

Beckingham Bugle

January 2009



HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities over the Christmas and new year period - I know I did.

The new year is often a time for resolutions or new things or sometimes revamping existing things. How many of you knew that there was a Beckingham village website? There has been for a few years but to get it and keep it relevant we all need to help out and provide content for it. What do you think people should know about the village? Any interesting bits of history? Any famous residents? If you have Internet access go to www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk and see just how much work Glenn has already put into the site. All suggestions and help with content would be welcome! Contact Glenn via the website or through me.

There is not a lot of activity in the winter months but I hope lots of you will come and have fun at the quiz. I think those type of things are definitely a case of the more the merrier!

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

January 2009

30 Friday Family Quiz night - 7.30 at the Village Hall

February

14 Saturday Valentines Day

22 Sunday Pancake Service at the

Willows, Hillside 11.15 (includes yummy pancakes!)



Saints Alive!



Cheese and Wine Party

Many thanks to everyone who came to the party. It looked like people had an enjoyable time and we raised £334.70 towards the restoration of All Saints.

Christmas

There was a good turnout for the Carol Service. Thanks to all at the Old Rectory for their kind hospitality after the service offering mulled wine, mince pies and other tasty nibbles!

Plough Sunday service

The traditional Plough Sunday Service was held at Rectory Farm. Thanks to Mark and Clare Leggatt for providing the venue.

Congratulations to William Neale who has won a Choral Scholarship to become a Chorister at Lincoln Cathedral. He will be attending Lincoln Minster School. There has been a choir singing in Lincoln Cathedral for over 900 years. Children wishing to be considered for choristerships at Lincoln are given an assessment of their musical potential and vocal qualities at the



regular Voice Trials that are scheduled each year. Once accepted like William, they become "probationers" and begin their training programme. This involves both individual singing lessons and choir practices most days both before and after school. Well done William!



Halloween thanks

I have had an email from Alexandra saying:

A thank you to all the kind people that generously gave out sweets to me and other children at Halloween. We had a wonderful time and couldn't believe how kind my fellow villagers were!

Alex xx

How hard is it?

I am still being told that people are walking by the river with their dogs and not even taking bags to clean up after them! It doesn't take much effort to be a responsible owner.



Quiz Night

Friday 30 January
7.30pm Village Hall

- **FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**
All ages welcome
- **COME ON YOUR OWN OR BRING A TEAM**
We can create teams on the night
- **TASTY NIBBLES ON EVERY TABLE**
Sausage rolls, crisps etc
- **CASH BAR**
Red or white wine, lager and soft drinks
- **QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGES**
Subjects from Disney to Music to Food
- **SMALL ENTRY FEE**
£10 per team, max £2.50 a head
- **PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM**
- **RAFFLE**
- **LIVE 100 CLUB DRAW**

You can just turn up on the night but it would help with catering for food and drink if you could let Carol Else on 626709 or Mikki Young on 626117 if you plan to come.

If the evening is a success we could run more of these on a semi-regular basis in whatever format people like best. If you have a suggestion for another fun event that you think people would enjoy let us know!

HOME BEAT



The Police Neighbourhood Panel meeting took place on the 13th January 2009.

The panel decided that the priorities for the next 3 months would be:

- 1 – Speeding in the villages (remain a priority)
- 2 – Reduction of the Misuse of Controlled Substances in Villages
- 3 – Reduction of Dwelling Burglaries

The mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID), which flashes your speed and a smiley or frowny face depending on what speed you are doing has and will be deployed at various times on Sutton Road - we all want smiley faces!

The Speedwatch trial is due to finish soon (Brant Broughton was the nearest village involved). Watch this space for the results and what happens next.

Contacts

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Parish Council Clerk - Judith Lyon 01400 272268

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

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

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All Saints

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Also in Beckingham we have had reports of people going door to door to sell raffle tickets. We don't know if these are genuine tickets or not so always remember "buyer beware" and that if it sounds too good to be true it probably isn't true!

If you see anything suspicious please get as many details as possible and ring it in - if the police don't know about it they can't deal with it.

We are continuing to see properties being burgled in the areas of Carlton Le Moorland, Norton Disney and Brant Broughton. At the moment it tends to be at weekends - early evening.

Please be extra vigilant and if possible use a house alarm and timer lights when appropriate.

If anybody would like a Crime Prevention survey carried out please contact one of the beat team, they are provided free of charge! We can also security mark your belongings (bicycles, electrical equipment etc).