



Hello to you all,

CHURCH NEWS

Firstly, though somewhat belatedly, Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed all the festivities of the season. I hope too that you managed to avoid the awful virus that seemed to be doing the rounds at Christmas time, if you didn't then I hope you're well over it by now.

Thank you to all who came to our Carol service and brought gifts for the young people at the Emmaus Trust. As ever I had a Thank You letter from them in which they say how wonderful it is that the work they do is recognised and supported by your generosity.

So here we are, into 2019, with Spring to look forward to, the Snowdrops and Aconites are flowering, buds and new shoots are appearing daily. Lots of newness everywhere in fact, in church too, as a new vicar has been appointed to our group of Parishes. The Reverend Christine Goldsmith will soon be in our midst, taking her first service at All Saints' on Sunday March 17th. I haven't met her yet but I think she'll go down very well in Beckingham as she is passionate about dogs. It's said she has ten, most of which, I gather, are rescue dogs. Sounds a good sort to me. Her C.V. is very interesting, she's served as a police officer, been a flight attendant, worked in customer relations at Heathrow Airport and worked for the Border Agency. Then she and her Husband went to live in Cyprus, she trained in Ministry and is on her way to us, bright and new, to take on her first post as vicar, to our group of parishes. I think it's great to have a minister with such a wealth of experience, all of which has brought her into contact with such an enormous variety of people.

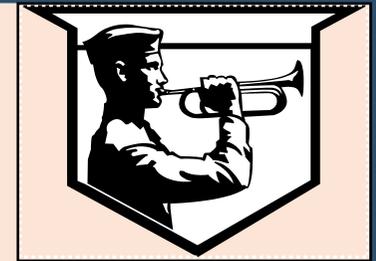
It's February and consequently the time of year when red roses and heart shaped boxes of chocolates are being sold along with exhortations to Show Someone You Love Them. We can do that all year round though, can't we? Not that there's anything at all wrong with flowers and chocolates, especially chocolates. They're tokens, symbols of affection and lovely to receive. Have you noticed though, that the mystery has gone completely? Decades ago when I was a very young girl, the most exciting thing about valentine cards was they weren't signed. That meant a Secret Admirer. Oh the exquisite ponderings on who this ardent swain may be. Ok, it was probably your Mother but the initial surprise and delight was wonderful. Valentine cards then were the source of much giggling and squealing by groups of girls huddling together at break-time dreaming about the gorgeous hunk who'd sent it. Of course if you're not an older person, all that was quite meaningless.

Love isn't meaningless. It means caring, supporting, comforting and innumerable other 'ings. With it we flourish, without it we don't. Love for people, nature, animal, vegetable, mineral, everything in Creation needs love. Countries become war-zones or wastelands because of someone's lack of the 'ings. We live on a planet which has been treated without love, respect or proper care and the results aren't good. We need at all times to value the importance of love for everyone and everything. I've come down from my soap box now and will leave you in peace. Love and prayers are with you all, especially those in the village, our Beckingham family who are battling illness or problems of any kind.

My very best wishes to each of you,

Gill. xx

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Strange things happen in Beckingham



...a friendly village in Lincolnshire

See the centre pages for the next Village event

Stephen "Bernie" Blackburn

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Bernie aged 48 on 12 February. A Beckingham resident for 25 years his cheerful friendly attitude to life meant he was well known in the village and will be sadly missed. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Sharon, Lexi and Vaughan in their tragic loss.



Flags over Beckingham

The observant amongst you will have noticed that the Village is now flying the Union Flag and the Lincolnshire County flag on the newly erected flag poles on the front of the Village Hall.

Of the 86 counties in Great Britain 47 now have and fly a county flag.

Lincolnshire's county flag comes about from 2005 when it was the winning entry in a competition to select a flag for the county. This had been sparked by a letter to a local magazine, County News, from two readers keen to raise the county's profile. Fred

and Pat Rickett, from the Lincolnshire town of Moulton, keen caravanners, wrote in 2003 to enquire why Lincolnshire had no flag that they could fly on caravan rallies. Their plea was taken up by BBC Radio Lincolnshire, who launched the campaign in partnership with Lincolnshire Life magazine. The campaign was supported by many local businesses, who recognised an opportunity to promote trade and tourism.

So can you recognise your County flag? How good a vexillologist are you?

Below are twelve English county flags for you to identify - the answers can be found on the Village website.



BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

The Club's ambitious Christmas Programme of openings and events was well supported, helped by the more inviting atmosphere as a result of the new suspended ceilings and wood burner. Sky TV was another new attraction. The various winners of the special Christmas raffles were



Christmas Hamper: Jason Hunt

Free Membership draw: Brian Hickingbotham, and Neil Morgan

Christmas loyalty draw: Scott Toomer

"Open the Box" was a great success with one lucky member receiving £178, the biggest prize so far.

In addition to the regular opening times, the Club's programme for the next four months is as follows:

FEBRUARY:

2nd (Sat) Six Nations Rugby – England v Ireland k.o. 4.45 pm

10th (Sun) Six Nations Rugby – England v France k.o. 3 pm

23rd (Sat) Six Nations Rugby - England v Wales k.o. 4.45 pm

MARCH

9th (Sat) – Six Nations Rugby - England v Italy k.o. 4.45pm

16th (Sat)- Six Nations Rugby- England v Scotland k.o. 5pm

16th (Sat) St Patrick's Night commencing 8 pm with C J Hatt providing live music, baby Guinness and Irish themed decorations and other attractions

APRIL:

6th (Sat) Grand National "Race Night" with a programme of races featuring local jockeys and their mounts, plus a tote and other surprises

MAY

18th (Sat) – F. A. Cup Final / Eurovision Final – watch for further details

For your diary:

8 June Open Gardens Day- evening entertainment for Social Club members and their guests with live music provided by "twosmooth"



What do BBC1 Countryfile, Calender Girls and Beckingham all have in common??

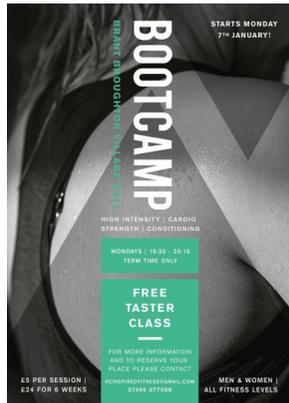
Read on.....

The Parish Council Fete Committee has come up with the idea for a calender to be produced using photographs from everyone and featuring all aspects of the village life.

The open gardens event would seem to be a natural possibility and pictures taken during local walks, pets, vehicles, kids, parties etc. could also be included. In other words, anything goes!

We have until September 1st to collect the most interesting, not necessarily super quality, pictures and everyone will get a vote. We will show all of them in the Village Hall early in September and let everyone vote their favourites.

Send your photos attached to an email to the Parish Clerk.



All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome
 News....Adverts....Articles.....Jokes.....Announcements
 The deadline for the next June 2019 issue is May 8th 2019
 Email all your news items and events to clerkpc@beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Proposed Conservation Area – Beckingham

The District Council is considering designating a new conservation area in Beckingham.

North Kesteven District has 34 existing Conservation Areas, the oldest of which were designated in 1973 (Sleaford and Brant Broughton) and Officers have been undertaking an ongoing, prioritised review of conservation area boundaries over the past 4 years using a scoring matrix based on a number of criteria and factors.

Section 69 (1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 states that from time to time Local Planning Authorities must determine which parts of their area are 'areas of special architectural or historic interest of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance', and shall then designate those as conservation areas.



Having carried out a review of villages which do not currently have conservation areas, NKDC have determined that Beckingham meets the test for designation and as such they have prioritised the preparation of a conservation area appraisal and management plan including the illustration of the proposed conservation area boundary.

They hope to carry out public consultation on the proposals in March/April which will involve a consultation event in the village likely to run between 3pm-7pm and which will be publicised in due course. They will be approaching the Parish Council directly as a consultee once the final conservation area appraisal and management plan has been produced

The proposed boundary is shown above.

The Parish Council needs to know view on this proposal





OPEN GARDENS - SUMMER EVENT Beckingham

JUNE 8TH, 2019 - 12NOON - 5PM

In aid of All Saints' Church Restoration Fund, New Village Signs -the
Parish Council

Opening with the **DUCK RACE** at 12 noon

NINE GARDENS TO VIEW

(Opening at 1.00pm - Some different to last event)

CAKES, TEAS AND COFFEE - Served at The Leemings, School Lane

BEER AND BURGER STALL - Village Hall

Other refreshments in various gardens, Plant Stall, Plant Tombola and Raffle

ENTERTAINMENT

More information to follow

COMPETITIONS

Best Dressed Scarecrow- This year's theme 'Flower Power'
A Miniature Garden and **A Specimen Flower in Vase**
Plant Quiz

Judging by **MARIANNE OVERTON, MBE**

SOCIAL CLUB EVENING EVENT FOR MEMBERS

More information to follow

Any queries contact
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A reminder please that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the
Village Hall on the 29th May at 7.00pm
All are very welcome
Drinks and bites will be available

Ten things you always wanted to know about the Annual Parish Meeting.....

1. Strictly speaking this is the Annual Meeting of the Parish but it is usually called the Annual Parish Meeting
2. It is the meeting where the Parish Council report to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the preceding year and electors are invited to hear reports from the Chairman, District & County Councillors, community groups and any organisation that the Parish Council has funded during the year.
3. But the Annual Parish Meeting is a separate meeting from the Parish Council Annual Meeting.
4. The Annual Parish Meeting should be a relatively informal event for the community (whereas the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is a formal council meeting)
5. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive) each year on a date decided by the Parish Council
6. The Annual Parish Meeting must not start earlier than 6:00pm.
7. It is recommended that in an election year (such as 2019) the Annual Parish Meeting should be held after the elections to prevent the meeting being used as hustings for potential Councillors
8. The Annual Parish Meeting should be an opportunity for the public to express their opinions on what the council are doing during the meeting.
9. There is no requirement for the Parish Council Chairman to attend a meeting of the parish, but they are entitled to attend (*...don't tell Lawrence!!*) Voting on a question is done by a majority of those present at the meeting and the decision of the person chairing the meeting.
10. No votes taken at this meeting are binding on the Parish Council, but they should consider them at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Only members on the electoral roll can vote on an issue. Other members of the public can attend and express their opinions but not vote.

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