

# Beckingham Bugle

May 2012



I am always happy to publish family news in the Bugle and for once here is some of my own. On the occasion of our Silver Wedding (23rd May), Andrew and I thank all the friends we have made in Beckingham - those who came to our party and those we were unable to invite - for making our life so enjoyable

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## Dates for your diary.....

### June

**4 Village Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations** ([see inside](#))

**10 Bassingham Open Gardens - 2pm to 6pm** (tickets from their village hall car park)

**17 All Saints Morning Service - 11.15am**

### July

**1 All Saints Parish Lunch at Rectory Farm - 12 noon**

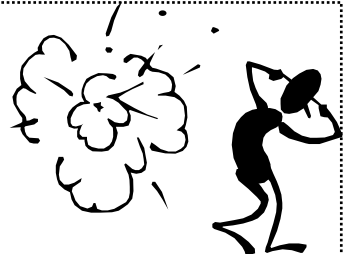
**15 All Saints Summer Family Service - 11am** (with strawberries and champagne)

### Whisby Natural World Centre

Children's Workshops: 'Create your own Countryside Critter' workshop 6<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-11.30am & 'Natural Dyeing' workshop 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-12.30 £2.50 per child, children must be accompanied, please contact 01522 688868 to book.

### Beckingham Firing Range Notice

Loud noises may be audible from the camp (depending on wind direction) as the Grenade Range is in use on **Thursday 31 May, 09:00-15:30hrs.**



## Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

A huge thank you to everybody who has donated their time, food, money, all sorts of goodies and equipment so that the day is full of fun and enjoyment and brings the village together to celebrate a very special occasion.



The day will start at 1pm at the Pack Horse with the National Anthem and then an official photograph. Then we will process with Vintage Cars to the playing fields for fun and games and the unveiling of a plaque for our Jubilee tree. We then head back to School Lane for the tea party. The day will finish off at the Pack Horse where there will be a BBQ and disco with dancing in the street!

Children are encouraged to dress as Kings and Queens and adults could have fun dressing in 1950s style with pedal pushers and bobby socks!

During the afternoon there will be a chance to sign a card that will then be sent offering our congratulations to the Queen. The church will also be open for an hour from 3.30pm with ancient registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths for those who are interested in a bit of history.

*Those who have said they are attending should have received a detailed timetable. If you haven't please contact Trish Thorpe on 626809*

## Play Park news

The three design options for the NEW Play Park will be available to view at the Queen's Jubilee Street Party on 4th June. We would like as many people as possible to come along and give thoughts and opinions. The new Play Park will be for your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbours and provide a much needed improved facility for the community. After this session, we will draw a close to the consultation on design and the decisions will be made. If you would like to get involved with the Play Park Project in any way, from helping to fill out funding bid forms to selling raffle tickets at a fundraiser - we would love to hear from you. Our next meeting is will be on Tuesday 12th June, 7.30pm at the Village Hall - Everyone welcome. Please contact Diana Johnson on 07740 047671 or [dianajohnson187@hotmail.com](mailto:dianajohnson187@hotmail.com)

## Burglary - How to avoid becoming a victim

**HOME BEAT**



- When you go out, always close and lock the external doors and windows, even if you are just going out for a short while.
- Put all valuables out of sight. Remember if they can't see it, they can't take it! Keep them safe.
- Keep spare keys safe and out of sight. Would-be offenders could not only break into your property but could also steal your car!
- Visible burglar alarms, good lighting and carefully directed security lighting can put a burglar off. Remember, less dark spots means less hiding places for someone not wishing to be seen!
- Ensure that your garden is just as secure as your home itself. Do not leave anything of value such as bikes; children's play equipment or gardening tools on full view. Make sure that they are locked away and out of sight when not in use.
- If you are going away on holiday, remember to cancel milk deliveries etc. Ask a responsible neighbour to make sure that any post that is delivered is pushed right through the letterbox. Ensure that all windows and doors are locked. Use timer switches for lights and radios, as they will create the impression that someone is in.
- Always keep gates locked when not in use. Easy access to a property is often the trigger that makes a property an attractive target. Don't make it easy for them!
- An intruder alarm installed and used properly can deter the burglar. Seek expert advice when installing an alarm and ensure that they are members of the Security Systems Inspectorate Body (UK AS- United Kingdom Accreditation Service) as they fit British Standards (BS 4737) (EN 50131).

The Lincolnshire Police website promotes more crime prevention measures and also has a fantastic Interactive page. Go to <http://www.lincs.police.uk> and then look under Safety Advice.

## **Drought News from Anglian Water**

The recent downpours of heavy rain have provided some welcome relief for farmers, gardeners and the environment in our drought hit region. In fact, this April has been the wettest for almost 100 years. Unfortunately our groundwater resources, which make up almost half of all the drinking water we supply, take longer to replenish. Up until the end of March, we had experienced the driest 18 months for 100 years, only receiving between 60 and 80 per cent of the rainfall we normally expect.

After a lot of rain the rivers look a lot higher, but this change only lasts as long as the rain does. Anglian Water captures a lot of the rain that flows into the rivers, and pumps it into reservoirs. Most of these are recovering well following the recent rainfall. However ground water sources, such as wells and boreholes (these are holes drilled into the ground into layers of permeable rock which hold water) recharge very slowly and so are less affected by small fluctuations in rainfall. The recent heavy rainfall has led to some recharge in shallow aquifers but the response in deeper aquifers will be slower and will take another year to recover fully. In some areas, the rainfall needs to travel down more than 50 metres before it reaches the water table.

To help you save water there is a competition on the Anglian Water Website to win a water butt. They also have tips on how to save water in your homes and gardens.

### **Contacts**

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**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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