

Parish Council continued:

Potholes: A number of streets in the village are suffering from poor maintenance e.g. potholes, blocked drains etc. The Parish Council has been informed that County highways have insufficient funds to undertake all necessary work and it is prioritised according to importance of the highway. However it may help if those affected register their concern with the Highways Dept. This can be done via their website:
<https://highways.lincolnshire.gov.uk/highways/index.php>

Village Hall: The leak in the roof over the original entrance porch has been repaired, so that it can again become a store for the tables and chairs. The toilets have also been redecorated and missing tiles replaced, so that they are now much more fit for purpose. Another leak in the roof at the rear of the building is in process of being repaired. Now that it is clear that the Packhorse will not be re-opening, the Council is considering applying for a licence so that the village hall can become more of a social centre for residents. There is much to consider and further consultation will take place in the New Year. Please watch this space.

Useful Websites for local events

www.terryotooletheatre.org.uk
www.visitlincolnshire.com/content/heart
www.cogglesfordwatermill.co.uk
www.navigationhousesleaford.co.uk
www.cranwellaviation.co.uk

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All Saints Church - Revd Alison Healy 01400 273718 or 07962 318728 alisonhealy13@gmail.com 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)
PC Jess Goodall 07825 100370 and PCSOs Jo Mackie 07825 100379, Sarah Lingard 07944 776791
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Village Website: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk

Beckingham Bugle

November 2016



Welcome to the final Bugle of the year. Thanks to Phil Wells for being the news contact from the Parish Council (playing catch-up so lots this time). Also great that we can now ring 105 to report a power cut - much easier to remember! But CAUTION: it's been reported in the village that Air Ambulance do not do bags of clothes pick up any more - if you get one it may be a fraud. **Beware!**

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and a peaceful 2017.

Mikki

Dates for your diary.....

November

11 Village Hall Bingo and Auction - 7pm onwards

13 Remembrance Sunday Service 10.30am - All Saints

23 Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall

December

16 Village Hall get together - Christmas Party to include tree lighting

22 Carol Service - 6.30pm - All Saints - see inside

January

9 Police Neighbourhood Panel meeting - 7pm - Norton Disney

Two Updates: Alex Williams road to Zanzibar

My thanks to everyone who has supported me by attending my ceilidh. I managed to raise a fantastic £775.

Alex

Thank you to everyone who supported our November Coffee morning to help raise money for Alex Williams' school trip to undertake conservation work in Zanzibar. We raised £160 for her.

Valerie and Vic

Another Thank You

The Newark Emmaus Trust is grateful for all the donations received following the Harvest Festival Service. They will help the young homeless people that the trust supports.

Christmas in Beckingham

Black Swan Restaurant

December Christmas lunch and dinner menus now available - and are on our website. Bookings being taken now for these and for Boxing Day and New Years Eve. Why not celebrate at The Black Swan?

Carol Service

Thursday 22 Dec 6.30pm
All welcome - dress up warm and bring a torch.
Note: the regular 6pm services will resume when the weather gets warmer.

Christmas Presents?

If you went to the Open Gardens in the summer may have seen some of Margaret Robert's photography like this picture of the Church (*not done justice here - Ed*). She can do an A3 mounted framed print for around £35 - £40 or an A4 for £25 - £30. If anyone would like a photo of a particular subject let her know. email: marg.roberts@btinternet.com



All Saints Church Coddington Christmas Fair

Saturday 19 November 2.00 PM TO 4.00 PM in the Church & Village Hall
Christmas Games, Quizzes & Stalls. A gift for every child. Christmas Fun for all the Family

Phoenix Cards

The new Autumn/winter phoenix trading brochure is now available. Its full of everyday cards and stationary along with a lovely range of Christmas products. Please contact me if you would like a brochure and I will drop one off. Contact me on 01636 627196 or 07763887014. Email: elizabethevans2512@gmail.com

Brant Broughton Church of England and Methodist Primary School

Open Morning Monday, 21 November 2016 9.00am- 11.45am

If you are looking for small classes with a friendly, family atmosphere, before and After School Care, free transport from Beckingham Then come along and join in the fun.

"To be the best I can be"

Affordable Housing Development - Brant Broughton

13 affordable homes are due to be completed in April 2017. Priority will be given to local people with a connection to Brant Broughton and then other local parishes including Beckingham. This means you must be a current or previous resident, work in or have immediate family in the parish. Contact NKDC for more information on 01522 699699 or www.lincshomefinder.co.uk

Parish Council News – The first of regular reports on your Parish Council's activities

Play Park and Playing Field: Villagers may have noticed that, in addition to the drainage work carried out earlier this year, more recently there has been further work undertaken at the Playing Field. The reason for this is that over the last 18 months we have had to arrange for the eviction of trespassers who were camping on the land. This has required unplanned expenditure to secure eviction. In addition there have been further reports of attempts to gain access for a similar purpose. Consequently the Council decided to put in place barriers to both entrances to minimise the risk of this happening again. We have also taken steps to ensure that the play park equipment is properly maintained and regularly inspected and there are no hazards requiring urgent attention. However despite this it is still underused, although requiring a significant amount of the Council's budget to cover essential costs. We will therefore be considering the long term use of the playing field over the coming months and will be involving local residents in these deliberations with a view to reaching an action plan that has the support of a majority of the village and makes best use of the funds available to the Parish Council.

The Packhorse: Whilst the Parish Council and a number of local residents regretted the closure of the one "pub" in the village, it had become evident over recent years that it was now no longer economically viable, despite the best efforts of a succession of landlords. Planning Permission and Listed Building consent have now been granted to the new owner to convert the building into two separate dwellings, both with a garden area and parking spaces. The Council believes that this is the best alternative use for one of Beckingham's historic buildings which will help to preserve its fabric and appearance. The new owner has a number of documents relating to the building's history extending over 300 years. We understand that these are to be placed in the Lincolnshire Archive and once they have been catalogued, we are hopeful of organising an exhibition based on the information they contain.

Defibrillator: This has been installed outside the village hall and a number of local residents have received training in how to use it and the steps to be taken beforehand. A 999 call will advise on whether it is appropriate to use the defibrillator and then give the code to unlock the equipment, if it is the nearest to the patient. We hope it will not need to be used, but it could be a life saver.

Keeping the village tidy; the eyesore and health hazard, which was the redundant bus shelter at the corner of Sutton Road has now been removed. The Council is also aware of the poor condition of the telephone kiosk and post box and is in discussion with the appropriate authorities to either replace or renovate these village landmarks (post box now replaced)

