

# Solar Community Fund update





The Solar Community Fund would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

One of the first things initiated by the fund (apart from the Bulletin Newsletters themselves) was a helpful household Information Sheet. The information has now been updated and we are delivering it with this 2019 New Year Beckham Bulletin.

Additionally, we have had requests (especially from new residents of the Parish) that a map would be very handy; so everyone knows where things we talk about are located. Therefore, it has been printed on the reverse side of the Information Sheet. Thanks to Julia Dovey for the hand drawn sketch map which formed the basis. It is not to scale but we tried to make it as useful as we could.

This new Information Sheet includes regular events from the Bodham & Beckham Village Hall calendar, however exact dates, timings etc, are best checked via the Bodham Village website or by easy link via the Beckham Village website. To help, we can advise the next few Film Club dates below and also the next Quiz. All are welcome!

Any feedback on this Bulletin or new Information Sheet please let us know.

### A journey down Memory Lane - how things used to be ....

We would like to collect resident's memories of life in East and West Beckham in past years to include in future newsletters and put on our website. Do you remember drinking in the Fighting Cocks, going to the primary school in Bodham, the Great Freeze of 1947 (and 1963!) or the dances at RAF West Beckham? I'm sure you must have many more. Contact our Editor Kathryn Lord: 07711070417 or kathryn lord@me.com

## Remembering the old ways - can you help?

We have the opportunity to add a former road to the map of public rights of way which, for one reason or another, was missed the first time round.

If you, or your family, have memories of using the green lane from the top of East Beckham Common to Valley Farm House, known as Left's Lane, please contact me with your memories. A big 'thank you' to those residents who have already completed evidence forms in preparation for a claim.

Please phone **Julia Dovey** 01263 825457 or write to me at The White House (the old Fighting Cocks) Church Road West Beckham NR25 6NX

West Beckham Walkers – everyone welcome - you don't need to live in West Beckham to join!

This is an informal walking group which meets every 4th Sunday in the month throughout the year to ramble for up to 2 hours in the local area. There is no need to commit in advance, just turn up at the village sign in West Beckham at 11.30am to car share or follow to the start of the walk. If you would like to join us please contact Norman or Julia Dovey on 01263 825457 or <a href="mailto:jld@postmaster.co.uk">jld@postmaster.co.uk</a>

#### Bodham & Beckham Quiz Night

The next BYO (Bring your own drinks and nibbles) Quiz takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7.00pm. Table of four £3.00 per entrant. Come along and join in the fun and banter - all proceeds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

For a table please contact Harry Bruford on 588812 or email: <a href="mailto:hbruford@aol.com">hbruford@aol.com</a>



#### Bodham & Beckham Village Hall Film Club

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 7.00pm:** By special request **'CASABLANCA'** 1942 (U) starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid.

Classic war-time drama which has been mis-quoted for decades. During World War II former lovers Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart) and Ilse (Ingrid Bergman) are reunited by chance in Casablanca, where he runs a nightclub and she, with her husband (Paul Henreid), is working for the French Resistance. Recriminations, rekindled desires and patriotic duty battle for primacy as Ilse's husband tries to outwit the local Nazis and escape from Morocco, whilst Rick and Ilse re-kindle their love and decide to run away together.

**Review:** ONE OF THE BEST FILMS EVER MADE, A CLASSIC!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - 7.00pm:** Based on the Best Selling Novel by Ian McEwan, **'THE CHILDREN ACT'** 2018 (12) starring Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci and Fionn Whitehead.

As her marriage crumbles, a judge must decide a case involving a teenage boy who is refusing a blood transfusion on religious principle.

Review: Outstanding, incredible storytelling, unrelenting.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - 7.00pm:** 'Smart, Funny, Moving - A Splash Hit, 'SWIMMING WITH MEN' 2018 (12) starring Rob Brydon, Adeel Akhtar, Jim Carter, Rupert Graves and Jane Horrocks.

Faced with a full-blown mid-life crisis, accountant Eric (Rob Brydon) joins an all-male group of synchronised swimmers, discovering that making patterns in a pool can, for a couple of hours at least, smooth out the bumps in his work and marriage. Initially keeping their personal lives in the locker, the ramshackle squad and coach Susan slowly learn to reveal their inner lives, as well as their paunches. But can they get their lives and routines in sync as they embark on an unlikely journey to Milan to compete in the World Championship?

**Review:** Lovely feelgood gentle movie, full of warmth and humour. Rob Brydon's done well with this Full Monty style men's relationships film.

**Wednesday 20**<sup>th</sup> **March - 7.00pm:** The Music you know, The Story you don't. 'BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY' 2018 (12) starring Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton and Gwilym Lee.

Bohemian Rhapsody celebrates the band Queen, their music, and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury, who defied convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers ever.

Review: Guaranteed To Blow Your Mind...

## Allotments in East Beckham (opposite The Loke)

If you would like an allotment, there are spaces available. An allotment for residents for a year (25th March 2019 to 24th March 2020) costs £20 per plot. The standard plot is 80 feet x 30 feet but smaller or multiple plots are possible. All enquiries to **John Stibbons (Parish Clerk)**. Rents payable to **Kathryn Lord or John Stibbons please.** 

Allotment track and entrance renovation: These will be tackled in 2019 once a suitable contractor is sourced (subject to approval of quotes by the Parish Council).

Water provision: A scheme to capture rain water is also being designed and we have obtained Bulk Liquid Containers which will store the water. This is more environmentally friendly and allotment costs would be unsustainable if mains water had to be paid for.

The **Solar Community Fund Committee** is open to all parishioners from East and West Beckham. Why not join us? We would really like more volunteers to help get things done and put your views. We have completed many of the suggestions raised by the initial consultation so why not influence 'WHAT NEXT?' We meet every other month in Bodham and Beckham Village Hall, on a Thursday, from 7pm for about an hour or so. Please contact Julia Dovey (chairperson) or Kathryn Lord (secretary).

#### The Parish Council

A vacancy for Parish Councillor for East and West Beckham is still open. If you are new to the Parish don't worry - it is still possible to be a candidate. If you are interested to offer your services contact John Stibbons our Clerk. Meetings are every other month, starting at 7pm, generally on a Thursday in Bodham & Beckham Village Hall.



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