

Beckingham Bugle

February 2009



Well we certainly had some snow and cold weather in the last few weeks. It's nice to see some green shoots coming up now.

There have been a couple of requests for information about tracing family trees via the website.

- Andrew Saxton asks does anyone know about the family history of Elizabeth Smith born 1803 in Beckingham, daughter of William Smith and Elizabeth Lamb. Elizabeth Smith married George Oates and died in Worksop.

- Val and Ray King are studying family history. Beckingham features in Spaffords, Bryan 1844 back to William 1754 and back to James Wadeson 1580, can anyone help if they visit from Solihull? If anyone can help please let Glenn know via the website: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk or contact me.

Mikki



Dates for your diary.....

March

7/8 Discover Lincolnshire weekend - free entry into many popular attractions. Contact Tourist Info 01529 414294

10 Lent Lunch at The Willows contact Gill Green 626635

11 Fete planning meeting 7.30pm. Venue TBD

April

1 All Saints AGM 7pm

8 Wednesday Compline Service All Saints 7pm

11 Saturday Easter Eve procession from Pack Horse to light Easter candle at All Saints 6pm

12 Easter Day Service All Saints 11.30am

21 Neighbourhood Panel Meeting

BECKINGHAM GREAT SUMMER FETE

Planning has begun for what promises to be a new style of Fete that will be fun for all the family. The Fete will be held in the grounds of the Old Rectory and around the Church. It will be held on Saturday June 13 - which just happens to be the Queen's Official Birthday and so is a nice link back to the first gala day held for the golden jubilee.

There are plans for cream teas, various stalls, games and children's activities. Amongst other things there will be a competition for the best cake by an adult and by a child.

Some ideas are still being investigated and it is not too late to submit ideas or get more involved yourself. Please contact one of the villagers below if you would like to help in that area:

Food and Drink - Cathy Durham 629089

Games and Stalls - Carol Else 626709

Promotion - Mikki Young 626117

Administration - Gill Green 626635

The first planning meeting had 12 villagers involved and it would be great to see even more people taking part in whatever way they can to make this event a fun day out for everyone. More details will be available in future Bugles and from committee members.

Thank You

Thank you to those who responded to the article asking for contributions towards the village Christmas Tree. There was a much bigger response than expected and in the end Graham Else kindly paid for the whole tree. Thank you Graham - it was a lovely sight over the Christmas period.



100 Club Winners

The January Draw was done at the quiz night and the winners were:

Gill Green £40

Carol Else £24

Carol Floodgate £16

The quiz night was good fun and raised £145 for the restoration appeal.

Saints Alive!



Best Restaurant in Lincolnshire

The Black Swan Restaurant has been judged the Lincolnshire Life Taste of Excellence 2008/9 Best Restaurant. This isn't the first time they have won this accolade - the restaurant has been consistently good since they opened some 10 years ago.



Those of you who have eaten there will know that this recognition is well deserved. If you have not yet eaten there then this could be just the excuse you need to try it!

The Black Swan is a family run business. Trudy Hallam (on the right in the picture below) is your welcoming hostess while son-in-law Nick Winter (on the left) is the excellent chef.



Trudy's husband Peter uses his knowledge of the wine trade to source the nicely balanced wine list.

Congratulations on a well deserved award!

HOME BEAT



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. More recently it has been in relation to turning off the water supply and being from Social Services. Please be aware bogus callers will often provide identification in the hope that you will assume it is genuine and let them into your property. We would urge you to remind all of your neighbours that under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to enter a property without first having shown identification, and the Company contacted to confirm the caller is an employee working legitimately in the area. Below is a list of useful numbers to have handy, remember if in doubt keep them out, any genuine caller will not mind you checking out their identification, they will expect you to!

Anglian Water 0800 145 145
British Gas Engineers 08459 500400
Meter Readers 0800 393499
British Telecom 0800 321999
EMEB 0800 096 3080
Powergen 0800 015 2029
NKDC 01529 414155
Benefits Agency 01476 513100

Security marking makes your valuables easily recognisable as belonging to you, this assists in the prevention and detection of crime and the return of stolen property to the rightful owner. Security marking also makes the property harder to sell and effectively marking your property is a fundamental step in avoiding theft. Thieves hate marked items because they are exposed to risk if caught with them and they cannot sell them on. If anybody would like the team to mark bicycles or valuable/electrical items, please contact one of us and we can arrange a convenient time to attend at your house.

The Beat Team

Contacts

Village Hall Graham Else 626709

Parish Council Clerk - Judith Lyon 01400 272268

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

Litter picker James 07788 694097

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Duncan Sturges duncansturges@aol.com

All Saints

Church Warden Gill Green 626635

Police 01522 882222 or 999 in an emergency or:

Matt 07825 100378 Vicky 07825 100377 Chris 07939312796

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