

Beckingham Bugle

October 2011



It's been an exciting few weeks in the village. Local boy Ben has taken over the running of the Pack Horse with his friend Joe and they have been working hard ever since they got the keys! Food, drink and appearance have already been changed and there is more to come - see inside for some details.

The Black Swan autumn menu is also live and absolutely delicious (yes I have been down and tried it - lots of temptation there). And don't forget to book for the village supper - tickets from Gill and Carol and coming up very soon.

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Dates for your diary.....

October

8 NEW Village Bulb planting - meet outside village hall at 11am and bring your own trowel. Bulbs and refreshment provided.

9 Harvest Festival Family Service 11am All Saints. Brant Broughton School Choir. Please bring non-perishable food gifts for the Newark Emmaus Trust

14 All Saints Village Supper Village Hall - see page 4

25 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7pm

November

6 Morning Service All Saints 11.15am

Following the death of Revd Dr Alan Megahey, Mrs Elizabeth Megahey will be leaving the Rectory at the beginning of November. We will be saying goodbye to her, and making a presentation to her, on **Sunday 30th October** after the 6.00 pm Service at St. Chad's, Welbourn. This will be a service of Vespers, Sung by the visiting Nota Bene Choir. All are welcome

Sa Fire Festival in Sleaford

The 'Best of British' will be celebrated during Sa Fire in Sleaford on 29 October. Between 6pm and 8pm, visitors to the town will be able to experience stunning site specific sculptures, inventive performance, elegant dance, beautiful music and fantastic pyrotechnics.

The Sa Fire Festival is the largest project of its kind within the North Kesteven district. It is about celebrating the Cultural Olympiad as well as our own local history and heritage. Taking local stories, the creative team at artsNK and Rhubarb Theatre, plus a team of artists and local people, are re-telling these stories through dynamic lighting, giant puppets, pyrotechnics, dance, music and extravagant performance.

Get involved by joining craft workshops and the intergenerational choir, or simply come along and enjoy the spectacle! More info from Muriel Marr on 01529 410595

Black Swan Restaurant

New Autumn A' La Carte menu available (including local roast partridge and much more)

Table D'Hote

Lunch - 2 course £15.50 or 3 course £17.50

Evening - 2 course £18.50 or 3 course £20.50

Sunday lunch 12-2pm £17.50

Autumn weekday special continues in October - fresh steamed mussels with fries and a glass of house wine £9 per person

The Christmas party menu is now available. Please book early.

For more information please ring 626474 or see the Web Site (which includes menus) www.blackswanrestaurantbeckingham.co.uk

Help wanted

I am looking for any information regarding Spencer Dodson who was born around 1803 in Beckingham. I have been unable to trace any other family, either parents or siblings. Is there anyone who is perhaps descended from the same line still living in the village or would be able to help me in any way?
Jo Walker (jobones@bigstring.com)



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Cathy and Edward Durham would like to thank everyone for their donations and raffle prizes for this years' Macmillan coffee morning which raised £172.10 for what is a very good charity. A special thank you to Liz Webb and Gill Green for their continued help.

The Pack Horse is under new local management!

Ben and Joe have taken on the task of making the Pack Horse a place we all want to visit. They have made many changes already and have more planned over the coming months. New wine options and a guest beer every week are just two on the drinks front and the place already looks cleaner and more welcoming with soft sofas and dark beams.

Current opening hours are:

Monday - Thursday 12 to 3 and 5 to 11

Friday - Sunday 12 through 12

Joe is the chef and is working on the menu. To start with there will be several specials as well as a general menu to choose from:

- *Early Bird special Monday to Thursday from 5-7 2 meals for £10***
- *Tuesday is steak night from 5-9 with 2 sirloin steaks and a bottle of wine for £25***
- *Curry on Friday night from 5-9 for only £5.75***
- *Saturdays get a burger and a pint for £5***
- *Sunday Roasts from 12-5 for £7.95***

There is a quiz on Sunday nights from 8pm and some Halloween events are in the planning pot. Any suggestions for other regular events would be welcomed.

Watch out for signs outside the pub about activities including special televised sports events such as the Rugby World Cup. Cheers Ben and Joe - and good luck.

Christmas Tree Festival 2011 St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark
Saturday 3 Dec. – Sunday 11 Dec.

Over 90 trees, imaginatively decorated by a wide range of organizations, businesses and schools from the wide Newark community, will be on display in the cathedral-sized, mediaeval building of St Mary's at the heart of the town. The festival attracts thousands of visitors who all enjoy the Festival's wonderful atmosphere at this magical time of year. Stalls selling a wide variety of Christmas gifts and cards, children's toys and clothes, jewellery and many other items will be part of the Festival. Delicious home-made refreshments will be served and seasonal music will add to the magic!

Opening times are: Saturday 3 & 10 Dec: 9.30-5.00, Sunday 4 & 11 Dec: 11.00-4.00, Mon 5 – Fri 9 Dec: 10.00-5.00. If you have any queries, please ring the Parish Office on 01636-611778 from 9.00-1 pm
Entry: £2 per adult; 20p per child

HOME BEAT



We are receiving reports of thefts from garages and sheds. Secure your shed/garage with a good quality lock and please don't leave valuable power tools on show as they will disappear if you do. Please be extra vigilant and report anything you deem is suspicious.

We are still experiencing a number of calls in relation to suspicious scrap vehicles visiting our villages. We have seen theft of lead from roofs, garden ornaments, signs and farm equipment being taken. Scrap value at the minute is still high so if you think these

vehicles are acting in a suspicious manner or you think a crime has been or is being committed please call, obtaining any vehicle information relevant.

Keeping up to date

Lincolnshire Police have introduced a new Community Messaging System called Lincs Alert. This system enables the local Neighbourhood Police Team to enter updates on Crime, Crime Reduction and Community Safety, which will then be sent out to those members of the community that are registered on the system. To register online visit www.lincsalert.co.uk. It only takes a few minutes!

All Saints Village Family Supper - Friday 14 October 7-9pm

Casserole and Dessert evening in the village hall. Lincolnshire Folk Song entertainment from Tim and Annie Walker with a variety of musical Instruments.

Tickets available from Gill Green 626635 or Carol Else 626709. Cost Adult £8, child £5 or family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £24

Contacts

Village Hall Graham Else 626709

Parish Clerk Diana Johnson 07740 047671 or dianajohnson187@hotmail.com

County Councillor Ray Phillips 01522 686432. **District Councillors:** Sue Howe 01522 788496 / Pat Woodman 01522 788236.

All Saints' Church - Church Warden Gill Green 626635

Litter picker James Keane 07787 355932

Police reporting crimes or incidents, that need immediate action, call 0300 111 0300 or 999 in an emergency.

Beat team for non urgent 07825100376 (Paul), 07500857989 (Tim), 07939312796 (Chris), 07825100377 (Vicky), 07825100379 (Jo)

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