

Beckingham Bugle

December 2011



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all
I'd like to welcome the folks who have moved into the village this year.
I hope you find it as friendly as I did when I came six years ago this month.

It was lovely standing outside the village hall counting down to the lighting of the Christmas tree lights (thanks to Jeremy Thorpe for sponsoring tree this year). It's always nice when the villagers get together and socialise.

There won't be a Bugle in January but normal service will be resumed in February. In the meantime if you have any news please feel free to email me and it'll get in the next edition.

Mikki



Dates for your diary.....

December

10 Live Blues Band - The Pack Horse, 9pm onwards

22 Carol Service - All Saints, 6.30pm - please bring non-perishable gifts for the Newark Emmaus Trust

31 Wine and Cheese on New Years Eve - The Pack Horse

January

14 Firewalking fundraiser - The Pack Horse

15 Plough Sunday Service - 11.15, Rectory Farm, Sutton Rd

17 Parish Council Meeting (tbc)



Check out the Black Swan January offer inside!

The Pack Horse - Christmas and New Year activities

Christmas draw tickets on sale now - prizes include wines, spirits, dinner for 2 at the Black Swan and much more! Tickets only 50p each with the draw on Christmas Eve.

First up is a live Blues Band on Saturday 10 December. The Hot Tomarles Acoustic Blues will be performing from 9pm.

Boxing Day has a big quiz from 2pm for all the family (there are also quiz nights on Sunday 11 and 18 December from 8pm)

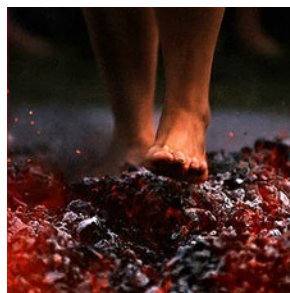
After all the fun (and hard work) of Christmas why not enjoy a day at the races? The Pack Horse is arranging a trip to Southwell Racing on 27 December - just £20 per head to include transport, Grandstand Entrance and more. Book now!



New Year's Eve Cheese and Wine Party - come and enjoy a selection of wines and cheeses from around the world. Try as much or as little as you like, you only pay for what you have.

Fundraising for Little Heroes

The Pack Horse are aiming to raise £1500 for this charity for children with cancer. One of the big events is a Firewalking night on 14 January. A great experience but one to be taken seriously - training is given and you need to notify your interest to the pub as soon as possible.



Clubs and Grub

The pub is available for clubs and groups such as a bridge club, dominoes players or a poker evening. Other suggestions / requests welcome.



Sunday Roast lunches are also available but it is advisable to book as these are popular. A good selection of food is available the rest of the week as well.

Book before December 20 for a January Bargain

Book a table at the Black Swan for 4 or more people on a Friday or Saturday night during January and receive a complimentary bottle of wine with your meal. Phone 626474 and quote "January offer"

New Years Eve Celebrations- last few tables available to see the year in - in style - book now.

Community Fundraising

Beckingham Play Park needs your help with their fundraising. Please can you save all your old clothes, bedding, soft toys, shoes, hats, belts and bags for a Fundraising bags to school collection. Collection bags will be posted between Christmas and New Year and collected on Saturday 14 January. Thank you for your support. **Sue Dunne**

A big thank you to all those who donated to the Beckingham Village Royal British Legion poppy collection which amounted to £191.79

Nick Ashworth

COUNCIL CORNER

As part of the Parish Council's efforts to increase awareness and improve communication we want to offer residents of the village the opportunity to register for an email copy of the minutes and the agenda. The documents will be sent out in PDF format, minutes will be noted as draft until approved at the next meeting. Please email Trishthorpe40@yahoo.co.uk to register your interest.

A Parish Newsheet is planned to be issued in January letting residents know various details including roles and responsibilities of the councillors. It should also help to explain what the Parish Council can and can't do.

Watch out for details of a meeting to discuss how the village can celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year - maybe with a Street party on Sunday June 3? This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and enjoy themselves.

If you have any questions or comments for the Parish Council, please contact the clerk (details on next page).

HOME BEAT



The Beat Team would like you to continue to be vigilant over the Christmas period and we request anybody to report anything they feel is suspicious.

The next Neighbourhood Panel meeting is on 16 Jan at Norton Disney Village Hall at 7pm. If you would like to represent Beckingham on the panel please contact the Parish Clerk or the Police.

Please be aware that a new national non-emergency number 101 is being

rolled out across the country as part of a Home Office initiative. This means Lincolnshire Police now has just two main contact numbers –

999 in an emergency and 101 in a non-emergency

Please note that calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day or how long you are on the phone. The service is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

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

Church news

The Church security and alarm system has recently been updated, but please still look out for lead thieves as there is an epidemic of lead thefts in the County. On January 3rd the repairs to the roof and stonework of the tower will commence and will take several weeks to complete. We are grateful to English Heritage, the Lincolnshire Churches Trust and the Allchurches Trust for grants to do this work. When this work is finished the church will at last, after seven years of fund-raising and building work, be watertight and the stonework safe.

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Police reporting crimes or incidents, that need immediate action call 101 (or 999 in an emergency)

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