

Big Community Energy Switch

The editor writes: Lincolnshire county council are running a community energy switch - over 10,000 people have expressed an interest so far. It's a great opportunity to get a lower tariff for your electricity bills in the village. No commitments at this point but must be worth a go - I have an email link to register interest if anyone wants it. Details below:

- Sign up for free to express your interest.
- You can sign up any time up to and including 9 June 2014.
- Energy suppliers are then invited to take part in the auction to bid against each other to offer the best deal. This takes place on 10 June 2014.

The winning supplier will be the one making the lowest offer. You will receive an email from 20 June 2014 with an offer, based on the usage information you have submitted. You are under no obligation unless you decide to switch. If you decide to accept the offer you need to let us know before 21 July 2014.

We then take care of the entire switch for you, meaning the whole thing is as smooth and hassle-free for you as possible.

All Saints graveyard transcription day July 5

This follows on from last years efforts. Reports are that people really enjoyed themselves and found it interesting. Why not go along and find out for yourself this year?

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Opportunities to help yourself and help others in this edition. Weather has been mixed so far this year - let's hope the sun smiles down on the outdoor events coming up!

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

June

8 Bassingham Open Gardens Day (see inside)

8 Open Gardens NGS Festival Weekend - (see inside)

9 Parish Council Annual General Meeting - 7pm - Village Hall

11 Book Club 'Life after Life' by Kate Atkinson - 7.30pm Pack Horse

18/19 Lincolnshire Show

22 All Saints Holy Communion Service - 9.30am

July

4 Champagne and Strawberries Dinner - Black Swan

5 All Saints Graveyard transcription day - 10am - 4pm - (see back page)

8 Book Club 'The Queen and I' by Sue Townsend - 7.30pm Pack Horse

13 All Saints Strawberry Tea at the Willows, Hillside from 2pm

Vacancies - your chance to make a difference

At the Annual Parish Meeting the chairman of the Parish Council, Lawrence Tatton, advised that there is still a vacancy for a councillor and that there is an upcoming vacancy for a Parish Clerk. The Councillor position is a voluntary one but the Clerk does get some remuneration. Neither is a full time role! Please contact the current Clerk or Lawrence if you are interested in either role.

Faster Broadband Connection update

Just to update all of you who have expressed interest in having a faster broadband connection. So far the total is at 17 houses, so we need just three more. The key points are:

- No BT line required. In fact you can take out your BT line altogether and either just use mobile or a great Voice over IP package such as the ones provide by Vonage (www.vonage.co.uk/)
- Entry level cost is just £5.99 (ex. vat) pcm for the equivalent of what you get for paying BT £15 pcm for a phone line and £27 pcm for unlimited broadband, a saving of £37 pcm/£444 pa. If people don't believe you, just get them to check out www.jhcs.com/wireless/

ACTION:

Please email me at juddferrer@btinternet.com if you are interested in this exciting service.

Pack Horse update

Due to ill health The Village Store will be operating during the pub open times. This will be until further notice.

The removal of all the flower pots and tubs will be undertaken as soon as Rob has recuperated sufficiently. Whilst these works are carried-out; all the benches will be taken away and all advertising material, including the A-boards will be placed within the pub grounds.

The Porch and shop entrance will be demolished as soon as a suitable convalescence period has elapsed and Rob can organise these works.

Rob says thanks again for all of the support shown in the village for the developments of the Village Pub and Store.

Ed - I am sure people in the village wish Rob a speedy recovery and are grateful for everything he has done to so improve the Pack Horse. Please continue to support his good work.

Honeysuckle Cottage, The Summer House, Ellicar Gardens Gringley-on-the-Hill Sunday 8 June 1-5pm

Three beautiful gardens are opening their gates on Sunday 8 June from 1-5pm, to raise money for the National Garden Scheme's caring charities.

Honeysuckle Cottage, an exquisite cottage garden, The Summer House, a charming English country garden, Ellicar Gardens, a vibrant 5 acre, wildlife-friendly, family garden. To celebrate the Festival Weekend, Ellicar Gardens will host a live jazz band playing by the natural swimming pool, bee keeping talks, flower arranging demonstration, gardener's market with specialist plant sales. Children will enjoy meeting the rare breed pets, exploring Ellicar's school garden, willow maze and treasure trail, or can make a nest box with the RSPB.

Delicious homemade teas served by the 2nd Ranskill Scouts.

Joint admission for all three gardens is £5, children free - proceeds to NGS Charities including Marie Curie, Cancer UK, Help the Hospices

For more information visit www.ellicargardens.co.uk www.ngs.org.uk

The postcode (for Sat Nav lovers is DN10 4SN)

BASSINGHAM OPEN GARDENS & SCARECROW TRAIL

A number of gardens in Basingham will be open to welcome you on Sunday 8 June from 2pm until 6pm

Entrance programmes, which include a map showing the locations of the gardens, teas, ice creams, scarecrows and the plant stall, will be on sale at the Basingham Village Hall car park from 1.30 on Open Gardens Day, price £3, accompanied children free.

A plea for the heart

Dean, our local postie, is supporting a fundraising event raising money for two children's heart charities. He is involved because his nephew Alfie has been helped by these charities since he was born in 2012 with only half a heart. Alfie has already had 5 operations including open heart surgery. There is going to be a big shindig in Bracebridge Heath village hall on 27 June. In the meantime they are trying to get donations for a raffle and auction on the night and Dean was hoping people in Beckingham could help. If you'd like to know more about the event contact Alfie's dad at stephenandrews1970@gmail.com. If you can help with a donation of any kind please see Dean on his rounds or contact the editor on 626117 and Mikki can pass anything on to Dean.