

Beckingham Bugle

February 2012



Villager is awarded French Military Cross of Valour

Flight Lieutenant Ian Absom, who lives on Hillside, was honoured with one of France's highest military accolades after helping to save the lives of American troops under Taliban attack near the Pakistan border. The medal was presented by the French Prime Minister who paid tribute to his bravery and professionalism. Flt. Lt. Absom is on an exchange with the French Air Force until July this year when he hopes to be able to return home to Beckingham.

Mikki

The Witham froze in places but this family managed to find some clear water



Dates for your diary.....

February

19 Church Pancake service at the Willows, Hillside - 11.15am

21 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall - 7pm

24 Queen's Diamond Jubilee planning, Pack Horse - 7pm

26 Open-the-box final draw, Pack Horse - 8pm

March

11 Holy Communion, Tansy Cottage, Hillside - 11.15am

20 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall - 7pm

24 Bingo Night fun for the whole family, Village Hall - 7pm

The Pack Horse

Joe has decided to leave the pub for personal reasons which has led to our new chef, Lee, coming on board. A brand new menu is on offer and look out for the specials board coming soon. *(already tasted some of the food - yummy! Ed)* There are some daily specials too:

Wednesday is Steak night - Steak and glass of beer or wine for £10

Fishy Fridays - let us know any fish or crustaceans you want and we will get them in for you

Sunday Roasts - still popular and tasty

Food hours until April:

Wednesday/Thursday noon - 3pm and 5pm - 9pm

Friday/Saturday Food all day

Sunday lunch noon - 3pm

Note: Pub opens for drinks at 5pm on Mondays

Please come and see us and bring this Bugle with you for a 20% discount on your first meal

Firewalking for Little Heroes a blazing success!

A big thank you to everyone who took part, sponsored, helped or watched on the Firewalk evening. The charity has done over 400 Firewalk events and through a tremendous effort we raised the biggest total ever, well over £5,500, more than 3 times our target! Colin has asked to pass on his and Reece's thanks to everyone in Beckingham.

Open the Box - grand finale - must be won *Last Saturday of every month is live band night*

Sunday February 26 the boxes will be opened until the prize is won - minimum of £250 but tickets are still available. You must be present to win so come along and have an evening of fun and you may be the lucky winner!



Look for the Pack Horse Inn on Twitter and Facebook and follow for updates, specials and events. Ring us on 626464 to book a table or request a special fishy dish.

Family Bingo night

March 24 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Come along and have some fun, win prizes and help raise funds to improve the hall. Contact Graham Else.



Church news

1. Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Carol Singing. We collected £100.04 and 5 eurocents (!) for the Newark Emmaus Trust, helping homeless young people.
2. The Carol Service was a delight with 130 people there. Thank you to those who brought non-perishable food items for the Newark Emmaus Trust. We have received a letter of thanks.
3. The building work to the church tower is going ahead now that we've raised most of the money we need. We expect it to be finished by July.
4. Next Service Sunday 19th February at 11.15 at The Willows, Hillside. Pancake Family Service. This is our service preparing for Lent, and at the end we eat pancakes.



***What a difference
already since 2007***

COUNCIL CORNER

Please note the correct dates for the next two council meetings on the front page of the Bugle

Vacancy: there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested please contact the clerk in the first instance. The statutory notice was put up on 10 February for two weeks. Normally vacancies are filled by co-option but an election can be held if required.

Community Lincs bulk oil buying scheme

With Oil prices getting ever higher having someone search and negotiate for the lowest price for you seems like a good idea. There is a £20 annual fee per household that joins in. Whoever volunteers to co-ordinate for the villagers who participate has no annual fee. Whilst the co-ordinator will need Internet access the same is not true for everyone else. Orders get placed monthly so you will need to plan ahead a little but the price savings do seem to be worthwhile. Contact Community Lincs on 01529 301980 or look at their Web site for more details.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Come along to the Pack Horse at 7pm on the 24 February to discuss what the village will be doing in celebration. A great chance for everyone to get involved and have a wonderful day.

HOME BEAT



The Beat Team has moved from our office at Witham St Hughs and we are now operating from North Hykeham Police Station. Our contact details remain unaffected.

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting

The neighbourhood panel met on the 16 January and the following priorities were agreed.

- 1 – Metal Thefts and Rogue Scrap Metal Collectors
- 2 – Inconsiderate Parking – Obstructing Footpaths

The date for the next meeting is 16 April 2012 – 1900hrs at a location to be confirmed.

Cycle Thefts

Many of you out there have either bought or received a bike over the Christmas period and many of you do not have full details of your bike

recorded. The theft of bikes is a major issue, as people often do not lock them due to being in a rush, or just nipping into the local store / library.

I **LOCK** both wheels and the frame to a cycle stand or other immovable object

I **REGISTER** your bike details onto online property databases such as Bikeregister.com

I **KEEP A RECORD** of the frame number, make and any other marks that can identify your bike if it's stolen and if possible a photograph.

Facebook & Twitter

We would like you all to be aware that we are now using social networking sites as a means of communicating with our local residents.

To find us on Facebook search

Hykeham NPT and add us as a friend.

To find us on Twitter we are

@HykehamNPT

Beat Team

Contacts

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Parish Clerk Diana Johnson 07740 047671 or dianajohnson187@hotmail.com

County Councillor Ray Phillips 01522 686432. **District Councillors:** Sue Howe 01522 788496 / Pat Woodman 01522 788236.

All Saints' Church - Church Warden Gill Green 626635

Litter picker James Keane 07787 355932

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

Beat team for non urgent 07825100376 (Paul), 07500857989 (Tim), 07939312796 (Chris), 07825100377 (Vicky) 07825100379 (Jo)

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