

Beckingham Bugle

November /
December 2010



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This is the last Bugle for 2010, hard though it is to believe that Christmas is almost here again. I hope to do the Useful Numbers insert again in January so if you have any you think should be added please let me know them.

Have you booked a Christmas Lunch at the Black Swan yet? The special 3 course Christmas menu is available Wed-Fri from the 1st to 23rd December. It looks yummy with traditional Turkey and trimmings or some great sounding alternatives!

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Dates for your diary.....

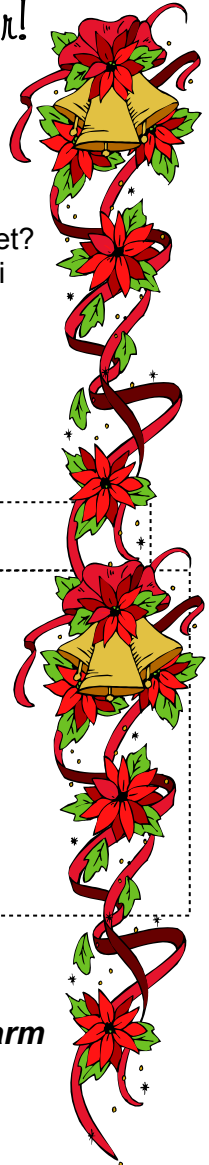
December

- 4** Christmas Tree Lighting 6.30pm
- 5** Holy Communion 11.15am
- 10** Carol Singing around Beckingham 6.30pm
- 18** Santa Claus Grotto at the Pack Horse 2-4pm
- 23** Candlelight Carol service 6.30pm
- 25** Pack Horse Open Noon-2.30pm
- 31** New Years Eve party at the Pack Horse

Look out for details of Church services in 2011.

These will probably include:

- the popular *Plough Sunday* service on a local farm
- a *Pancake* service in February





Carol Singing around the village

Come and join us for our annual Carol Singing around the village on Friday 10 December - meet outside the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Always fun for all ages!

If anyone has seen the lovely new carol booklets that Vic and Val did for us in 2008 could they let them know as they went missing before we could use them last year.

Grand Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday 4 December - 6.30pm

Come and see the village tree lit up in all its glory.

Light refreshments will be available.



Carols by Candlelight

Come along to All Saints Church at 6.30pm on **Thursday** 23 December for a Candlelit Carol Service. This is our main Christmas Service in Beckingham but if you want to worship on Christmas Day there are services at other Churches in our parish.

Village Supper big success

There was an excellent turnout for the Village Supper and reports from people attending say that a good time was had by all. Baked potatoes, Bangers and mushy peas were the order of the day and were very tasty. Thanks to all who came and all those who provided the food and drink. The evening raised over £300 for All Saints.

Village 100 Club

The winners of the second draw were:

No 72 David Dobson £26
No 56 Carol Meehan £17
No 139 Cathy Durham £10

Congratulations to the winners. Next draw in January 2011.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Village poppy collection total was £136.25p including house calls, Black Swan and the Pack Horse which will go towards helping service people past and present and their families.



PACK HORSE EVENTS



Visit Santa in his Grotto

Santa Claus is coming to the Pack Horse on Saturday December 18, between 2pm and 4pm. Bring children to visit him in his grotto

Xmas Draw

First prize - a flat screen TV!
Buy a square for just £1 a ticket - the draw takes place on Christmas Eve at the Pack Horse at 8.30pm - supper available



The Pack Horse will be open on Christmas Day from noon until 2.30pm.



New Years Eve Black Tie party

Come along and see the new year in at the Pack Horse. This is a Black Tie event and there will be a prize for the best dressed lady. Buffet included.

Meat Draw every Friday

Tickets £1 - your chance to win a nice piece of meat every week



Val and Darren want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Seasonal Frauds to look out for

Parcel delivery notice - very premium rate telephone number to ring!

Malware-ridden e-greeting cards – Scammers have been known to load fake e-cards with links to computer viruses and other malware.

Low-price traps - Shoppers should be cautious of products offered at prices far below competitors. Online scammers use auction sites and fake websites to offer too-good-to-be-true deals with the goal of stealing your money and information.

Charity scams – . Some common charity scams include phone calls and spam e-mails asking you to donate to charities and disaster relief funds.

Dangerous holiday downloads - Holiday-themed screensavers, jingles and animations are an easy way for scammers to spread viruses. Links often come from an email or message that appears to be from a friend, and scammers may be able to glean personal information from the computers it has infected.

Wi-jacking in hotels and airports - When people travel and use free wi-fi in places like hotels and airports, it can be an opportunity for criminals to hack into networks hoping to find opportunities for theft of personal information that can be used to commit fraud.

iPad offer scams - scammers are distributing bogus offers for free iPads. In the spam version of the scam, consumers are asked to purchase other products and provide their credit card number to get the free iPad. Victims never receive the iPad or the other items, and victims have to report a stolen credit card number. This scam is also found on social networking websites.

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