

Beckingham Bugle

November 2009



Big Turnout for Planning Meeting

Over 40 villagers came to the initial planning meeting. Several people have volunteered to be on the steering committee and many others have offered to help in various ways. There were a lot of things people liked about the village but also a lot of suggestions for improvements and changes. More coverage of the meeting inside!

The next edition of the Bugle will be out early January so in the meantime I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

November

21 This Saturday - Pack Horse Grand Re-launch with free buffet and band

22 All Saints Holy Communion 11.15am

December

1 Village get together to decorate the Christmas Tree

3 Beckingham Book Exchange Village Hall - 5-7pm

5 Bingo Night Village Hall 6.30pm

5 60s / 70s night at Pack Horse 9pm Fancy dress optional

11 Carol Singing around the village

17 Beckingham Book Exchange Village Hall - 5-7pm

18 Pack Horse 6-8pm Bring your kids to see Santa Claus

20 All Saints Candlelight Carol Service 5pm

31 New Years Eve Party at the Pack Horse

January

7 Beckingham Book Exchange

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29 The Wind in the Willows musical at the Village Hall - fun for all the family - more details inside

Community Led Planning

There was a strong sense of community showing and a desire to have Beckingham be the sort of place we all want it to be. A lot of the improvements related to the growing number of youngsters we have in the village. The state of the playing fields was just one subject raised. If you want to add your ideas or issues then Karen has arranged for the idea sheets to be put up at the Pack Horse so you can still take part.

If you want to join the steering committee or help in any other way please contact Councillor Karen Ashworth. It would be really great to have some teenagers involved in some way. The planning is open to all age groups and the ideal would be to have all ages represented.

At some stage there will be a questionnaire for the whole village and the more who respond the more chance of getting consensus for possible ideas. The hope is that with

an agreed 10 year community plan we will have a better chance of getting funding help where we need it to implement our ideas.

If you want to know more or would like to get involved then please contact Karen on 626828 who is leading with this, at least until the steering committee is set up.



Waste collection news

Don't forget that garden waste is now being collected every 4 weeks until March - next collection on 1 December. The first collection after Christmas for normal rubbish and recycling is on Jan 5 and the council will collect side rubbish (in bags!) on that one occasion.

The Church is under canvas!

The Christmas cards and notelets will be available at each of the Book Exchange evenings before Christmas. This year is probably your last chance to get some of these beautiful Christmas cards. Contact Mikki Young on 626117 for more details.

As you can see the scaffolding is up and safely under canvas. Don't forget the Candlelit Carol Service on the 20th December which is always a popular occasion.

The Library Theatre Touring Company

presents

The Wind in the Willows

by Kenneth Grahame



The Wind in the Willows comes to Beckingham

On Friday January 29th we hope to fill the Village Hall to capacity with this delightful musical version of The Wind in the Willows.

Tickets are available now from Angela Matson on 626445. It is a limited number given the size of

our hall so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Ticket prices are £7 for adults, £6 for students and Senior Citizens, Children (age 4-16) £3 and a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children only £19. This is great value for money for what promises to be a very entertaining evening for all the family. The evening will start at 7pm in order to finish in time to get children to bed at a reasonable hour.

The village Christmas tree is being put up outside the Village Hall on Tuesday 1 December. Come and join in the fun and enjoy some mince pies and mulled wine. Children will have a chance to make the lights come on at 7pm.

Bingo Night!

Saturday 5th December from 6.30pm at the Village Hall. Everything you need for a full house or a winning line - come along and try your luck. Plenty of prizes, fun and frivolity! For those of you who want to make a night of it why not go to the Pack Horse for the 60s and 70s night after the finish?



Pack Horse news

Christmas Draw tickets are now on sale! See the diary page for some fun activities happening at the Pack Horse. Did you know that they now do a Sunday Carvery? Choice of 2 meats and fresh veg for only £5.95. The Friday night Fish and Chip supper is well worth a visit for an eat-in or a takeaway - it is a generous portion of really well cooked fish!

HOME BEAT



The Beat Team would like you to continue to be vigilant over the Christmas period as we saw an increase in domestic burglaries this time last year. Please report anything you feel is suspicious.

The Neighbourhood Panel meeting took place on the Thursday 12 Nov and decided that the priorities for the next 3 months would be:

- 1 – Deal with Road Traffic Offences
- 2 – Enforcement of “No Cold Calling Zones”
- 3 – High Visibility Patrols

The next Panel date has been set for 7.30pm on Thursday 18th February 2010 at Carlton Le Moorland Village Hall.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are holding Drop In Clinics to give you an opportunity to discuss issues/problems with the Team or

Contacts

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

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simply to come along and meet us. We will be at the following locations on the below dates from 6-7.30pm. Please drop in at any point!

Brant Broughton – Wednesday 25 Nov in the Village Hall

Bassingham – Thursday 26 Nov in the Heritage Room

Witham St Hughs – Monday 7 Dec in the Police Office at the Ark.

We know people don't like to contact the police with what they believe to be trivial matters but this is what these clinics are for. This is a good opportunity to just come along and meet the Team. We hope to see many of you there!

The Neighbourhood Beat Team would like to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Next edition will have an excerpt from 'A day in the life of the Beat Team'

The Beat Team