

Beckingham Bugle

February 2010



Spring must be just round the corner.....

I thought that by the time I came back from holiday the snow would have finished, but I was wrong! I am sure Spring will be splendid after all this cold weather but until then I will keep putting extra bird food out.

I aim to have another Bugle out before the end of March so if you have any news or information you want to put in it please let me know.

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Dates for your diary.....

February

25 Beckingham Book Exchange 6-8pm - new time

28 Morning Service at 'The Willows' Hillside 11.15am

March

2 Community Planning Steering Group

4 Beckingham Book Exchange 6-8pm - new time

7 Holy Communion at 'The Willows' 11.15

10 Lent Lunch at The Willows

14 Mothering Sunday - book special lunch at the Pack Horse

18 Beckingham Book Exchange 6-8pm - new time

21 Holy Communion All Saints 11.15

29 All Saints Compline Service

30 NKDC Seniors Forum Launch - Sleaford

April

1 Beckingham Book Exchange 6-8pm - new time

3 Motown experience at the Pack Horse

4 Easter Sunday Praise 11.15 All Saints

4 Easter Egg Hunt at the Pack Horse

6 Parish Council 7pm Village Hall

Parish Council Corner

Dog fouling is still a problem in the village. We have 3 red bins for dog waste and people are still not picking up after their pets and some people are even putting the waste in the ordinary bins. Please can people be good neighbours and deal with dog waste in the red bins. If anyone wants to report known culprits to the police please do so and the police will visit them.

Karen Ashworth is leading the next Community Planning Meeting on 2 March. All those interested in being part of the steering group are welcome to attend. We will be analysing the responses from the community planning event in November and discussing how we take the comments forward. Please contact Karen direct on 626828 for more information.

NKDC are also launching a seniors forum for the over 50s. The launch is in Sleaford on 30 March. It sounds like it could be quite interesting and useful. For more information ring Rachel or Debra on 01529 414155 (or see page 14 of the latest newsnk) If you do join or go to the launch please let me have feedback for a future Bugle!

Grow Well and Eat Well!

With climate change, the credit crunch and leading a healthier lifestyle being hot topics on the Government's agenda, the Hub in Sleaford, Lincolnshire, has decided to run an event that'll help towards tackling these problems!

The **Grow Well, Eat Well** event is aimed at people new to growing their own food, committed enthusiasts and anyone else who has an interest in health and well-being through the promotion of fresh local food. The event will take place on Saturday 24 April, at the Hub National Centre for Craft & Design in Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Visitors to the event can enjoy demonstrations by local cookery experts, with their versions of tasty nutritious recipes using locally sourced ingredients. Local horticultural and gardening experts will be available throughout the day to give visitors information and handy tips on getting started, ideas for the preparation and planning stages, as well as helping you choose which of your favourite foods you want to grow and are suitable to grow.

Contact Jayne Olney, Events Officer, on 01522 694353 or email eventsofficer@leisureconnection.co.uk



HOME BEAT

The high visibility campaign over Christmas was successful as our area of villages was one of the few that did not have any burglaries. Please be vigilant though - Heating Oil thefts have been reported in nearby areas and one person in Swinderby with a post box at the end of a long drive had it stolen.

Part 2 of A day in the Life of the Beat Team

The Beat Team is regularly found in our three primary schools leading activities such as drug education, bike safe schemes, talks on anti social behaviour (ASB), prevention harm lessons about alcohol, bullying, road safety, Internet safety, stranger danger and the list goes on. The Team also has positive engagement with the Hill Holt Wood Pupil Referral Unit who unbeknown to many carry out an awful lot of good work clearing up fly tipping we report to them. Outside of school hours the Beat Team has diversionary ASB schemes in place such as the Fair Play Football scheme run by PCSO Chris Boyle. Many of these schemes attract venue, transport, funding and sponsorship issues that are again time consuming. Other schemes are held during school holidays such as Junior Crime Fighters and Junior PCSO's. The purpose of these schemes is to involve young people in community issues and activities in a constructive way whilst diverting them away from trouble. The Beat Team knows a large number of the younger people by name in our villages as a result of these schemes. This is an Investment for the future, both in diversion, intelligence, and crime prevention and detection.

“No Cold Calling Zones” (NCCZ) have been set up by the Beat Team in most of our villages. These are intended to provide a protective umbrella to our most vulnerable in order to deter bogus callers and distraction burglaries. Installation of signage in these zones indicates to offenders that residents are hardened to their actions as well as providing education and support to them. This gives residents the confidence and means to contact either their wardens or the Beat Team directly on the Beat Phones to report the presence of these cold callers to police. Speakers from Trading Standards have attended sheltered accommodation to speak to residents about the dangers of cold callers offering building work, tree cutting services and offering strategies to deal with them or verify their true identity. Other input by the Beat Team has been the instalment of security lights in these areas as well as alarms, spy holes and intercoms.

Central to our efforts against crime in our rural areas is Neighbourhood watch (NHW). There are established and effective NHW schemes operating in our villages who pass on information to the Beat Team and who receive real time information from the police by email, fax and telephone about emerging threats in our area.

To be continued

Saints Alive!



January 100 Club Winners

Fred Myers	£25
Daphne Page	£14
Andrew Young	£10

Restoration update and Easter Services

The Underpinning work is now underway and some services are being held at The Willows on Hillside.

We are going to be back in the Church for Easter Services and Gill Green would **appreciate any help people can give in cleaning the Church ready for Easter**. Please give Gill a call on 626635 if you think you can spare any time in the couple of weeks leading up to the Services.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Carol Floodgate would like to thank everyone who has been and helped at the coffee mornings over the years. Cathy Durham will be doing this year as Carol is moving house. We wish her all the best!

Congratulations to the Pink Ladies darts team who have reached the semi-finals on their first attempt. Good luck in reaching the final!

Village Hall Updates

I missed it myself but I have heard lots of glowing reports about The Wind in the Willows. Congratulations and thanks for organising a sell-out and enjoyable event!

Book Exchanges continue on Thursday evening but we are still experimenting with the best times. We will revert to 1st and 3rd Thursdays in March. Some VHS tapes also available

Contacts

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