

BEAFORD

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MAY 2024

News from Beaford Short Mat Bowls

On Wednesday 3rd April we visited Halwill for a 'friendly' on two bowling mats, using two teams of three players. Both games were hard-fought; we lost one by just one point 17-18 but won the other 21-11. Both sides thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and it was played in great spirit.

On Wednesday 17th April we started an evening bowling session at the village hall from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Thanks to the success of the combined social nights in February and March several new players turned up to try the game making a total of 12 players spread over 2 mats.

The Beaford league bowling squad commences their first match of the season on Tuesday 7th May at home to Winkeigh followed by an away game at Winkleigh a week later.

If you would like to try your hand at short mat bowling then contact either John or Gloria on 01805 603394 or come along on a Wednesday evening just before 7:00pm and play it!

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Friday bowling practice sessions will **cease** following the afternoon session on Friday 17th May.

After Friday 17th May the Short Mat Bowling sessions will only operate on Monday afternoons from 1400 - 1600 and Wednesday evenings from 1900 - 2100.

BOWLS AT BEAFORD SOCIAL **EVENING**

The Village social evening on Monday 25th March was well attended as usual but it was also dramatically enhanced by the Short Mat Bowls Team setting up their equipment for a second time so that everyone could "have ago" and they did. More people attended this social evening than last time and most mustered up the courage to take to the knee with support of many friends, after suffering some jolly banter and more practice there was a definite improvement and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Thanks again to John Spilstead and his team for setting it all up once more and to Sara and Paul who worked tirelessly behind the bar keeping everyone well lubricated.

Did You



Know –

The Devon town of Great Torrington was the site of one of the last major battles of the first English

Civil War – its outcome helped to bring about the eventual defeat and execution of King Charles I. Beaford was in the firing line. Let us take a look at our local history.

Between 1642 and 1646 England policies and personality of King Charles I and his apparent determination to rule was torn apart by a bloody civil war. At the heart of the conflict lay England without the assistance of Parliament.

On one side stood the supporters of the King and the other side stood the supporters of the rights and privileges of Parliament: the Parliamentarians.

The two sides fought for supremacy over the country and the war included the famous battles of Edge Hill (1642), Marston Moor (1644) and Naseby (1645). Sack and Plunder



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However, the Devon town of Torrington was the site of one of the last major battles of the war – its outcome helped to bring about the demise of Royalist power in England. The Battle of Torrington took place in heavy rain on the night of 16 February 1646.

Led by General Thomas Fairfax, the Parliamentarians New Model Army swept into the town under darkness and fought a fierce battle with Lord Hopton's Royalist forces. The skirmish involved approximately 17,000 men on foot and on horseback, who fought in the streets of Torrington. As the battle proceeded, a stray spark ignited the Royalists' powder magazine stored in Torrington church.

Eighty barrels of gunpowder exploded, blowing the roof off the church and killing many Royalist soldiers and Parliamentarian prisoners in and around the church.

The explosion effectively ended the battle. In the resulting confusion, Lord Hopton and what remained of the Royalist western army withdrew from Torrington and escaped into Cornwall. Lord Hopton surrendered to Fairfax at Truro on 14 March 1646, agreeing to disband the western army and to go into exile.

The Battle of Torrington marked the end of Royalist resistance in the West country and led to the eventual defeat and execution of King Charles I.

The anniversary of this bloody night-time battle is remembered in February each year with a spectacular torch-lit procession when the town turns out in 17th century costume and re-enacts the proclamation of the victorious Sir Thomas Fairfax. Torrington also has a Civil War Trail and a fascinating visitor attraction 'Torrington 1646' which explores the history of the great battle.



The battle is commemorated with a procession

URGENT APPEAL

Has anyone got a wind-up ticking Alarm Clock that they can lend as a prop on D Day Celebrations please



If so, please call Ken on 07768757231

Walk Through the Bible Event



Did you know that the Bible is still the best-selling book across the world according to the Guinness Book of Records.

It is a book that can give us a hope for the future. However, it may not be the easiest book to understand.

Well, Beaford Church has news for you, we have an event coming up in the summer that might help you to understand the Bible more and take you for a 'Walk through the Old Testament in a fun packed way. This summer on Saturday 17th August in Beaford Village Hall from 10:00am until 4:30 we can take you on a journey that will lead you through The Old Testament that encourages you to see Gods word through the 'Big Picture'.

You are taken with the help of an experienced guide on a fun and memorable walk that will show the Bible in a totally different way.

The event will do its best to inspire you and equip you to keep digging deeper into the Bible as a whole book.

The day will cost £14:00 which includes a workbook and other information to help you remember the day.

Children aged upto 11 years go free.

Please bring a packed lunch.

tea, coffee, cake/biscuits will be provided.

To book your place/s: contact Ruth Castle email ruthcastle58@gmail.com or www.Bible.org.uk

News from Beaford Church

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL –

1st Prize - £30.00 No.80 Ken & Friends Bideford
2nd Prize – £20.00 No.47 Lynda Feerick
3rd Prize - £10.00 No. 34 Sara & Paul Atkins
4th Prize - £5.00 No.78 Sam & Spencer

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY –

Sunday 6th May 9.30am Holy Communion (Easter 6)
Sunday 12th May 9.30am Morning Worship (Easter 7)
Sunday 19th May 9.30am All Age Service (Pentecost)
Sunday 26th May 9.30am Morning Worship (Trinity Sunday)
Wednesday 9th May Ascension Day Holy Communion Service at High Bickington

FLOWER ROTA –

12th & 19th May – Ruth Castle
26th May & 2nd June - Sandy Ward

WARM HUB –

The Beaford Village Hall jointly with Beford Church is continuing to hold a Warm Hub at the Village Hall 10am to 12pm on Tuesdays only offering a warm drink, biscuit and company, the mobile Post Office is also in the Car Park on Tuesdays 11.30am to 12.30pm, also a haberdashery van Cotton & Wool will be in the Car Park on the third Tuesday of the month for all your essential knitting and sewing items. We are waiting to hear from the library services when they will be starting up the community library.

YOUTH CLUBS –

Beaford hosts the Youth Clubs in the Village Hall every third Monday evening of the month, therefore it will be on Monday 18th May between 5pm and 8pm.

From the rector

The California Institute of Technology believes that we human beings can only see 5% of the universe; the other 95% being made up of dark matter and dark energy (website 2019). I'm no scientist. They may well be right. But I *am* convinced that there are lots of things that we can't see that are real nonetheless. Love would be one of them. God, of course, would be another.

Although God is invisible to the human eye, God has not left us to just guess at what he's like. He has revealed himself in creation... who hasn't gazed at a beautiful sunset and been left in awe at the One who made it?

God has revealed himself through prophets; we read about them in the Old Testament of the Bible.

But God has revealed himself supremely in Jesus. In Jesus, God became man and lived among us. Jesus showed us what God is like and taught us all about him. "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father", Jesus said (John 14.9).

One of the things Jesus taught his followers was how to relate to the invisible God who dwells in "unapproachable light". He taught that through faith in him, we can talk to God and listen to him. "Our Father, who art in heaven" Jesus said to begin our prayers. The God who fills the heavens with his glory can be known as a loving and present heavenly father, who is interested in even us.

What did Jesus then suggest that we talk to God about?

Firstly, to offer our thanks and praise: "hallowed be thy name"

Then, to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven... and wouldn't the world be a better place if we did listen to God and do as he says!

And finally, to pray for our own needs and the needs of others: for the things we need in life, for forgiveness and for help to resist temptation.

So, let's not fall into the trap of only believing that what we can see is real. To do so would be to miss out on so much that is good and life giving... not least a relationship with the God who made us, loves us and has plans for our lives.

Jesus said, 'This, then, is how you should pray:

*"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,*

*your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*
Matthew 6.9-13 (NIV version)



Thy Kingdom Come

11 days of prayer

From Ascension (Thursday 9th May) to Pentecost (Sunday 19th May) The Two Rivers Mission Community will be joining in with the global prayer event, Thy Kingdom Come, started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. We'll be praying for our local communities, country and the wider world. We'll be praying specifically for people to discover the love of God and life in all its fulness through Jesus. You are invited to join us.

Some highlights include:

Morning prayer at different churches each morning and at 7.00pm on Zoom.

Thursday 9th May - Ascension Day

7.00am: Sunrise communion and breakfast at Beaford Village Hall

10.30am: Holy Communion in High Bickington

Saturday 11th May

2.00pm Prayer walk – Morwenstowe to pray at Rev Hawker's hut, followed by cream tea

Monday 13th May

6.30pm: Youth prayer gathering, Beaford village hall

Friday 17th May

7.30pm: Love North Devon prayer and praise evening, Grosvenor church

Saturday 18th May

2.00pm: Children's activity afternoon, High Bickington church hall

Sunday 19th May

7.00pm: Prayer and praise event, Tawstock

You can find details on our website: www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org/whats-on/spring-2024/ or email

revgaryowen@gmail.com about specific events.

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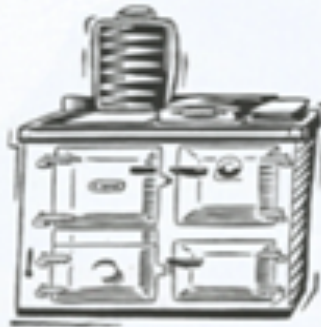


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BEAFORD BINGO NIGHT

Sunday evening 14th April at 6:30 saw the start of a very enjoyable couple of hours at your Village Hall, the bar was open as usual conscientiously manned by Martin and his glamorous assistant Jo. Whilst at 7:30 the fun began with Mr Rob Pearce calling the numbers in his own inimitable style assisted by his very own glamorous assistant Joy. About 60 people attended, both villagers and some from outlying villages all were frantically dibbing or dobbling or whatever one does with those funny pens that are used and all the lucky winners.



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Thanks to the Village Hall Committee for arranging this fun night, we all hope to see you all at the next one. Look out for the signs around the villages for the future dates and times.

Beaford Village Hall

D-DAY CELEBRATION 6th JUNE

**From 7pm WITH 40s MUSIC
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Gardening Tips for May

Ornamental Garden:

- This month is a fast period of growth. Late frosts may catch early blooms – remove any damaged growth.
 - Chelsea-chop time – If the nepeta and sedums are looking leggy then cutback by a third to encourage compact growth that will not collapse later in the season. This can be applied to the lavender, echinops, echinacea, aster, helenium and salvia too if felt necessary.
 - Trim rosemary, thyme and sage if not done in April.
 - Cutback withered daffodil or tulip stems once they have turned yellow.
 - Prune spring flowering clematis after it has flowered.
 - Stake and support herbaceous perennials if necessary.
 - If daffodils gave a poor show lift and divide bulbs and replant.
 - Continue deadheading spring bulbs.
 - Start hardening off tender plants for planting out.
 - Plant out dahlias towards the end of the month.
 - Protect new plants from hungry slugs and snails.

Vegetable Garden:

- Harvest Asparagus.
- Direct sow French beans and sweet corn if weather is warm enough.
- Start earthing up potatoes.
- Harvest early crops such as radish / lettuce etc.
- Avoid planting tomatoes too early as they suffer if exposed to temperatures below 12°C.
- Sow pumpkins, cucumbers, courgettes, squashes under cover now and outdoors towards the end of the month.
- Lift and divide mint.
- Mulch fruit plants

Calling All Crafters for the Beaford Craft Days.

On the 24th of March we held our 5th Beaford Craft Day. It doesn't seem that long since we were planning our first event and feeling anxious as to how we would cope and how many would turn up! Since then it has become a regular fixture in mine and a number of other people's diaries. Once again, the craft day was a huge success and it was so good to see the hall so full of happy and enthusiastic crafters. It was an opportunity for everyone to catch up with old friends and of course, make new ones. We had a fun filled day with 18 people attending so there was plenty of chatter and a lot of laughter. The theme this time was Spring and with Easter round the corner, Judy and I had developed 6 projects for everyone to make which included some Easter cards and gift boxes, Spring floral wreaths and one or two interactive, fancy fold cards. We even made a bird box which could hold an Easter Egg! Everybody loves chocolate.

Comprehensive project kits for each participant had been prepared in advance and all the necessary tools and instructions to complete them were provided along with a helping hand where necessary. I'm pleased to say that everyone finished making their projects, although once again, we did have some very sticky fingers at the end of the day!

As in our previous events we all enjoyed a bring and share lunch which is a great way to relax, unwind and of course get to know one another.

We had lots of lovely, positive feedback and people said how much they had enjoyed the day and were already looking forward to the next one which will be on Sunday 7 July 10-4pm (book early to secure your place!)

Our Craft Days are proving very popular, so we have already booked the dates for the rest of the year

