

Beckingham Bugle

March 2012



Happy Easter to everyone

This is proving to be a good village to live in if you like food - the Black Swan has again been recognised as one of the best restaurants in Lincolnshire and the Pack Horse is serving great pub grub. Let's support these local businesses so we can continue getting the benefits.

Don't forget the clocks go forward on the last Sunday of March!

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Dates for your diary.....

March

18 Mother's Day

20 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall - 7pm

24 Family Bingo Night, Village Hall - 7pm

25 Clocks 'spring' forward 1 hour

25 Sustrans Bike rides - see inside

26 Stapleford Woods group - see inside

27 All Saints AGM, The Willows, Hillside - 7pm

30 Diamond Jubilee planning meeting, Village Hall - 7pm

April

3 All Saints Compline for Holy Week, a short service by candlelight - 7pm

8 Easter Sunday All Saints - Family Service and Holy Communion with the Benefice Choir and the Archdeacon of Lincoln. Easter eggs for children 10am

13 Village Hall AGM, Village Hall 7pm. All welcome

14 Whisby Nature Park. The Lincolnshire Victorians will be at the Centre in traditional Victorian dress to discuss Victorian life and doing various demonstrations 11am - 4pm

17 Parish Council meeting, Village Hall - 7pm

26 All Saints Parish Communion

Family Bingo night - March 24 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

These evenings are always popular and a lot of fun!

Bingo cards cost 50p each or you can get 8 for £3.50. Prizes for lines and full houses. Refreshments available will include beer, wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

To add to the fun there will also be a raffle.

Come along for a great evening and help raise funds for improving the village hall.



Sustrans Bike Rides

Sunday 25 March 10.00 at The Grove, Newark
A taster ride lasting about 45 minutes

Sunday 25 March 12.00 at The Grove, Newark
A gentle ride out to the café at the garden centre near

Caunton with return via Cromwell Lock.

For further information contact Sustrans Newark Volunteers on 672408, 650604 or 689181

The Pack Horse

Quiz nights are back with a difference! The Quiz team from the Plough have come and joined the Pack Horse. There is a group of them who take it in turns to set the questions and then split themselves into a number of teams each week. No entry fee or cash prizes just a fun evening. Anyone welcome to join in on Sunday evenings from around 8.30pm.



Wednesday Steak nights and Fishy Fridays are proving very popular - and tasty! Have you tried one yet? Great food and great value.

Maybe you want a Mother's day lunch? 3 courses for £15.95 (or £7.50 for children) and a free gift for mother. What a treat.

Look out for a special menu at Easter and, of course, an Easter Egg hunt for the children in the pub garden.

The pub is also proving popular as a birthday party venue. Have you got one coming up?



Black Swan restaurant - runners up in the House of Townend Best restaurant

The picture is from Lincolnshire Life magazine showing the presentation to the Black Swan at the awards Ceremony.

Why not come and try out this award winning food - a new seasonal menu just starting, a special Fish night for Good Friday and a Roast leg of Lamb Easter Lunch for all the family on Easter Day. Call 626474 to book a table.

Stapleford woods discussion group

If you are interested in the future of Stapleford Woods you may like to get involved in meetings that take place at the Wood Hall at Hill Holt Wood. The next meeting is on March 26 at 7pm. It is proposed that discussion takes place around positive action to reclaim the wood and regenerate it for the local community. For more details contact Peter Mansfield by email mansfield.pj@gmail.com or on 07957861775.

COUNCIL CORNER

Vacancy: There was no request by the electors for an election so the vacancy can now be filled by co-option. Are you interested in becoming a councillor? Contact the clerk for more information. Your village needs you!

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Plans are getting well developed for our village celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee!

We will start off on the Playing Field where we will have a number of games for all ages. We will then process to School Lane (the road will be closed) for a Jubilee Street Party. The day will be finished off with an evening BBQ at the Pack Horse.



There will be invitations going out to everyone in the village and it will be free for villagers but you can bring guests at a small cost. Make sure you return the invites so we know how many to cater for!

Everyone welcome at the next planning meeting on 30 March in the village hall.

HOME BEAT



Please be aware that we are hearing concerns being raised by members of the public regarding a company called Ideal Alarms Ltd cold calling by telephone. The company is offering low priced security alarms, which inflate in price once you agree to a home visit. The best course of action is to **not have a conversation** with the company and just replace the telephone receiver.

Seasonal Crime

With spring upon us please be aware of garden related crimes which may increase over the coming months, please secure your shed/garage with a good quality lock and please don't leave valuable power tools on show as they will disappear if you do. If anyone does want property marked by the team with your postcode then please get in touch

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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Clean sweep for fire safety

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue is reminding people to have their chimneys swept to avoid sparking a blaze.

Debbie Robinson, deputy community fire safety manager, says:

"Open fires and log burners are widely used in Lincolnshire but without proper maintenance a chimney can be dangerous. Keeping your chimney swept, free of debris and well maintained is key to preventing a potentially disastrous fire. If the worst should happen, a smoke alarm can give you the extra time you need to escape – make sure you have one and test it regularly."

For further advice on fire safety or for a free home fire safety check visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/LFR, contact 01522 582222 and ask for the Community Fire Safety Department, or email HFSC@lincoln.fire-uk.org