

# Beckingham Bugle

October 2009



**Your chance to shape Beckingham's future**

**Tuesday November 3rd**

**7pm Village Hall**

## **Introduction to Community Led Planning**

This is your chance to find out how to influence the future of Beckingham. Want better play equipment? Want more activities for adults and youngsters? Want a different look?

Come along and find how together we can shape the future of our village. This is one meeting you don't want to miss! Look out for more details through your door from the Parish Council.

*Mikki*

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

#### **October**

**15 Beckingham Book Exchange Village Hall - 5-7pm**

**27 Ladies night at the Packhorse**

**31 Halloween - Party at the Packhorse**

#### **November**

**1 Songs of Praise for All Saints Day - All Saints 10am**

**3 Community Led Planning - 7pm Village Hall**

**10 Parish Council 7pm Village Hall**

**19 Beckingham Book Exchange Village Hall - 5-7pm**

**21 Pack Horse Grand Re-launch - free buffet and band**

#### **December**

**1 Village get together to decorate the Christmas Tree**

**3 Beckingham Book Exchange Village Hall - 5-7pm**

**5-13 Christmas Tree Festival St Mary Magdalene Newark**

more info from 01636-611778 9am-1pm Mon-Fri.

**17 Beckingham Book Exchange Village Hall - 5-7pm**

**20 All Saints Candlelight Carol Service 5.00**

## **Randolph Pattinson Trust (The Poor Gardens)**

Notice is hereby given that tenders are invited for the rental of the area known locally as the "Poor Gardens," situated in Beckingham, Lincolnshire and consisting of approximately two acres of land. The land comprises of heavy clay soils, poor drainage with no mains water. It is therefore considered to be agricultural land which may be suitable for grazing, however, the boundaries would need to be secured by the tenant. Under no circumstances can the land be sub-let.

Letting bids are being invited for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 until 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Bids are welcomed from persons listed on the Electoral Roll only, stating the proposed fee along with details of the intended use. Send in writing to Nick Ashworth, The Cottage, School Lane, Beckingham, Lincoln. LN5 0RJ. The Trustees reserve the right to award the land at their absolute discretion and will only notify the successful bidder.

Closing date for bids is Noon - 15 November 2009.

*Nick Ashworth Secretary/Trustee*

**Saints Alive!**



### **Restoration update**

Scaffolding will be going up imminently and work will commence on repairing the south aisle and the porch roofs. When this work is finished the Church will finally be water-tight and we can begin to think how to repair and improve inside.

The Harvest Festival was well attended with food offerings donated to the Lincoln Mothers Union who will distribute them to needy folk. Monetary donations were split between the Church works and the DEC Disasters Appeal for Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam.

Christmas cards (from a painting of the Church by Max Neale) are still available A5 size and so are notelets (A6 size) with 5 different village views. The latter make a great Christmas present! Contact Mikki Young on 626117 for more details.

There are also plans for Carol Singing around the village on 11 December.

## Beckingham Book Exchange

After a successful launch at the Village Hall open day, the Beckingham Book exchange will be running on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month (there won't be one on Bonfire Night, 5th November). There will be tea and coffee available while you browse. So the dates for the rest of this year are Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec



3 and 17. Books cost £1 each but you get 50p credit for each book you bring in. There are also a number of magazines and other items that are available free so please come and help yourself.

We hope to add on other activities in the future so watch this space!

The Village Hall open day was very successful. 60 ducks went in the duck race and every scavenger team got every item - a remarkable feat! Lots of people bought books and took them away and folks enjoyed using the Table Tennis table. A number of ideas were generated for future use of the hall and these will be available for the Community Led Planning meeting. Thanks also to the Pack Horse for raising £30 to help pay for tiling in the toilets.

## Macmillan Coffee morning

Many thanks to those who came and supported the village MacMillan coffee morning at Carol Floodgate's house. Carol would especially like to thank Cathy and Lynn for all their help in the kitchen. There were a number of regulars on holiday so less people than usual at the morning but it still raised in the region of £240. That money will be put to good use!

## Woof Woof!

The dog rescue centre could really do with clean blankets, towels, bedding and any general doggie stuff. Can you help? Please contact Gloria on 626385

## Pack Horse news

There are several events coming up at the Pack Horse. This month sees a ladies night on the 27th with all sorts of ladies goodies and a Halloween Party on the 31st with prizes for the best costumes. November 23rd is the date for the grand re-launch and there will be a free buffet and a band called Scotch Chocolate. Should be fun!

# HOME BEAT



We are still receiving reports of Theft from Motor vehicles. Below are a few more tips on how to keep your car / vehicle and contents secure:

- Keep your keys in a safe place at all times and remove the ignition key every time you leave the vehicle. It only takes a few seconds for someone to jump into your car and drive away.

- Fit an immobiliser, either electronic or mechanical (such as a steering wheel or gear stick lock). You could also think about an approved car alarm if you haven't already got one.

- Fit a removable stereo or one with a front that can be taken off.

- Consider marking this with the Vehicle Registration Number or other unique identifying number.

- Arrange to have the Vehicle Registration Number etched onto all glass surfaces including the side windows and headlamps. Or consider using the last 7 digits of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or some other unique identifying number, etched in this way.

- When parking put your aerial down to stop it being snapped off.

- Keep valuables out of sight when driving. Thieves can steal items from your car while you are stationary or in slow moving traffic.

- If you have a garage - use it and lock it! How many of you have got £50 worth of rubbish in the garage and £10,000 worth of car outside on the drive?

Please be extra vigilant and report anything you deem is suspicious.

***The Beat Team***

## Contacts

**Village Hall** Graham Else 626709

**Parish Council Clerk** - Judith Lyon 01400 272268

**County Councillor** Ray Phillips 01522 686432. **District Councillors:**  
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**Litter picker** James Keane 07554 656687

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

Duncan Sturges: duncansturges@aol.com

## All Saints

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**Police** 01522 882222 or 999 in an emergency or:

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