

Beckingham Bugle

June 2009



I went to the Annual Parish meeting - it was probably the most people I had ever seen! After a brief moment of excitement when my husband resigned from the council (don't worry, that won't effect the Bugle as it has nothing to do with the council) the electors present raised several issues and opportunities.

There was some discussion on how much influence the council could be expected to have on some planning issues with the answer in some cases being very little. The overhanging trees blocking the view at the exit to the A17 were also mentioned and were added to the list to be shown to the new man from LCC Highways the following week.

Neil Matson, from the Playing Field committee, said that there was now some enthusiasm for a not too serious evening cricket match team to play short matches and then go to the pub. Neil also said that there had been a lot of interest in allotments. This brought the Poor Fields into the discussion and with District Councillor Pat Woodman adding information on how allotments work elsewhere it got quite interesting.

Why not come along to next year's meeting, or better yet come along to some of the regular council meetings!

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Dates for your diary.....

June

4 County and European Elections

8 Village Hall Committee 7.30pm - all welcome

11 Mobile Library 10 - 10.30am

11 Neighbourhood Watch Seminar Auborn (see back page)

13 ☺ Beckingham Great Summer Fête 12 - 5pm

14 Bassingham Open Gardens

16 Parish Council meeting 7pm

28 All Saints service 11.15am

July

12 All Saints Summer service - followed by refreshments

Can you help?

Linda lives in Rectory Street and is looking to rent a small patch of land (about 4m by 3m) to grow some produce in a polytunnel. If you can help please call Linda on 626683.



Anyone for tennis?

Leadenham has a very friendly club with social tennis and even some group coaching for those who want to improve their game. Contact Paul Broadbent on 01400 273363

Election for new Parish Councillor

A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Anyone who wishes to stand for the vacancy should contact North Kesteven District Council for a nomination pack as NKDC has received a request for an election from local voters. The election is likely to take place sometime in July if there is more than one candidate.



Randolph Pattinson Trust

Two of the Trustees have come up for re-election. Both are willing to stand again but if anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee they should contact Judith Lyons, the Parish Clerk, before the next council meeting on the 16 June when the council will decide who becomes the new Trustees.



Your Village Hall needs you!

Beckingham Village Hall is managed by a group of volunteers, who over the years have worked hard to improve and maintain the hall to provide a suitable environment for use by the local community.

To ensure the village hall remains right for future use, new ideas and community support is necessary. The management committee are holding a meeting in the village hall on Monday 8th June 2009 starting at 7.30pm and would welcome potential new members or interested parties. Alternatively please provide for consideration, details of any fundraising ideas, events, or improvements to the village hall in the village hall post box or contact Nick Ashworth on 626012.

BECKINGHAM GREAT SUMMER FÊTE

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

The Fête is now just a few days away! Let's hope the weather is as nice as it has been the last few days but if not we will have tents from the army camp and Guides so can carry on whatever the weather.

Can you spare some time to help on the day? If a few people could give an hour or so each then everyone could enjoy the Fête. Are you willing to help a bit? Can you spare a bottle or two for the Tombola (any size and content - shampoo, alcohol, soda!)?

The fun run is due to start from the far end of Rectory Street about 11. The route is approximately 2 miles and will be signposted. The winner will be presented with the very smart 'Bugle' trophy.

I've heard several ideas about what some adults and youngsters are planning for their cake decorations. Are you going to enter? The more entries the more fun! Bring your entries to the Old Rectory about noon with your name and phone number on a piece of paper.

Do you want to rent some stall space to sell stuff? It's only £10 for villagers and a great opportunity as well as fun. There will be a village stall selling general items / plants/ notelets etc

We now know there is going to be a Bouncy Castle and an ice-cream van as well as all the other things we told you about last month. Don't forget to look out your antiques to get them valued - it's only a £2.50 donation per item so find out what cash you have in the attic.

The fun doesn't have to stop when the Fête ends either! The new landlords of the Pack Horse, Val and Darren, are going to be having a Karaoke evening at the pub. (Watch this space for more new happenings at the Pack Horse)

The Church will be open during the Fête (the bookstall will be there) with displays of some of the work already undertaken. Scaffolding will come in July to get the last part of the roof watertight.

HOME BEAT



We are currently experiencing a spate of Theft from Motor Vehicles across the area. Please remember to always lock your vehicles and DO NOT leave anything of value on view. We urge everyone to report anything they deem is suspicious including doorstep sellers etc

We have received numerous reports of vehicles being driven inconsiderately around our villages. Please continue to report these vehicles to us and try to obtain as much detail as possible including registrations. We will then endeavour to deal with these offenders by way of Section 59, which could lead to the vehicles being seized. We are pleased to report we have issued several Section 59 warnings already this period and have also seized a number of vehicles.

Rural South Neighbourhood Watch/Joint Agency Meeting

On Thursday 11th June 2009 at the Enterprise Centre Aibourn, we will be holding a Neighbourhood Watch/Joint Agency meeting. People from all our villages are welcome to attend and express their views and concerns or simply to listen and get involved in Neighbourhood Watch in your area. Guest speakers including Trading Standards, Fire & Rescue, NKDC-ASB Team, Lockrite (Lock Smith) and more will be there as well as your local police team. The meeting will commence at 1800hrs and finish around 2000hrs, please feel free to come along as and when you can. Your support in this worthwhile venture would be appreciated. Refreshments provided.

Editor: Maybe we could take a car load or two from the village?

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