

## Book Group

The book group has now been meeting for over a year, during which time there has been a 100% increase in the number attending! (Ok so there were only three to start with.) We're always happy to welcome anyone who would like to join us for discussion, and bring ideas of what they would like us all to read next.

Next meeting; December 10th 7.30 pm at The Pack Horse.

Book: Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa

Simply come along or call Pat on 626042

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## Thank you

The 2013 Beckingham poppy appeal included the Pack Horse, the Black Swan and door to door collections and raised a total of £109.91. A very big thank you to all those who made a donation. A total of £1262.24 was raised by the district.

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# Beckingham Bugle

December 2013



As we approach the joyful season of Christmas, many people in the village have known sadness. Our thoughts remain with the grieving families but also with others who have illness or challenges to cope with. But the world does move on and there is good news too. For Christians, our Rector reminds us of the message of Advent, of something to look forward to. On a more practical level, we welcome a new village shop and cafe. See inside.

And a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year to everyone from me. The next Bugle will come out at the end of January.

*Mikki*

## Dates for your diary.....

### December

**Village Shop and Cafe opening this week! See page 2**

**5-8 Lincoln Christmas Market**

**7 Beckingham Christmas Tree Lighting - 6pm Village Hall**

Mulled wine, mince pies and a raffle!

**10 Book Club - 7.30pm at the Pack Horse**

**13 Carol Singing around the village - Meet at Village Hall 6pm**

**14 Christmas Music - Terry O'Toole Theatre - see page 3**

**15 Natural World Whisby Christmas Market 10.30am to 3.30pm**

**19 All Saints Carol Service - 6.30pm**

(Dress warm and bring a torch)

**21 Black Swan Christmas Candlelight Dinner - book now**

Tel 626474 - see page 3

**22 All Saints Christmas Communion - 9.30am**

### January

**12 Plough Sunday Service at Rectory Farm - 11am**

**26 Morning Prayer at the Willows, Hillside - 9.30am**

**An ever popular Black Swan theme night will be held towards the end of January - date and theme to be confirmed**

## Beckingham Village Shop And Deli..... And Cafe.....

More than one pleasant surprise comes to Beckingham this Christmas, not just a village shop but a deli and cafe serving food from 7am. Situated in the Pack Horse (School Lane entrance), the shop and cafe will open at 7am serving Breakfast, Stokes Coffee and Tea, Cakes and much more. Come in and read a newspaper with breakfast or a morning cuppa or peruse the deli counter for something to take home.



**Just a taster:**  
 Deli Counter  
 Milk and fresh goods  
 Seasonal specials  
 Stokes Tea and Coffee  
 Local Produce  
 Meat and Vegetables  
 Sweets and Magazines  
 Freezer section  
 Home cooked food to take away  
 Coffee and cakes



What would you buy from the shop? Let them know and it could be stocked!  
 Tel 627053



## Black Swan Christmas Candlelight Dinner Sat 21 December

Enjoy a 3 course Christmas dinner  
 Bucks fizz on arrival  
 Evening dress optional but preferred  
 £27 Book now Tel: 626474



## Terry O'Toole Theatre - Christmas music

Enjoy a delightful selection of seasonal music and carols from the RAF Waddington Voluntary Band. Audiences can celebrate Christmas by listening to and singing along with the band on Saturday 14 December from 7.30pm – Tickets cost £8.50 per person / £6.50 concessions. To book please contact the box office on 01522 883311

## Excerpt from a Letter from the Rector The Rev'd Alison Healy

On 1 December we celebrated Advent Sunday, the start of the year for the church, where we enter a period of prayerful preparation for the coming of a vulnerable baby. The liturgical colour for this season is purple like Lent where we can give up luxuries if we like to help focus our minds on the Nativity. Well I don't know about you but come Advent often the only thing I want to give up is hope that I will be ready for Christmas at all, I never am and it is usually the people closest to me who get the shortest shrift. So let me be first and say to all of you who have made me welcome here in my first few months - thank you for everything, all the cleaning, singing, playing, attending, all the printing, preparing and praying, all the very hard work which comes with keeping nine precious jewels afloat, to say nothing of all the fundraising and other housekeeping.

**Gill Green (right) and Alison with the BBC crew recently**



You will be glad to know that I have an Administrator now, thanks to the generosity of an individual who wishes to remain anonymous to pay him. He will be at the Rectory at Leadenham on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm.

Shalom!