

Beckingham Bugle

May 2009



Tuesday sees our Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall. If you have any questions or views about the village then this is the meeting to go to. Come and find out what your Parish Council does and what it means for those of us who live in the village.

There are county council and European Elections coming up soon. Do you know who your representatives are? More importantly do you know who you want them to be in the future? It may all seem a bit distant to us but it can and does have an effect on how we live in the country. Please get out and vote!

Talking of changes, did you remember the change of Bin collection dates? Those extra bags they gave us are for overflows because some poor folks will have 3 week gaps between collections during the changeover. We were lucky in our timing change but NKDC will still collect extra waste in those bags until 15 May (black for normal rubbish, clear for recycling - no extra gardening waste).

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

May

3-9 Red Cross Collection

5 Annual Parish Meeting - 7pm Village Hall

10 All Saints morning service 11.15am

11 Fête planning committee 7.30pm Old Rectory

12 Mobile Police 8.45am to 11am

14 Mobile Library 10 - 10.30am

23 Saturday Family Service 5pm All Saints

June

4 County and European Elections

11 Mobile Library 10 - 10.30am

13 Beckingham Great Summer Fête 12 - 5pm

14 Bassingham Open Gardens

Saints Alive!



100 Club

The final draw of the 2008 100 Club took place on 29 April and we have three new winners:

David Miller £40

Alex Else £24

Val Rampton £16

Tickets for the 2009 100 Club are on sale now - it only costs £10 for the whole years entry (and you can enter as many times as you like). If you haven't bought a ticket already and would like to, then call Mikki on 626117.

Building work

The Parochial Church Council met last week to accept a tender for the work on the South Aisle roof. Work should commence in the next few months and once complete the entire Church roof will finally be watertight. This will mean it will be possible to start restoring the inside without fear of damp or leaks. This roof work is being mainly funded by English Heritage but we do need to raise several thousand pounds towards it.

There will be display of some of the works undertaken so far on show during the Beckingham Great Summer Fête. The fête will be raising money for the restoration of All Saints' Church. Gill Green outlined the next stages of work which fête funds may be used towards.

(a) Finish weatherproofing and safety work on south aisle and tower.

Work on the south aisle will start soon. There may be scaffolding in the church on the day of the fête. Some work on the tower will remain. The bell chamber has holes in the floor.

(b) Heating

A new heating system would be powered by solar panels on the top roof (out of sight from the ground). This system would provide year-round low level heating that would reduce damp in the church.

(c) Remove pews and restore floor

Removing some or all of the pews would provide a useful community space where events could be held for the church congregation and the village.

The existing pews are Victorian and not part of the medieval church.

Red Cross Week

3rd - 9th May. Val and Vic will be around to collect your contributions to this life-saving work. Or put your contributions through the door of Tansy Cottage on Hillside. Thank You!



BritishRedCross

BECKINGHAM GREAT SUMMER FÊTE

Plans are going well for the Fête on the 13 June! At the last meeting Paul Dunne came up with a pre-Fête event of a short fun run for teams of an adult, a child and a pet (not necessarily from the same family!) He has also kindly donated a Bugle trophy for what is hoped to become an annual event.

This is just a taste of what is already confirmed:

- ➔ **Antiques expert for our own mini-roadshow**
- ➔ **Gardening question time and plants for sale**
- ➔ **Gypsy story-telling tent**
- ➔ **Numerous games and activities for children**
- ➔ **Cookery demonstration and BBQ food available**
- ➔ **Art activities for all the family**
- ➔ **Afternoon teas**
- ➔ **It's not a Pimms bar**
- ➔ **Best decorated cake competitions** (all to be sold afterwards)
- ➔ **Stalls and bottle tombola**

There are a number of areas where people can get involved from the race to cake decorating and even to volunteering people to go in the stocks. There is a separate response form with this Bugle and it would be great if people could use it to indicate where they would like to take part. As usual please return to Carol Else at the Sheridan (next door to the pub). We are also advertising via Facebook so if you want to send links to your friends please let us know.

The Cake sub committee are meeting on 6 May at Kingfisher House (bottom of Hillside and turn left) and would welcome new members. Call Cathy on 629089 if you want to know more.

HOME BEAT



With spring upon us please be aware of garden related crimes which may increase over the coming months, please secure your shed/garage with a good quality lock and please don't leave valuable power tools on show as they will disappear if you do. If anyone does want property marked by the team with your postcode then please get in touch via the contact details below, this service is FREE!!!!!!.

Rural South Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

On Thursday 11th June 2009 at the Enterprise Centre Aubourn, we will be holding a Neighbourhood Watch 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 will be there as well as your local police team. Please come along and support this worthwhile venture. Contact the Beat Team for exact timings of this evening meeting. Maybe we could take a car load or two from the village?

Mobile Police

On the 12th May a mobile police van will be visiting Beckingham. It should be in the village from 8.45am until 11am, subject to operational requirements. They will be able to help with queries, give crime prevention advice and possibly do some property marking.

The Beat Team

Contacts

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