

Beckingham Bugle

March 2011



Time to stand up and be counted!

There are AGMs, Annual Parish Meeting, Elections for Parish and District Council and a vote on alternative voting all coming up very soon. We know there are going to be vacancies on the Parish Council and we need a new Parish Clerk. The Village Hall Committee needs new members and if you are really ambitious you could stand for the district council. More details inside!

When we know who is standing for Parish (and maybe District) I will try and contact people to ask if they are willing to say a few words about why they are standing and what they hope to achieve and put what answers I get in a Bugle special.

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Dates for your diary.....

March

20 Holy Communion, All Saints 11.15am

26 Italian Night 7.30pm Village Hall - see page 3

April

11 Village Hall AGM - 8pm Village Hall - see page 4

17 Palm Sunday Eucharist All Saints 6pm

19 Annual Parish Meeting - 7pm Village Hall see page 3

20 Compline Service All Saints 7pm

24 Easter Praise All Saints 11.15am

24 Easter Day at the Pack Horse - 2-4pm

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet parade and snacks

25 Jumble Collection - see page 4

May

5 Election Day

15 Celebrating All Saints' link with St Barnabas, Mt Shasta USA 10.30am All Saints

Parish Clerk Vacancy

Beckingham Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Clerk following the resignation of Judith Lyon after 12 years in the role. This would suit someone who is enthusiastic about the village and willing to put in a few hours a week to help make the Parish Council run efficiently and achieve more for the village as a whole.

For more information about the role of a Parish Clerk and a parish council please see the Village Website where two informative documents can be found:

http://www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk/pc_notices.php

This is a paid role and training is also available. Anyone interested should contact Graham Else or Judith Lyon in the first instance. Interviews will be held in private by the Parish Council.

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council Elections will be held on 5 May. All 5 positions are open for election and some of the current councillors have already announced that they will not be standing again.

This is your chance to do something positive for the village - stand as a Parish Councillor! It's an unpaid role but you get the satisfaction of helping the village run smoothly. For more information about the role of a Parish Councillor look at the Village Website link above.

District Councillor Stewart Ogden said "Here at North Kesteven we are proud to say that we encourage people to stand up and speak out. By becoming a Parish Councillor residents will be able to speak up on behalf of their neighbours and help boost the community spirit by making things happen, moving things forward and making their voice count."

If residents are interested in standing, then they will need to obtain a nomination paper from North Kesteven District Council. For further information about becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact Electoral Services on 01529 414155 or Cliff Robinson on 01529 308345.

**ACT QUICKLY - NOMINATION FORMS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED
BY EARLY APRIL**



Kesteven: NO Turbines!

No planning application submitted at time of printing

Big Italian Night - Saturday 26 March

Most tickets have now gone but you may still get one if you contact Carol Else on 626709.

There will be a selection of starters and desserts and Lasagne for the main course. A glass of wine is included but you are also welcome to bring your own wine to drink.

Lots of good raffle prizes are available so don't forget to bring money to buy tickets.

Countryside Photography competition

The challenge is to create a portfolio of 5 superb photographs to illustrate how wonderful the wildlife and countryside is around our area. Kids large and small are welcome to enter!

The Rules are:

- A folio of 5 photographs only can be submitted
- All photographs must be taken within 2km of where the turbines will be (ie where the Noble Foods site is). You must state clearly on each photo where it was taken.

You can submit your folio by dropping them off to Graham Else at the Sheridan (next to the Pack Horse).

Annual Parish Meeting 19 April 7pm Village Hall

Entries must be submitted by 21st April and judging takes place on 23rd April

This is the meeting where every villager can have their say about what the Parish Council has been doing and what they would like to see happen in future. Go along and take part.

Please ensure all photos are clearly marked with you name and contact number. The winner will be notified in person and a their photos published on the knot web site.

Village Hall AGM - Monday 11 April 8pm

Although not all data has been collated yet from the Community Questionnaire it is already clear that there is a lot of interest in the village hall and views about its future. Come along to the AGM to find out what has been happening. If you want to influence the future - get involved and join the committee.

Table Top Sale

Thanks to all of you who baked the fantastic cakes, donated, and came along to support the Table Top sale which raised £317 for KNOT. The cakes and refreshments were a great success and a generously donated mountain bike was also sold after sealed bids were submitted. This provided a welcome addition to the KNOT funds which are now standing at approximately £900.

PLEASE KEEP SAVING YOUR JUMBLE! We have the chance to make some more money with the left over jumble from the sale and anything else you can donate. Collection bags will be distributed in April and collected on Easter Monday 25 April. The more we can collect the better!

Community Planning Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned their forms. We had a very high response rate of over 50% which is great for this kind of exercise. The information is being collated and a full report and proposals will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

The Community Planning Group

Contacts

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