



Dear All,

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you for the support and welcome we have received from so many in the village. As many of you will know Rick and I have moved from Cyprus after 13 years there with our 'family' of rescued dogs and cats and are settling into our new home in the Rectory in Leadenham.

Beckingham is one of the four parishes I am now looking after, all being different, but all with so much in common, which I think we can build on as we bring the group closer together.

I know the village has dealt with a lot of sadness recently, losing friends in an untimely fashion and if anyone wishes to talk or just pray together I am very happy to be contacted. You will also find that the church will now be open every day from 10am-4pm if you want to pop in for a time of peace or just to sit. It is your church so please feel free to use it.

You will also see a piano that has arrived in church that was donated apparently during my predecessor's time but has spent the last two years in the garage. So it is wonderful that it will now be able to be used in All Saints, after tuning!

The path allowing disabled access still needs doing into church so if anyone is able and willing to help that would be wonderful? I and Rick would be very grateful personally. If you can help, please speak to Gill or Mark our churchwardens.

Services planned at present this month in Beckingham will be:

Sunday 5th 6pm Evening prayer

19th 1030 Holy Communion

26th 9am Said Communion

However there are services happening across the group so please check the noticeboard for more information.

Blessings

Rev Chris

The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle



June 2019

Beckingham and Sutton Village News and Information

A reminder please that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on the 29th May at 7.00pm

All are very welcome
Drinks and bites will be available

Susan Dunne

We are deeply sorry to record the passing of Sue aged 50 on 6 April after a long and courageous fight with cancer. A Beckingham resident for a number of years she was also well known as a member of staff at Brant Broughton School. Her positive and cheerful attitude to life will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Jon Paul, Darcey and other members of her family in their tragic loss.

George Johnson

We are sorry to record the passing of George aged 84 on 10th April at Skegness Hospital. Formerly of Sutton Road, the family was well known to older residents, and had lived in the village for generations.

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Familiar faces.....

Lawrence, Phil, Andy and Scott



welcome Angela Smith to the Parish Council.



Hi My name is Angela Smith. I moved to Beckingham with my husband Phil in February 2018. Only a short time living in the village but we received such a warm welcome and have already made so many friends, enjoying many evenings at the social club and also the Black Swan. Originally from Cleethorpes I have also lived in Louth and Grantham a true "Yellow Belly". I am delighted to be joining the Parish Council and will assist where I can in helping us all maintain this lovely village.

And following on from the the May 2nd Local Elections Mary Green and Chris Spray will be the new District Councillors for Bassingham and Brant Broughton

BASSINGHAM OPEN GARDENS & SCARECROW TRAIL

A number of gardens in Bassingham will be open to welcome you on

Sunday 9th June from 2pm until 6pm

In aid of the Bassingham Village & Playing Field Charity

Entrance programmes, which include a map showing the locations of the gardens, teas with home-made cakes, ice creams, Pimms in the garden, scarecrows and the popular plant stall, will be on sale at the Bassingham Hammond Hall car park (LN5 9HQ) from 1.30 on Open Gardens Day, price £4, accompanied children free. Weather permitting we are promised a flypast by a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire.

BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Social Club News - May 2019

The Club continues to be well supported by our members who regularly attend the various events, and opening on Bank Holiday Mondays has proved popular. The club atmosphere and comfort levels have been further enhanced with the laying of a new carpet through from the main hall into the bar area, with more suitable flooring in the immediate vicinity of the serving area, plus the purchase of additional tables and chairs to match those bought last year

The management committee is always ready to listen to suggestions for new events and the forthcoming AGM to be held on 3rd July will provide an opportunity for members to let us have their ideas. An afternoon Bingo session was held in March and this was well supported and will be repeated in September. An afternoon of guidance on flower arranging has also attracted sufficient interest to consider running again

In addition to the regular opening times, the Club programme for the next three months is as follows:

June

1st (Sat) Quiz Night commencing 7.30 pm with special prizes, proceeds to charity

8th (Sat) Finale of the Open Gardens Day with live entertainment provided by "twosmooth" for club members and their guests

July

3rd (Weds) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING commencing 7.30 pm - drinks and light refreshments provided

20th (Sat) Quiz night commencing 7.30 pm with special prizes and proceeds to charity

August

17th (Sat) Quiz Night commencing 7.30 pm with special prizes, proceeds to charity

Watch this space: Film Afternoon with free popcorn coming shortly

Cocktails event, canapés and bubbles, black tie and cocktail dresses. (Autumn)

For your diary: Bingo afternoon- Sat 28th Sept.

In addition to email, a notice board is being placed on the outside of the village hall which will also provide members with the latest information

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Beckingham—a Lincolnshire Best Kept Village??



At a recent meeting the Parish Council decided to enter the parish for the 2019 Lincolnshire Best Kept Village competition. The competition is divided into five classes on the basis of population and Beckingham will be in Class 1 for small villages with a population between 100 to 1000

Best Kept Village Competitions came about originally in the early 1950's as a means of fostering local pride in communities after the privations of WW2 and a celebration of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The competition encourages communities to act together to make their place more attractive, well kept and litter free. The Best Kept Village and Small Towns Competition is an ideal vehicle for delivering a local response to these issues of both local and national concern.

Each entry is visited by a team of volunteer judges over the Summer with results announced in the Autumn. Winners receive a certificate, media publicity and a plaque at an awards ceremony.

The Judges visiting have 150 points available to award across the following criteria:-

Overall appearance and condition - Absence of litter, unauthorised / unsightly refuse, absence of graffiti / vandalism, dumps on verges, general condition of roads and paths.

Green Spaces - Provision for wildlife (such as bird boxes / feeders, bat boxes) and wildflowers. The general appearance of public greens, trees, etc

Public Premises - e.g. the condition of community centres and playgrounds

Private Premises - The collective appearance of private gardens, hedges, fences and walls.

Religious buildings and memorials - The condition of churchyards, cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and their notice boards,

Business Premises - The collective appearance of business property including inns, farms and farmyards, workshops, post office, shops and caravan sites.

Overall community effort - Evidence of community spirit and activity and initiative in the care of the parish and its environment.

We would be very fortunate to win first time round but the feedback will provide a valuable insight into how others see us and how we might improve our environment for the future.

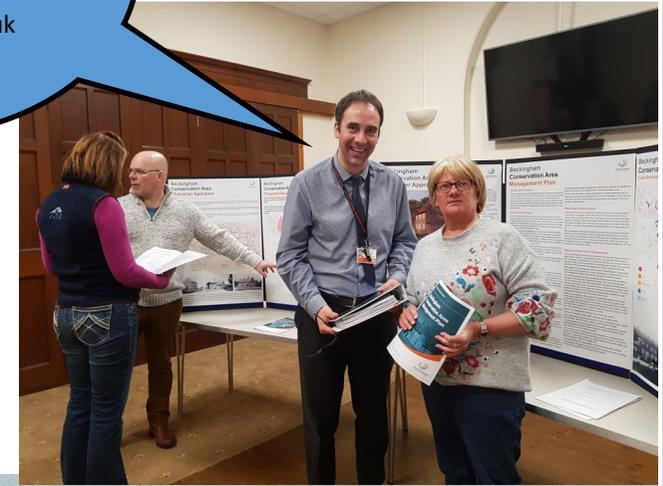
Please help and please get involved.

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome
News....Adverts....Articles.....Jokes.....Announcements
The deadline for the next September 2019 issue is August 7th 2019
Email all your news items and events to clerkpc@beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Did you remember to send
in your questionnaire
response ??

It is on the website at
beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Proposed Conservation Area for Beckingham



"Don't Wish for a good body, work for it"

Inspired fitness with Karen

Friendly Village Fitness Classes

Come along and be part of our friendly fitness family
Classes are Suitable for everyone

Brant Broughton:

Mondays 9.05 - 9.55 - Tone & Tighten (Village Hall)

Mondays 19.15 - 20.00 - Outdoor Bootcamp (Playing fields)

Fridays 9.05 - 10.00 - Park Fit (Playing fields)

Bassingham Hammond Hall:

Tuesdays 9.15 - 10.05 - Cardio Fit & Tone

Navenby - The Venue:

Mondays 18.00 - 18.50 - Cardio Fit & Tone

Coddington Scout Hut:

Wednesdays 9.15 - 10.05 - Cardio Fit & Tone

email: kcinspiredfitness@gmail.com

OPEN GARDENS - SUMMER EVENT Beckingham

JUNE 8TH, 2019 - 12NOON - 5PM

In aid of All Saints' Church Restoration Fund, New Village Signs -the Parish Council

Opening with the **DUCK RACE** at 12 noon

NINE GARDENS TO VIEW

(Opening at 1.00pm - Some different to last event)

CAKES, TEAS AND COFFEE - Served at The Leemings, School Lane

BEER AND BURGER STALL - Village Hall

Other refreshments in various gardens, Plant Stall, Plant Tombola and Raffle

ENTERTAINMENT

More information to follow

COMPETITIONS

Best Dressed Scarecrow- This year's theme 'Flower Power'
A Miniature Garden and **A Specimen Flower in Vase**
Plant Quiz

Judging by **MARIANNE OVERTON, MBE**

SOCIAL CLUB EVENING EVENT FOR MEMBERS

More information to follow

Any queries contact
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When Village Gossip Goes Online.....

In a recent article in the Telegraph (April 21st 2019) Adam highlighted a difficulty he faced in moving from a south London borough (where he was a councillor) to a small village in East Anglia. Naturally he joined the village Facebook group in an attempt to integrate himself into his new community.

The summer event organised by the parish council led to complaints of cheating and underhand behaviour and this soon led to a succession of Facebook posts with "strong language". To quote Adam "decade-old grudges burst open.....".

He poses the question "would things have turned so brutal if Facebook had never been invented??"

To find answers he talked to a psychologist who stated the obvious:

"Normal social activity includes a great deal of nonverbal communication, all of which is missing online. When people are face-to-face there are many methods by which their more negative comments would be prevented.....Online such inhibitions do not exist".

So his conclusion? Although Facebook groups might seem to bring people together the opposite is often true. Hardly rocket science but perhaps we have to remind ourselves of the positive power of normal conversation in a world that seems obsessed with social media.

Do you agree??

How well do you know your Social Media platforms?? (Answers on the website)

