

# Beckingham Bugle

March 2010



Congratulations to the Pink Ladies darts team who have reached the final of their competition, beating a team from a higher league in the semi-finals. The results of the final will be in the next Bugle.

Lots going on at the moment and plenty of chances to get involved. The more we work together the more we can achieve!

Keep sending me stories you want published.

*Mikki*

## **Dates for your diary.....**

### **March**

**29 All Saints Compline Service 6.30pm**

**30 NKDC Seniors Forum Launch - Sleaford**

### **April**

**1 Beckingham Book Exchange 6-8pm - Village Hall **now once a month on the 1st Thursday****

**3 Motown experience at the Pack Horse 8 until late!**

**4 Easter Sunday Praise 11.30am All Saints**

**4 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet parade at the Pack Horse 2-4pm**

**6 Parish Council 7pm Village Hall**

**19 Village Hall AGM 7.30pm**

**20 Fete planning meeting - all welcome. Pack Horse 7.30pm**

### **May**

**6 Beckingham Book Exchange 6-8pm Village Hall**

**21 Family Fun Quiz - Village Hall**

### **June**

**19 Beckingham Great Summer Fête**

# BECKINGHAM GREAT SUMMER FÊTE

## SATURDAY 19TH JUNE

The Great Summer Fête will be held this year on the 19 June. The Meade family have again kindly offered the use of the Old Rectory and the first planning meeting was held on 17 March.

It was decided by those attending the meeting that any funds raised this year would be split - 50% to the restoration of All Saints Church and 50% to help replace the kitchen in the Village Hall. The next meeting will be on 20 April and will be held in the back room of the pub. We really want this to be a Fete for the whole village so please get involved and come along to the meeting if you can.

We will be holding a bottle Tombola again so if you can spare any bottles for this (wine, water, bubble bath etc, anything in a bottle) please can you drop them off at The Sheridan (next door to the Pack Horse). The Pack Horse will be having a Hog Roast and a themed party after the Fete so the celebrations can continue.

Details are still being worked out but there will be an opportunity for villagers to take a table and sell any bric a brac they have or they can donate to a Fete table where funds will go to the grand total.

### **Village Hall Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held on April 19 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Membership of the committee is open to all villagers on the electoral roll and new members would be very welcome.

Any nominations for the officers posts of Chairperson, Treasurer and either a Vice-Chairperson or Secretary must be proposed and seconded in writing giving the name and signature of the proposers and what position they are nominating for (and signed by the person nominated) and sent to the current Secretary, Chris Green at the Willows, Hillside not less than one week prior to the AGM.

The AGM will have reports from the Acting Chairman and Treasurer and elect the officers for the coming year. There will also be an opportunity for discussion of any other business which members of the public can also raise.



## **HOME BEAT A REMINDER**

Lincolnshire Police has a new non-emergency contact number; As of the 1st January 2010 the number 0300 111 0300 will work alongside 01522 532222 for the next 2 years, when 532222 will be taken out of the system. If it is an emergency - a life threatening or violent situation, a crime in progress, or a road traffic collision causing injury or serious traffic problems - contact 999.

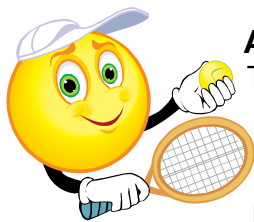
**STOP PRESS** - very sad to report that PC Matt Roberts has moved onto another post at short notice and that Vicky and Chris are currently being overseen by PC Paul Truelove from a neighbouring team. Councillor Pat Woodman MBE urges anyone not happy with this to write and complain, maybe to the Chief Constable Richard Crompton.

### ***Part 3 of A day in the Life of the Beat Team (final part - ed)***

The more recent priorities set by our NHP (at the time this article was first written) includes concerns about the manner of driving on our roads and enforcement of the NCCZ. Seven drug warrants have been executed in our beat area since February 2009. This illustrates the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Policing Teams gathering valuable intelligence and acting upon it. A significant amount of people have been arrested and charged with drug related offences, some are still pending conviction. Whilst it is acknowledged there is still a presence of controlled substances being used in our area the intelligence is constantly developing and police are aware of an amount of information that the offenders may be oblivious too. The work to combat the misuse of drugs and bring offenders to justice will continue.

Wider policing involvement is bid for through the Beat Team, an example is the input of the Roads Policing Unit to assist us in dealing with offences such as speeding and other traffic offences. Amongst all this other activity the Beat Team deploys a Speed Indicating Device (SID), which you may have seen at the road side, hopefully smiling at you! The SID is a passive measure designed to draw the driver's attention to their speed in that area. Where persistent speeding is identified the Beat Team will adopt a more proactive approach and issue fixed penalty tickets to offending motorists.

As a Beat Team we hope this "blog" gives the reader a better understanding of the work we do and the role we fulfil. None of us on the Team are under the impression that we will please everyone all of the time but we hope this will go some way to helping people understand how we fit into the policing model within Lincolnshire Police. The urban myth about Bobbies sat in the station drinking tea isn't true at all, policing is a highly intensive job. In fact it is fair to say that PC Matt Roberts has a very poor reputation as he never makes a cup of tea but will always willingly accept one made for him!



## Anyone for tennis?

The new season for Leadenham Tennis club starts on April 1.

Membership is extremely reasonable at £40 for adults,

£70 for families and £20 for Juniors or Seniors. The club is very friendly and has a number of fun tournaments as well as club evenings and group coaching.

If you are interested in joining please contact the membership secretary, Jackie Nelstrop on 01400 272482

## Congratulations

### James

Many of you have seen James Keane help around the village but you may not know he also volunteers for the Salvation Army.

Recently he, along with all the other volunteers, had to take a food hygiene exam and I am pleased to say he passed.

## Book Exchange now once a month

The book exchange will now be held in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month from 6 - 8 pm. All books are priced at £1 but you get 50p credit for each book bought in on the night.



## Community Led planning

The steering committee was formed from the interested parishioners who came along to the meeting on the 2 March. The next meeting will be on March 23 in the Village Hall at 7pm. It is not too late to get involved! Please contact Karen Ashworth direct on 626828 for more information.

## 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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**All Saints** - Rector: The Revd Dr Alan Megahey 01400 273987  
Church Warden Gill Green 626635

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