

Beckingham Bugle

April 2009



The truth is stranger than fiction.....

I have just come back from a trip to Bermuda. Not one I was expecting to make but a rather special one. I was adopted and just before Christmas my birth family made contact through Norcap. It seems that after I had been adopted my parents had eventually got back together and married. I have a full brother and sister and my father is still alive. My father suddenly decided to tell the children that they had a sister. It took Norcap about a year to track me down and the rest as they say, is history. Oh, and in case you haven't guessed, they live in Bermuda. I will be going back in August when my brother is getting married. It has been wonderful getting to know them all and finding out more about my history.

Glenn has been doing great works on the website www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk with new forums set up (including for the Fete) and lots of information. The genealogy forum will be useful for folks wanting to trace their families! Go and have a look today.

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

April

- 11** Decorate the Church for Easter - 2pm to 4pm
- 11** Saturday Easter Eve procession from Pack Horse to light Easter candle at All Saints 6pm
- 12** Easter Day Service All Saints 11.30am
- 16** Fete Planning - Pack Horse 7.30pm. All welcome
- 21** Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting

June

- 13** Beckingham Great Summer Fete

Don't forget - county council and euro elections coming soon!



Saints Alive!



100 Club

It is time to start our third annual 100 Club for the restoration of All Saints. It only costs £10 to enter for the whole year. It is an exciting time to be starting as we should be seeing scaffolding going up again to repair the last part of the roof

and some of the masonry inside the building, including around a number of the windows. If you haven't bought a ticket before and would like to, then call Mikki on 626117. Wendy, Carol and Liz will also be selling the 100 club tickets.

Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting on 1 April the Rector reported attendances at the parish churches had reached over 5000 for the first time in at least a decade. Mark Leggott has joined Gill Green as a Church Warden for All Saints which brings us to full strength!

Easter Services

Come along on Saturday afternoon from 2pm and help decorate the Church for the Easter Services. We are having a short service on Saturday at 6pm with a procession starting from the Packhorse to light the Easter Candle. Our main Easter worship is a family service on Sunday morning at 11.30am



BECKINGHAM GREAT SUMMER FETE

Just to let you know that the next BGF planning meeting will take place on Thursday 16 April at 7-30pm at The Pack Horse.

We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up stalls and manning them, food preparation and sales, assisting in the "activities tents," painting and clay modelling, disco dancing, storytelling etc., in fact, if you can spare the time, we can find something for you to do.

We are keen to borrow as many gazebos and similar things as possible in case we are "feteing" in the rain. It would also be a huge help to have a PA system, if anyone out there has such a thing.

Hope lots of you can make it to the meeting.

Gill Green 626635

Pattinson Trust

Following on from our story about the Highways Trust last year we now have news of the village's other main Charity, the Pattinson Trust. Chairman and Clerk, Nick Ashworth, (Tel: 626012) told us this about the Pattinson Trust. The Charity is registered No: 258988 and commenced following the death of Randolph Pattinson.

In his will dated 31-3-1691. Randolph Pattinson left to the 'Poor of Beckingham and Sutton' the income from the Poor Gardens. This is a parcel of land approximately 2 acres. The only asset is the land. To maximise income the land is rented out.

However, due to it's proximity to property, poor drainage, poor soil condition and heavy clay it is only suitable for grazing or cutting for hay. The field is leased on an annual basis and is advertised as being available for rent on local village notice boards. The income is distributed to the poor of the village (Beckingham & Sutton). Donations are anonymous and represent only a small amount. Should you know anyone you think would benefit from a grant you should contact Nick in the first instance.

An annual report is issued to the Parish Council which includes a statement of accounts. As money is distributed, the recipients remain anonymous. The Parish Council only know that money has been distributed.



Calling all villagers

We are not a large village but it is very sad to see so much rubbish about and people still not clearing up after their dogs. Please keep our village clean!

Newspapers

Did you know that there is a daily newspaper delivery service available in the village? If you are interested then please contact Elly Smith or Keith Staples on 01636 626500 for details



Sad News

13th March 2009.
Big tabby cat found, fatally injured, on A17 just outside the village. For more information contact Alison Burrell on 626932

HOME BEAT



We are pleased to report that crime again this month has fallen, however we are experiencing more calls in relation to nuisance vehicles, both road and off road type vehicles being involved.

We wish to warn you again about Bogus Callers in the rural sector. They continue to target more vulnerable people and use a variety of excuses in order to enter the property, please continue to be vigilant and always ask for Identification.

We are pleased to report we are continuing to be successful in our quest to reduce the misuse of drugs in the rural villages, a number of search warrants in the area have been executed and have fielded positive results, we do rely on your intelligence to continue to progress this problem, so anything you think

may be suspicious or related to the misuse of drugs please pass this information on to us, your name will not be used and anything passed to the team will remain confidential. You can also pass information on via crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Contact us by email:

PC Matt Roberts –
matthew.roberts@lincs.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Vicky Czajkowski –
victoria.czajkowski@lincs.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Chris Boyle –
christopher.boyle@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Or alternatively you can call direct on this number: 07825100377, 07939312796 & 07825100378 – this is the mobile held by the beat team when they are on duty.

For reporting crimes or incidents, that need immediate action you should always call (01522) 882222 or 999 in an emergency.

Contacts

Village Hall Graham Else 626709

Parish Council Clerk - Judith Lyon 01400 272268

County Councillor Ray Phillips 01522 686432. **District Councillors:**
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Litter picker James 07788 694097

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

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All Saints

Church Warden Gill Green 626635

Police 01522 882222 or 999 in an emergency or:

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