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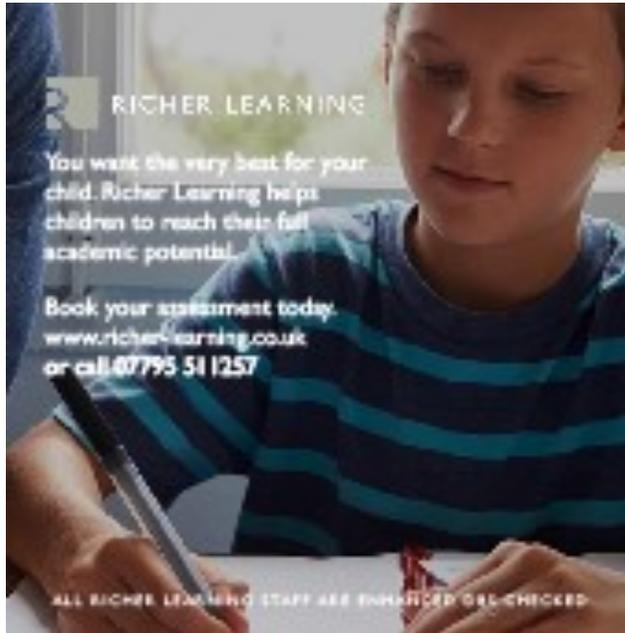
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All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome The deadline for the next March 2020 issue is February 14th 2020
Email all your news items and events to clerkpc@beckinghamvillage.co.uk

The Beckingham & Sutton Bugle



December 2019

Beckingham and Sutton Village News and Information



Its official - **"Beckingham is a truly lovely village"**
- **"a perfect place to live!"**
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Decorate your own Christmas tree and have it on show at All Saints Church Beckingham from Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st December 2019

Decorations to reflect the professional work of the decorator, e.g *Rosemary Blakesley – garden design*, or whatever the decorator decides. We are looking for 'trees' from children & adults. Installation of 'trees' to be done anytime on Wednesday 18 December.

Please contact Jean at: 01636 626176 or email: jcmartin0448@gmail.com for further information and to let her know if you would be willing to participate, as always your support is much appreciated! Thank you

Happy Christmas everyone

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk



Dear All,

This period moves very swiftly into the season of Advent and preparing for Christmas, which at the time of writing is apparently only 48 days away! This is also a time which we remember one person who also did so much and left so much behind when he gave his life for us; the person who we celebrate at Christmas; Jesus.

As we move closer to the season, It's easy when the TV is full of so much advertising of the need for us to buy the latest 'must have' this Christmas, or the endless adverts for toys, food, drink, even the new sofa to be delivered by Christmas, to remember what the true message of Christmas is.

Jesus was born into a world of turmoil, not so different from our own today, and he came to bring peace and goodwill to all and most importantly to renew the relationship between us and our Creator, to remind us to love one another and care for each other. So this Advent season I am suggesting a different type of Advent calendar to anyone who wishes to take up the challenge. Every day, instead of opening that box and eating the chocolate inside, why not put an item of food, toiletries (including men's), dog food etc in a box for the needy this Christmas. If you want to take part please let me know and I can make arrangements to collect nearer to Christmas and give to the food banks in our area so that all may enjoy this time.

You will see that we will be holding a Festival of Christmas Trees for three days, beginning with our carol service at 6.30pm on the 19th December. There will also be a group wide Christingle Service at 4pm on Sunday 22nd December at St Chad's Welbourn where the younger members can come and make the Christingles in the service. This year there will also be a short service at 6pm on Christmas Eve in All Saints, for anyone wishing to come along to sing a few carols and celebrate this special time of year as well as Midnight Mass at 11.30 in St Chad's. Christmas Day services will be 9am at Leadenham and 1030 family service at Brant Broughton.

I know it's early, but maybe I can be the first person to wish you all a very special and holy Christmas time.

Rev Chris

We are sad to announce the passing of Beckingham residents Yvonne Preston and Pat Miller. Our heartfelt sympathies go to their families at this very sad time.

Social Club News - December 2019

In August the Beckingham RAF Officers' Mess hosted a well attended champagne and canapés reception, entertaining club members with historical anecdotes of the RAF. Another successful first was a film afternoon for the showing of Bohemian Rhapsody together with free popcorn and another film evening 'Fishermen's friends' was held on 2nd November. Early morning opening for the World Cup Rugby matches, together with 'bacon butties' has proved popular with rugby fans.

There are several new ideas as well as some well-established ones, including New Years' Eve Party Night. The Loyalty raffle commenced on 1st November and from then until 20 December all members will be eligible to receive a free ticket for the draw each time they attend a club opening. In addition there is a special free members' raffle into which all members names are entered for nothing. The main prize is a special Christmas Hamper. The draws are on 21st Dec.

Support for Charities. Members have agreed that the Club will be primarily supporting the Notts. and Lincs Air Ambulance. In addition fund raising for MacMillan Cancer Research was successful with the Club bingo and a barbeque following on from the coffee morning held by Cathy Durham The collection box on the bar counter also raised £110 for CRUK.

Sue Dunne Memorial Ramble. The bequest left to the club by Sue Dunne is to be used organise an informal ramble for members and their families to be followed by a hot meal. It will take place on Sunday afternoon, 26 April next year and it is hoped that it will become an annual event in memory of our sadly missed club member and village resident

Dates for your Diaries:

4 Dec. (Weds) Board Games Evening 6.30pm to 8.30 pm

7 December 4 pm Children's Christmas party afternoon film 'Toy Story Four' followed by Christmas Tree lighting, at 7 pm, carols, mulled wine and mince pies (In conjunction with Parish Council and Beckingham Church

9 Dec. (Mon.) - 'Creating a Holly Wreath' commencing 7 pm, tickets £25 limited availability

14 Dec. Strictly come dancing final - sweepstake result and fancy dress

21 Dec. Loyalty Raffle and Members Free Raffle draws

22 Dec, Grand Christmas Raffle Draw

24 Dec Christmas Eve Bar open 4pm until 10 pm

25 Dec. Christmas Day Bar open 12 noon until 2 pm members' guests free

26 Dec Boxing Day. Bar open 4 pm until 10 pm

27,28,29 Dec. Bar open usual hours

31 Dec New Year's Eve Celebration 8 pm Ticket only event for members and guests £10 each.

25 Jan. Burns Night whisky tasting, haggis and mash

15 Feb Casino night – prizes, proceeds to charity





(Many thanks to Nigel Kenward for the picture)

If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed with an excess of Christmas Day and Boxing Day good living then get yourselves out for a walk and see how many of these Beckingham doors you can spot.

Well its different from playing Monopoly!!



Christmas at the Black Swan Restaurant

Why not stay local this festive season and celebrate with family and friends by visiting our family run restaurant here in Beckingham. Enjoy fabulous food with a drink or two without the need to drive or use expensive taxis from home

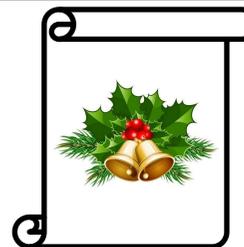
Our festive menu commences Weds. 4 December until Sat. 21 Dec both lunchtime and evenings. Sundays lunch time only finishing on 22nd December. Visit our web site: black-swanbeckingham.uk or go to facebook or trip advisor to view our menus

We are fully booked for Christmas Day, but still have limited tables available for Boxing Day and New Year's Eve lunch. Gift Vouchers available for a special Christmas Gift

Please call 01636 626 474 to book or make enquiries

We look forward to welcoming our fellow villagers

Regards Trudy and family



Community Spirit

Personal Service to the community through hard work, dedication and commitment.



NK Community Champion Awards 2019

"Growing in status and popularity each year these awards are an opportunity for the Council and the wider community of North Kesteven to thank those special people who contribute so much to the life of our District."

Councillor Susan Waring

Chairman of NKDC



**Andrew Brewer,
Beckingham**

The driving force in setting up and delivering innumerable community activities, Andrew is said to 'champion the needs of the village above and beyond any personal sacrifice'.

Nurturing village discussion, seeking opinion, promoting interest and organising volunteers to achieve the desired goals, he ultimately provides and facilitates a better community for Beckingham.

His foresight and actions – opening a social club after the pub closed, introducing a fete, caretaker, quiz master, event organiser, parish councillor and charity trustee – have visibly revitalised community spirit and encouraged participation.

Through funds generated at the more vibrant village events, the village hall is improved and a virtuous circle of opportunity, thriving community and spirited contributions continually inspires others and strengthens a more thriving community.

Farming news from Chris Spray

The Witham Group of Parishes tried something different this year as a 'Harvest Celebration' was held at Thurlby in our grain shed. The weather was wet but the hot food and wine lifted everyone's spirit. It was attended by about 70 - 80 people.

We are thinking of making this an annual event and everyone is welcome. Next year there will be plenty of room in the shed as we are not going to have the same problem as this year in that we had to sell 100 tonnes to make room for all the guests.

The agricultural cycle moves on. Wet, wet, wet and still more rain.

At least the drill is on, calibrated and pointing in the right direction although sadly it is still in the shed. If the wet weather continues, this will be the first time in my 35 years of farming that we will not have any viable crops in the ground by the end of October.

So far, following the harvest, all we have drilled is the Oil Seed Rape and its condition is getting worse by the day as the Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle -who really enjoy this endless wet weather -continue to damage the crop.

Chris is one of our two new District Councillors



CPRE Lincolnshire Best Kept Village Competition 2019 How did Beckingham do?

Best Kept Village Competitions came about originally in the early 1950's as a means of fostering local pride in communities after the privations of WW2 and a celebration of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The competition encourages communities to act together to make their place more attractive, well kept and litter free.

Beckingham entered this competition for the first time this year. Each entry is visited by a team of volunteer judges over the Summer and the judges came to the village three times, on 22nd June, 12th July and finally on the 18th August.

Our entry was praised as a very good first attempt receiving 148 out of 150 possible points by the first set of judges. The feedback will give a very clear guide for improvement for the 2020 entry.

What did they like.....

"not a scrap of litter"....."good entrances to the village with the new gates"....."swallows nesting in the Church porch"....."good to have photos of Councillors on notice board"....."pleased to find the Church unlocked"

What could be improved.....

"Gutters and paths needed weeding"....."attention needed to War Memorial "....."the play equipment was in good condition but sadly use remains poor"....."

Contact your Parish Councillors if you want to have a look at the full report.



James our Litter Warden says "I like to keep the village clean and tidy. I like to think I do a good job of litter picking and keeping the bus shelter and Chapel Street clean."

Dear Bugle readers

Why not make a New Year's pledge to contribute something in 2020
Email all your news items to clerkpc@beckinghamvillage.co.uk