Group are delighted that they have taken to the next stage the legal work started by the group with the Environmental Law Foundation and FTB Chambers.

On 8 October the HcSE Group held an Expressway Update in the Millennium hall. The group's campaign so far was widely praised by most members of our community. Useful contacts were made and ideas raised during the Q&A session. Thank you to everyone from HcS and other local villages who took time out from their busy schedules to come to this meeting. For those who were unable to attend, a copy of the presentation can be found on the [noexpressway.org website](http://noexpressway.org).

If you want to get involved or have useful contacts / exciting ideas to contribute, please contact Olivia Field on [olivia\\_field@hotmail.com](mailto:olivia_field@hotmail.com).

**Chiaroscuro Theatre presents**  
**The 21st Annual Christmas Play**

22 & 23 December at 8pm

St. Barnabas Church, Horton cum Studley

Tickets on the door: £10, £5 concessions

In aid of the Neonatal Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital

## STANTON ST JOHN

### George's birthday

Come to a party on Sunday 4 November, 3.45pm - 6pm at Stanton St John Village Hall.

George Lees and family invite everyone to celebrate his 90th birthday with tea and cakes. No presents or cards please.

### Computer Clinic Saturday 17 November, 10am to 4pm

Got a computer that's running slow? Maybe you have problems sending or saving emails? Are you afraid of being hacked? How do you save that extra terrabyte of information to the iCloud?

The Clinic is Open!

Two major computer gurus have volunteered their time to come to Stanton St John and help with your trickiest computer problems - for PCs or Apple Macs, or iPhones. The gurus will be backed up by two local experts who will handle the more basic problems you might encounter.

The Star pub in Stanton St. John is hosting this event for us. Drinks, sandwiches and snacks will be available all day.

Charge is £20 per half hour. All proceeds go to the Ceiling Repair for Stanton St John church. Book a half hour slot for your Mac or PC by contacting [mossdurrant@totalise.co.uk](mailto:mossdurrant@totalise.co.uk)

### Stanton St John W I

The W I will be celebrating their annual birthday dinner on Tuesday 20 November. Details will be confirmed later.

### Parish Council

The Parish Council feel they need to remind all parishioners, due to the continuing issues being experienced, to avoid parking on the pavements in and around the parish. This will enable both wheel chair users and people with push chairs to keep to the pavement, making their journey safe and manageable.



## Community Café

Due to many of the toddlers in the village now starting school, the SSJ mums and toddler group has decided to evolve into a community café and we welcome everyone in the parish to join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

From 1 November 2018 we will meet at SSJ village hall 10.30am - 12pm fortnightly. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per adult to raise money for the upkeep of the village hall in exchange for refreshments.

If you would like any further information or would like to be involved and are able to help in anyway (bake a cake, serve drinks or set up & clear away) please let us know. Dates for 2018 are:

1 November, 15 November, 29 November, 13 December

We look forward to meeting you soon.

*Louise Waite (07815 539461) or Caroline Hall (07826 514843)*

## The bells, the bells...!

You may have noticed that the bells have still been ringing out at St John the Baptist church, and the clock has continued to chime throughout October!

This is because the start date for the restoration work has had to be put back by a month by our contractors due to scheduling delays with a couple of their other projects.

The revised start date for the project is now 12 November.

This will mean that the bells will not be ready in time for the Christmas services, and completion of the project will now be in January.

However, despite this little blip we're still delighted that things are progressing, and that we'll have the restored bells to ring in 2019!

Project team: Paul Lansdowne, Nick Crowley, Edgar Litt

## Advent Carol Concert

The Shotover Carol choir will be giving a concert in Stanton St John church on **Saturday 1 December at 7pm**. The concert will be a lovely opportunity to listen to the choir singing some traditional English carols as well as participating by singing other carols together.

We hope that lots of people will support this event. The concert is free. There will be a collection after the concert for the Stanton Bells Appeal.

## Christmas Fair

Stanton St John Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 1 December from 11am until 2pm**. There will be Christmas gifts, jams and chutneys, cakes, craft items, books, bric a brac, jigsaws, tombola, raffle and refreshments including soup, teas, coffee, cake etc.

Donations of cakes, books, jigsaws, bric a brac, tombola items etc welcome. Please bring any donations along to the Village Hall during the morning or give them to Sheila Pullen.



**Saturday Nights**

**At 7.45pm**

**At the Neighbours Hill, Great Milton**

**All welcome**

**Refreshments**

**Transport available from local area**

**Including Forest Hill**

**Contact David Spiers 07702 085962 or Melanie Scully 07990 985411**

## FOREST HILL

### News from St. Nicolas Church

Details of all services at St Nicolas can be found on our website at [www.stnicolasforesthill.org](http://www.stnicolasforesthill.org) and on page 5 of this magazine.

Our Harvest Festival took place on Sunday 7 October. Thank you to everyone who brought flowers, fruit and vegetables to decorate the Church and a specially big "thank you" to Judy, Linda, Rosemary and Susan, who used their expertise to make the Church look so festive. The Harvest service was followed by a convivial bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. The following day we took the produce to Helen and Douglas House in Magdalen Road, Oxford where it was received with much gratitude and thanks.

On Sunday 14 October we were delighted to welcome 'Musica Viva' from Wheatley under the direction of Roger Simmonds to sing Choral Evensong at St Nicolas. There is no Choral Evensong in November or December but we look forward to welcoming the St Nicolas Consort on 13 Jan 2019.

### Remembrance Sunday, 11 November

Join us by the War Memorial in the Cemetery at 10.45am for the Act of Remembrance, followed by a service in Church after the two minutes silence at 11am.

### Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 24 November, 12 - 2pm in the Village Hall. Lunches, new gifts, raffle, tombola, produce/cakes, plants/greenery. Raffle and tombola prizes would be appreciated; please deliver to Jane Walker, Lyttleton, Main Street, or telephone 01865 872399 for collection.

### Dates for your diary

**Sun 9 Dec 4pm** St Nicholas Day celebration with Advent Carols and Christingle preceded by a family Craft and Games event in the village hall.

**Tue 18 Dec 7pm** Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols.

**Christmas Eve 4pm** Crib Service, **11pm** Parish Communion.

There will be carols around the village in December, date still to be fixed.

## 100 years on... Forest Hill remembers and celebrates

We have had some encouraging responses to our appeal for material about men from Forest Hill and Shotover who fought in the First World War. Here is an example:



*Owen Mortimer, whose picture is featured here, was born in Wheatley in 1896 and is listed on the 1901 census as living in Stanton St John. His father, also called Owen, was a Postman. By 1911 the family had moved to Forest Hill and Owen was a Stable Boy. This lovely picture has been provided by the family, along with some other memorabilia which will feature in our planned exhibition in November. Owen Mortimer became a Private in the Royal Munster Fusiliers and he died on 4 October 1918, aged 22. He is buried at Templeux-Le-Guerard Cemetery.*

We are still collecting information about the other names listed on the Forest Hill Roll of Honour so if you can help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us. All the material will be used to put together a small exhibition in the church from 11 November.

The full programme of events for Remembrance Day is as follows

### Remembrance Sunday, 11 November 2018

#### Programme of events in Forest Hill

10.45am	Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
11.15am	Service of Remembrance	St Nicolas Church
5.15pm	WWI Exhibition opens	St Nicolas Church
6pm	WW1 music and readings, to include popular songs and local reminiscences	St Nicolas Church
7.05pm	"Battle's Over - Ringing out for Peace"	St Nicolas Church
7.30pm	WW1 Quiz and social event	Village Hall

## Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council

Now that Autumn has arrived residents are asked to be mindful of the smoke they are creating when lighting bonfires and the effect it has on their neighbours. If you have any environmental or nuisance noise issues the Parish Council asks that you, as well as drawing it to the attention of the Council, make your own individual complaints as this has more impact. You can report a problem at:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/environment-and-neighbourhood-issues/report-problem-noise-and-nuisance>

As part of the Village's Remembrance events on 11 November the Parish Council will be planting a tree sapling, along with a commemorative plaque, both donated by Oxford County Council and the Woodland Trust for a project of lasting remembrance. Further details will be on the Parish Council website nearer the time.

The next meetings are on Thursday 1 November and Thursday 13 December at 7pm in the Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public and have an open session where residents can bring attention to any village issues. 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.

The website address is: [www.parish-council.com/foresthillwithshotover/](http://www.parish-council.com/foresthillwithshotover/)  
You can contact Helen Cross, the Parish Council Clerk, tel: 0844 884 3328 or email address: [theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.org.uk](mailto:theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.org.uk)

### Oh! What a Lovely Quiz, Sunday 11 November

Fun village quiz and social to commemorate and celebrate the end of  
World War I

Quiz starts 7.45pm in Forest Hill Village Hall

Doors open from 7.15pm

Come as a team or join one on the evening. Max 4 people per team.

To register a team please email [claire@waitebrown.co.uk](mailto:claire@waitebrown.co.uk)

£5 per person entry to include light refreshments.

There will also be a pay bar.

All money raised will be donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal

## HORTON-cum-STUDLEY

### David Turner

From Rita Turner and her daughter Alison:

*We are very sad to have to share the news that David Turner went to be with his Lord and Saviour on 13 October. His passing in the end was peaceful after a number of years of battling with pain and cancer. We are thankful he is now at peace and free from pain and give thanks for his life.*

*There will be a service at St Barnabas Church in Horton-cum-Studley on Monday 5 November at 1.30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the village hall while family and close friends go to the crematorium for a short service of committal, before also returning to the village hall.*

*Everyone is welcome to come to either or both. Family flowers only please but donations will be welcome to be divided between Sobell House and Tear Fund.*

### Harvest Festival

St Barnabas Church looked especially beautiful inside and out for the Harvest Festival on 16 September. The family service also included the baptism of Eleanor and Bethany Seabert. All harvest gifts were taken to Thame Food bank.



### Michaelmas Fayre

The sun came out for the Michaelmas Fayre at Manor Farm on 22 September. Thank you to Colin and Caroline Badger for enabling the stalls to once again be set up in their barn. Lovely to see so many of the village attending to enjoy the home made soup and various stalls. Over £700 was raised. Many thanks to Lisa, Lyn and all the soup makers and other helpers as well as those who came to support the event.

David Prosser was presented with a walking stick to acknowledge the many years he has served the village as chair of the Parish Council. (see separate report)

## The Harvest Supper..

.. on 13 Oct was a great success, with 80+ villagers purchasing tickets. Cathy Jenkins and Annie Payne organised a team who beautifully decorated the Millennium Hall to reflect the Harvest theme. A supper of chicken, new potatoes and ratatouille was followed by a selection of crumbles prepared and donated by a number of generous people. Julie Ogden won the Harvest Hamper (the raffle raised £123.60) and Pauline Cox created a fantastic scarecrow and used it to raise a further £30. Nick Mynheer challenged the knowledge of the village with a difficult quiz - we promise it will be easier next year! The full proceeds of the evening are in the order of £800. Huge thanks to everyone who helped and special thanks to Rachel Hawes: without her supervision on the catering, things may have been considerably less impressive!



## Remembrance Day Service

The Remembrance Day Service will take place at 10.45am on **11 November at St Barnabas** and will be followed by a **Celebration for Basil Lyster organised by the Parish Council**. Everyone is welcome to a soup lunch from 12.30pm in the Millennium Hall. Please come along to show Basil just how much the village appreciates him and his part in the D-Day landings for which he received the Legion d'Honneur earlier this year.

## Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Sat 10 Nov 10.30am in the Millennium Hall. All welcome, details from Rachel Hawes.: 01865 351540

## Womens Institute

The meeting this month will take place on Tuesday 13 November at 8pm in the Millennium Hall. Again, this will be an Open Meeting when Dr Susan Canney will talk on her project to Protect Elephants in Mali. In the summer a village lunch was organised to raise money for this project and we would like to invite all residents to hear the talk. Please note this meeting is open to both men and women. Information about the WI can be obtained from the President, Barbara Jewell: 01865 351315.

## Pumpkin (POTY) Competition 2018

An amazing 13 entries arrived for the Michaelmas Fair weigh-in. The pumpkins seem to have enjoyed the hot summer weather with 9 of them over 30lbs. Bronwyn Siim's topped the scales at an amazing 129.5lbs, the 2nd biggest pumpkin HcS has seen, and winner of the 2018 POTY award.

The range of weights was extreme with Andrew and Annie Payne propping up the table with their 3 ¾ ounce twin entries (yes a combined weight!). Olivia Mullen had her first ever entry into POTY and produced a magnificent 22lb pumpkin. Len Ward's spherical bright orange beauty looked quite different from the others and was weighed at 33.2lbs. However it seems that the Squires' move out of HcS to more fertile soil has benefited their entry at 34.6 lbs. Alan Reid was an enthusiastic first time competitor this year: his pumpkin weighed in at 48lbs. Alex Wood and Richard Hawes were 6th and 5th with 56.8 and 60 lbs. 4th was Pete Saunders who had to retire to give his entry the attention it needed to reach 62.8lbs. Lewis Campbell won the Special POTY Award for producing a 65.2lb beauty. Cathy Jenkins is still trying to win this competition but managed a personal best, 69lbs exactly.

Thank you to everyone who took part. We raised £200 for the Oxford branch of Parkinson's UK. We will be back in 2019 with more categories, a giant sunflower category and a giant/ugly/wonky veg competition so get digging and have your patch ready in good time. *Cathy Jenkins*

## Gardening Club

Now is the time to start raking up fallen leaves to make leaf mold. You can chop them up with the mower. Make sure the leaves are wet and store them in large plastic bin bags (punctured with a few holes) or a chicken wire cage. The leaves will take about a year to rot down, making the best-ever potting compost, and it is free!

Our autumn programme continues on Tues 20 November at 8pm in the village hall with a talk on photographing wildlife. Visitors are always very welcome. If you would like to know more about the Gardening Club, please contact the chairman, Susan Burge 01865 351310 or see the website: [www.horton-cum-studley.org.uk/community/clubs/](http://www.horton-cum-studley.org.uk/community/clubs/)



## Parish Council

The Parish Council presented a thank you present to David Prosser for his long service; David has now stood down. Sarah Foxcroft thanked him for his amazing knowledge of the village, his wit wisdom, patience and kindness in handling village issues.

Horton Hill has now been resurfaced; thank you to everyone for your patience over the duration of the road works. The Parish Council are looking to install a speed sign on the hill in an effort to reduce speeding.

Defibrillator training will be on 20 October from 3-5pm. We will be holding a collection for the British Heart Foundation. Please confirm attendance to Alexia on [hortoncumstudleyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hortoncumstudleyparishcouncil@gmail.com), or via the village Facebook page.

Parish Council meetings are on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall. Please join us us, we like to hear your input and ideas.

## Otmoor Challenge 2019

As stated in the last edition of this newsletter, the date of the 2019 Otmoor Challenge has been changed from the first Saturday in June to **8 June 2019**. We have taken this step to try to avoid the schools' half-term holiday, which, over the last few years, has caused a significant proportion of villagers to be away. But 2019 is different! 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the Otmoor Challenge, and thus deserves to be celebrated by as many supporters as possible. Remember that the Challenge is not just a run, walk and fete: it is also the perfect opportunity to meet up with friends, entertain your children and find out what is going on, not just in Horton-cum-Studley, but also around the rest of Otmoor. In 2018 we were delighted to host the campaign against the Expressway: I'm sure that in 2019 the fight will still be going on.

Mark Saturday 8 June 2019 in your diaries now. Look out for information on how we intend to celebrate 40 years. Why not start training with your friends and family to enter the half-marathon run? If you are getting near that 40th birthday, why not enter and show everyone that you are still young enough?

Just Do It!

## BECKLEY

### Peggy Seeger Benefit Concert

Thank you to everyone, including Peggy and her crew, who contributed to the Peggy Seeger Benefit to Save Otmoor in Beckley Church on 13 October. It was a fantastic evening - the church was full - the acoustics were incredible - memories were built - and awareness of our cause was spread.

### Parish Council

The November PC meeting will be held on Thursday 1st November 2018 at 8.00 pm at Beckley Village Hall. Minutes and agendas are available on the website [www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk](http://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk) together with information on the village mini-bus service – The Otmoor Flyer.

### Village Hall

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

Weekly events at the village hall include:

Table Tennis	Monday 10 - 11am	7.50 per month
Yoga	Monday 7.30 - 9pm	<a href="mailto:hayley_lennard@hotmail.com">hayley_lennard@hotmail.com</a>
Pilates	Tuesday 9.30 -11am	Kim Barresi 07918180392 <a href="mailto:kim.barresi@gmail.com">kim.barresi@gmail.com</a>
Beckley Bells	Tuesday 2 - 4.15pm	<a href="mailto:lizbixby@me.com">lizbixby@me.com</a>
Senior Circuits	Wednesday 8.30 - 9.30am	£36 per month, £10 per session Carl Davis 01865 920460 <a href="mailto:Carl@over60exercise.com">Carl@over60exercise.com</a>
Art Group	Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm	<a href="mailto:lizbixby@me.com">lizbixby@me.com</a>

### Beckley Firework Night

**Saturday 3 November 2018** at Beckley Village Hall and Playing Field from 6pm. Admission £5 per person. Refreshments available in the hall.

## History of Beckley Project

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 14 November to discuss collecting and collating Beckley's rich history. Everyone interested in being part of the project is asked to contact Ann Henman 01865 351492

[annhenman@gmail.com](mailto:annhenman@gmail.com) and give a preference of afternoon or evening for this first meeting.

## The Abingdon Arms, High Street, Beckley OX3 9UU

### More than a Pub programme November 2018

Fri 9 Nov	<b>COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING</b>	<b>10.00 - 11.30am</b> Coffee and biscuits £2. Espresso coffees and cake available too. Come along and meet old and new friends.
Sun 11 Nov	<b>ARMISTICE DAY POETRY EVENT</b>	<b>2.45 - 5.15pm*</b> <b>AT BECKLEY VILLAGE HALL</b> <b>'Peace Poetry: 21st century visions of peace'</b> - Jenny Lewis, Merryn Williams, Pat Winslow, Eva Wal, Jalina Myers & others. Music by Patrissia Cuberos, artwork by Tim King. Doors open 2.30; entry £5. Bar, bar snacks, cake! Raffle in aid of Peace Direct.
Thu 15 Nov	<b>CHILDREN'S AFTER- SCHOOL ACTIVITY CAFÉ</b>	<b>3.30 - 4.30pm</b> Primarily for pupils of Beckley Primary School. Activity: Xmas decorations / small cost for materials tbc. Sign up with Aimee Butterfield <a href="mailto:aimeebutts1@yahoo.co.uk">aimeebutts1@yahoo.co.uk</a> or text 07834 533177.
Sat 17 Nov	<b>COMMUNITY WALK</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Meet in front of The Abingdon Arms. 3-4 miles / 2 hour walk, followed by drinks, lunch at the pub. Route / walk leader tbc..
Sun 18 Nov	<b>JAZZ, THE SUNDAY SESSION</b>	<b>6.30 - 8.30pm*</b> Rick Bolton (guitar), Mark Hodgson (bass), Mark Doffman (drums). Cool sounds, and a warm welcome promised!
	<b>TABLE GAMES</b>	Sorry - no session this month.
Sun 25 Nov	<b>LITERARY SESSION</b>	<b>7.00 - 8.30pm*</b> <b>'Lewis Carroll'</b> - Dr Franziska Kohlt (Oxford University; Editor of The Lewis Carroll Review)
<b>OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS</b>		
Wed 7 Nov		<b>7.30pm</b> Pub Quiz at The Abingdon Arms

\*bar snacks available.

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

## SCHOOL REPORT:



### News from Beckley School

#### Year 6 Residential

We were really proud of the courage and resilience, shown by Year 6 in abundance, during their week-long residential to Swindon. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with many of them staying away from home for the first time. I would like to give my personal thanks to Mrs White, Mrs Alexander and Mr Dyer, for their exceptional care and dedication.



#### Book Week

This much-loved annual event at our school certainly did not disappoint. Highlights included dressing up as a favourite book character, the book fair, the inter-house readathon, book swap, extreme reading competition, parents reading with children in all classes and the return of the popular stop, drop and read initiative.



#### Coffee and Open Morning

We were delighted to see so many people at the Coffee and Open Morning, including several prospective parents for September 2019! Thank you to everyone who came or donated a cake for the event, which raised £150 for Macmillan.



#### Bikeability

We were delighted to be able to offer our Year 5 pupils the opportunity to participate in the highly acclaimed Bikeability scheme, with the full cost being covered through a grant. Similar to Cycling Proficiency, Bikeability is predominantly about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. The training has given our children skills and confidence they need for all kinds of cycling.



## POSTSCRIPT: Curiouser and Curiouser!

### Do you know?

Do you know the connection between a pillar in a field in Horton, Stanton Church tower, Forest Hill Church east front, and Napoleon Bonaparte? Of course you do - the Ordnance Survey. In case you don't - the pillar is a triangulation point, and the churches have bench marks, all part of the former system for mapping the country and establishing heights.

But where does Napoleon fit in? *'The agency's [Ordnance Survey] name indicates its original military purpose ... which was to map Scotland in the wake of the Jacobite rising of 1745. There was also a more general and nationwide need in light of the potential threat of invasion during the Napoleonic War.'* [1] So I could have included the Jacobite rising too.

The Stanton mark is at the base of the tower on the south side and the Forest Hill one is at low level to the south of the east window. I would have expected Beckley Church to feature a bench mark but I have not located one. You will find the Horton triangulation point plotted on the OS map. It is on private land.

Triangulation stations [pillars] are part of a country-wide triangular grid and the location co-ordinates and elevation are accurately measured. Originally at least two other stations would have been in view from them. The top of the pillar provides a mounting point for a theodolite and on the side is a bench mark. They provide highly accurate reference points covering the entire country.



*'The term benchmark originates from the chiseled horizontal marks that surveyors made ... , into which an angle-iron could be placed to form a "bench" for a leveling rod ... These marks were usually indicated with a chiseled arrow below the horizontal line.'* [1] The height of a benchmark is calculated relative a known datum. In Britain this is mean sea level at Newlyn.

This system has now been mostly overtaken by aerial and satellite mapping - Google maps and GPS etc. Do you still take a paper OS map with you when you go to a strange place? [2]

*Anthony Wood, the younger*

[1] As you would expect there is a good overview of the OS in Wikipedia, and lots more information is to be found on the OS web site.

[2] A mobile download is now included when you purchase an OS map. So you can take a copy with you on your clever telephone!



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# Sunday 11 November 2018

## Events in the Four Parishes commemorating and celebrating the end of World War 1

<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Description of Event</b>
9.30am	Stanton St John Church	Parish Communion & Act of Remembrance
10.45am	Beckley Church	Act of Remembrance & Morning Prayer
10.45am	Horton-cum-Studley Church	Act of Remembrance & Morning Prayer
10.45am	Forest Hill War Memorial	Act of Remembrance
11.15am	Forest Hill Church	Morning Prayer (Service for Peace)
12.30pm	Horton-cum-Studley Millenium Hall	Celebration Lunch for Basil Lyster (see page 15)
2.45pm (Doors open 2.30pm)	Beckley Village Hall	Peace Poetry: 21st century visions of peace' (see page 19)
6pm (Doors open 5.15pm)	Forest Hill Church	Exhibition and concert commemorating local people who served in World War 1, followed by bell ringing at 7.05pm (see page 11)
7.45pm (Doors open 7.15pm)	Forest Hill Village Hall	Oh! What a Lovely Quiz': Fun village quiz and social (see page 13)

