

Beckingham Bugle

September 2009



What future for Beckingham?

At the last Parish Council meeting the clerk was tasked with arranging for an expert to come and talk to the village about how we can develop a Parish Plan and decide what we want to happen in the future. At the time of writing it is hoped an open meeting will take place sometime in October.

A couple of days after the Parish Council I had some youngsters come to the door who wanted help making some changes: *"We would like to change our public park. We would like swings, two goal posts, spider web, bigger roundabout and an assault course. We would like to add money to help. Please could people help with fundraising. The park is boring. PLEASE CHANGE IT! Stanley, Alisha, Michael, Lauren and Tilly"*

If we worked on a Parish Plan together it would help identify what we all want and then be a great help in obtaining funding. Watch this space.

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

August

30 All Saints Service 10.30am

September

5 Village Hall Open Day - see page 3

6 Fun Cricket on the playing field - 2pm approx

14 Parish Council Meeting

20 Battle of Britain Service All Saints 11.15am

October

3-10 Quaker week - exhibition and other events at the Quaker Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Brant Broughton including a concert Saturday 3rd October at 7.30 'Music, Words and Silence. Contact 642803

10 Harvest Festival All Saints and Village Hall - more details to follow

Pack Horse Progress

Val and Daz are getting settled in at the Pack Horse and making improvements. The carpets are being replaced by tiles and redecoration is taking place - it is looking good!

They have several regular fun themes and food offerings.

Monday nights are curry nights when you get a curry and a pint while Friday nights you can get beer battered Fish and Chips to eat in or take away. Their Sunday lunch is also proving very popular.

There is a quiz every Sunday evening which has cash prizes, win a gallon of beer and supper all for £1 a head. Friday nights you can Play Your Cards Right with a sandwich supper again for only £1.

There are weekly draws to win 2 Sunday lunches, a gallon of beer and an Open the Box competition and of course there are skittles and darts to play.

Why not come and see for yourself?

New Parish Councillor

Congratulations to Karen Ashworth who was elected Parish Councillor. She would like to thank everyone who voted for her. She also says if anyone has anything they want to raise to feel free to contact her on 626828

Roadworks and Pigs!

1. For those interested, the pavement issue outside Elsmar Lodge is very shortly to be resolved after a long period of surveys and negotiation with the County Council. The Council have agreed to start work (hopefully) in a few weeks to replace the pavement all around the house. The problem has been lack of drainage and a gradual build up of the height of the road and pavement leading to damp in the house.

2. If anyone has fruit fall or the following types of scraps - four hungry pigs will gladly take them of your hands.

Yes - fruit, vegetables, peelings, vegetable tops, bread, cakes, pasta, rice, legumes, biscuits, yogurt, grass cuttings (on the day they are cut), nettles, thistles, dandelions

No - citrus fruits and anything that has touched or been cooked with meat or fish, eggs or egg shells, cheese

All would be gratefully received and I will come and pick up fruit fall or extra fruit from your trees that you are not using, or any fruit and vegetable waste from your door as soon as you let me know it is available. Please contact me at the following if you would like to offload the above and not let it go to waste!

Henrietta: 626439 or 07833 685093 or claveringh@btinternet.com

Village Hall Open Day - Saturday 5th September

There are so many options on how the village hall could be used - what would you like? Did you know we had a table tennis table and a pool table? We could get fitness classes or clubs going. Come along on the open day and share your ideas and whether you would like to help organise any of them.

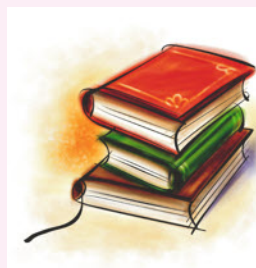
1pm Duck Race The ever popular duck race on the Witham is back! Buy your ducks from the Pack Horse for just £1



2pm Scavenger Hunt This will start from the Village Hall. Teams of 4 people will have a maximum of 2 hours to find 50 items. £1 per person entry. Children welcome to enter but they must have adult supervision.

2 - 4 pm Beckingham Book

Exchange launch Bring your books or just come and browse what is available. After the launch the book exchange will be open two evenings a month to come and browse or have a chat over tea/coffee. Look out for next months Bugle to find out the regular dates.



Teas and Coffees will be available all afternoon along with a selection of cakes and biscuits.

Raffle tickets will be on sale and the scavenger hunt prizes and Raffle draw will be between 4pm and 4.30pm.



The fun continues into the evening at the Pack Horse where Val and Daz will lead the entertainment - and offer great home cooked food!

HOME BEAT



We are currently experiencing a spate of Theft from Motor vehicles. Below are a few tips on how to keep your car/vehicle and contents secure:

1. Don't leave things on display - it's a prime invitation for passers-by. If you can, take your belongings with you. If you can't, lock them out of sight in the boot at the beginning of your journey.
2. Lock your doors, windows, boot and sunroof EVERY time you leave your car - even if you're parked on your own driveway.
3. Always try to park in a well-lit, open location. When parking in a public car park look for one that is well supervised, with restricted entry and exit points, good lighting and security cameras. Avoid dark corners.

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

Saints Alive 100 Club Draw

Congratulations to the July winners:

Stu Cuff	£25
Nicholas Martin	£14
Fred Myers	£10



Many thanks to everyone for their support for the annual Red Cross collection in the village. This year we collected the fantastic total of £261.95, more than any other year since we've been doing the collection. It's good to know that in these times of cutting back, people from the village are prepared to support the vital work of the Red Cross. Thank you.

Valerie and Vic

Randolph Pattinson Trust

Nick Ashworth and Max Neale were re-appointed as Trustees by the Parish Council with a request to try to amend their constitution to allow for a fifth Trustee.

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.

Litter picker James Keane 07554 656687 NEW NUMBER

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All Saints

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