Beyton Village News

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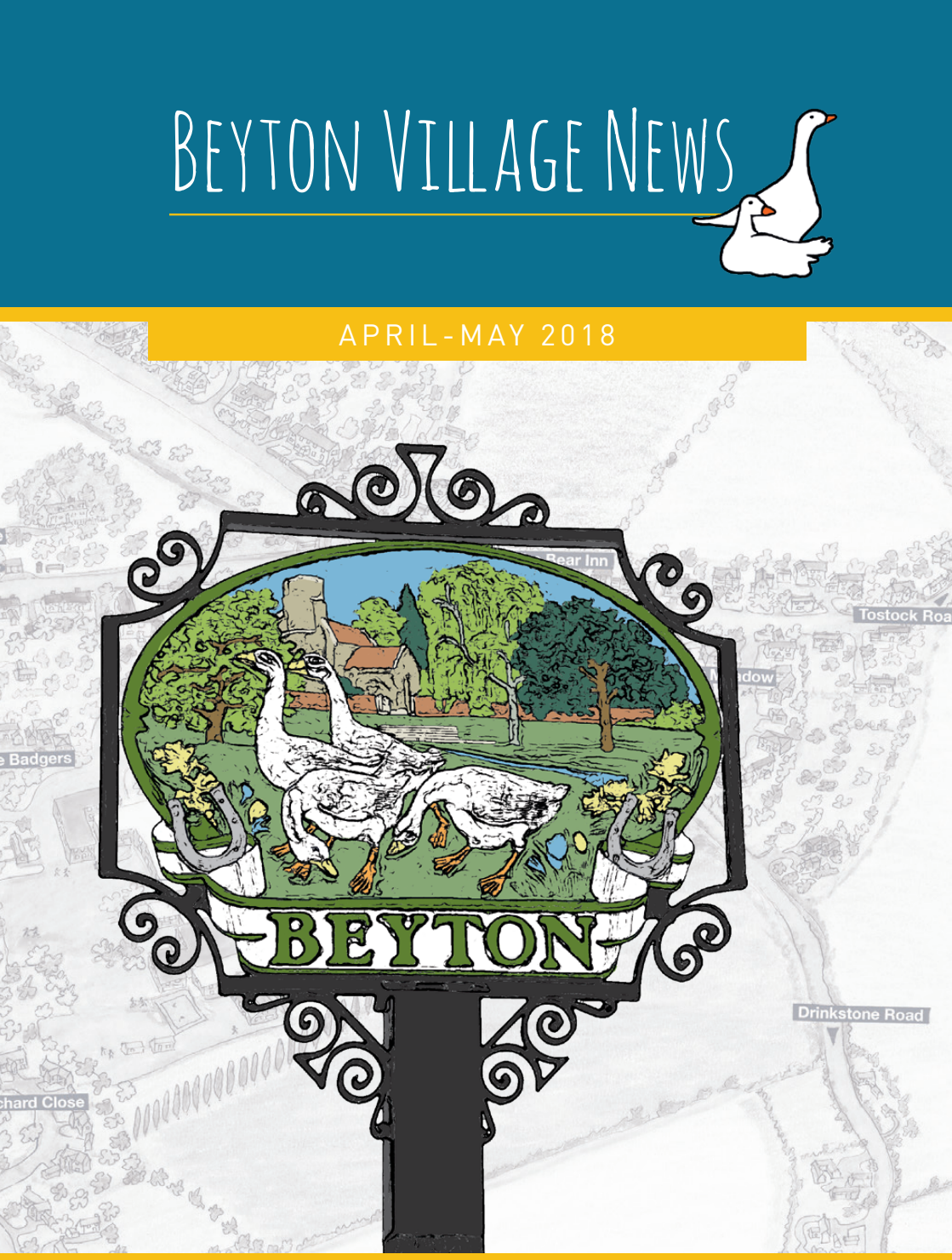

Dates For Your Diaries - 2018

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2018

Monday 9th April
Monday 14th May (Ordinary, Annual & Annual Parish Meetings)
Monday 4th June
Monday 2nd July
August – No Meeting
Monday 3rd September
Monday 1st October
Monday 26th November

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in The Vestry, Beyton Church. Please also look on our website: http://beyton.suffolk.cloud or village notice boards for details.

Village Walk Meet

Sunday 25th March — 3pm at the Old Bus Shelter

Easter Gin Festival

Fri 30th – Mon 2nd April — At the Bear Inn

Open Mic Night

Saturday 31st March — 8pm til late at the White Horse

Raising the Marquee

Friday 8th June — 6pm, open Mic 8pm on The Green

Beyton Fayre

Saturday 9th June — 2pm on The Green

Evening Village Walk

Friday 22nd June

Deadline For Next Edition

Please let us have any contributions by **Friday 18th May 2018 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition. Copy received after the deadline will not be included in that issue.

Send to: **editor@beytonvillage.news – Letters welcome**

Editor's Welcome

This edition of the magazine heralds the first edition of Spring although we have been treated to some particularly un-spring like weather of late.

The snow was put to very good use at the end of Quaker Lane though, with the construction of a spectacular snowman complete with snow top hat and snow gloves! Top marks to its builders!

It's time for the spring litter pick around the village and time for us all to start looking forward to some outdoor events with the Fayre just around the corner – put the date, 9th June in your diaries and look out for more details in the next magazine.

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report

Apr & May 2018

Snow – Fantastic

Barbara and I moved to Beyton twenty-five years ago. For the first twenty I always wished that we would be snowed in and I would not be able to get to work – it never happened. Then finally this winter that day arrived, what a shame it waited until I had retired. Never mind, Beyton looked beautiful and our dogs had a wonderful time jumping into the drifts alongside Chevins Wood.

Local Plan for Mid Suffolk and Beyton

As mentioned in the last BVN edition, one of the key takeaways from the Local Plan exercise is if we really want to influence planning in Beyton we must be proactive and produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Whether or not to embark on such a program will be debated at Parish Council meetings over the next couple of months. A major part of the decision will rest on the availability of volunteers to make it happen. If you feel that you want to help shape the future, please contact Pat Lamb, Parish Clerk on 01359 233288 or any of the members.

Village Green Lease

Contact with the Ladies of the Manor has now been made, we have received communication from them through a solicitor. The response from the land owners has been broadly positive to our request for a further lease or potential purchase.

Emergency Plan

The recent inclement weather gave us the opportunity to check how workable the plan would be, we found some short comings, notably contact numbers for the utility suppliers. The plan will now be updated accordingly. We have still not received any names and contacts for people in the village considered to be vulnerable, if we do not know who you are we cannot help. Please let Pat Lamb (01359 233288) know if either yourself or someone you know should be identified.

Defibrillator

I read an article recently which pointed out that many people feel frightened to use a defibrillator for fear of causing more harm. This is not the case. We are planning to run further training as well as CPR probably in late summer. Date and venue to be announced in the next edition of the BVN

Flooding

This subject is back with a vengeance in the usual places, Thurston Rd, Drinkstone Rd and Quaker Lane. For two years following ditch and stream clearing, Beyton has been relatively free from flooding. However, Suffolk Highways have since undertaken very little Preventative Maintenance and we are suffering the consequences. Resolution is now in the hands of Suffolk Highways, the Environment Agency and surrounding Landowners. As mentioned in the last BVN, I would urge everyone to report highway related problems on their website: highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

Enjoyable Events

A big thanks to the BVA for arranging two splendid events to help us through the winter months. The Safari Supper gave us the opportunity to meet new and old friends and enjoy a variety of home cooking. The Beyton Quiz lived up to its reputation as a great night out, challenging questions, fabulous fish and chips and of course as much drink as we cared to bring along. Fabulous!

Spring is just around the corner, enjoy the flowers, wildlife and the longer daylight days.

Yours

Graham Jones
Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

easter gin festival at

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Bear Inn – What's On

Gin Festival

The key points of the Gin Festival are as follows:

- Running Easter Friday through to Easter Monday – 12pm to 8pm
- Festival will be held in the garden (please bring some nice weather with you!!)
- There will be a BBQ on Friday, Saturday and Monday
- Hog Roast is on Sunday
- We are offering 21 gins each served with a Fever Tree tonic
- There is a ticket price of £7.50 (£10 on the day) which includes your first free G&T which is provided by a daily sponsor (therefore, you can't just pick which gin you want free)
- The ticket price also includes a free Fever Tree branded Balloon glass (these retail at £5.50)
- Tickets can be booked via our website **www.thebearinnbeyton.co.uk**

Easter Egg Draw

Also in the run up to Easter we will be running a Easter Egg draw. For £1 ticket (numbered box!!) customers can enter the chance to win a Thornton's Easter Egg. The winner will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

Pub Quiz

Our fortnightly pub quiz is running throughout April (9th & 23rd) and May (7th bank holiday & 21st). Quiz starts at 8pm – arrival 7.30pm for registration. Teams of 4 maximum and it's £1.50 per person. We provide nibbles on the evening and all proceeds go to our chosen charity of the year 'My Wish Charity – Every Heart Matters Campaign'.

TastyGrillTuesday

For the hungry locals we are offering a 'TastyGrillTuesday' – On a Tuesday evening, any dish from our chargrill is half price. This has proved popular so far in March so we'll be carrying this on for April and May.

Hessett & Beyton Village Hall Lottery

Thanks to everybody who has purchased Lottery tickets again this year – there are a few less of you meaning your chances of winning are better but the prizes will be a little bit smaller. By the time you read this you will have had your ticket(s) delivered and we shall make a draw for January, February and March at the end of that month.

Roger Wyartt, Chairman

Be Vigilant & Keep Safe & Secure

There have been a number of reports of break-ins, damage to parked cars and tools stolen over the past few weeks. Locations in Beyton and Hessett have been targeted.

Make sure you remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or incidents to the police by phoning 101.

BVA News Latest

The annual Beyton Quiz went ahead on Friday 2nd March despite the atrocious weather and was one of the best attended ever with 16 teams totalling 94 people!

This year it was relocated from the hall at Beyton Campus the much more cheery, cosy & warmer cafeteria aka The Hub. Many thanks go to the Thurston Site Manager Nik Mayhew for all his helpfulness on the evening and to Peyton Plaice of Barton Rd for providing the excellent fish & chips.

The Winners of the Golden Egg were The Cardigans, winning by 1 mark, who have claimed that they are looking forward to setting next year's questions.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th June – Open Mic, 8pm on The Green

Saturday 9th June – Beyton Fayre, 2-5pm. Looking forward to the Fayre – don't forget to start thinking about the competition classes and planning your entries!!

Classes are as follows & certificates will be awarded for 1st 2nd & 3rd places:

Adult Classes
Best Early vegetable
Most misshapen vegetable
Best cut garden bloom
Best house plant
A flower arrangement
Homemade jam
Homemade chutney/pickle
Homemade drink (alcoholic)
Homemade drink (Non-alcoholic)
Victoria sponge
A loaf (any sort)
4 biscuits
4 muffins
Bakewell tart
Origami

Photography Classes
People
Places
Animals

Childrens Classes – Under 12
Something I baked
Something I drew
Something I made
Something I grew
4 decorated cupcake

Friday 22nd June – Evening Village Walk, starting at 6.30-8.30pm, this should be a light evening as it is close to the summer season solstice, and is likely to end up at the pub. Watch out for further details in the next magazine.

This year's Fayre Weekend commences with:

Friday 8th June

6.00 pm

The raising of the marquee at 6pm followed by Open Mic.

Saturday 9th June

BEYTON FAYRE

2pm - 5pm

All the usual stalls will be there.

We will be going round the village from **Monday 4th – Friday 8th June** collecting your contributions to the bottle, tombola, bric-a-brac and plant stalls and raffle

Items for the silent auction will also be gratefully received

Donations of cakes etc for our very popular cake stall are always welcome

The White Horse will be providing the bar for both the Open Mic and The Fayre

Most of all we need your help in manning the stalls, even an hour of your time will make all the difference

Looking forward to seeing you all on June 8th & 9th – Trish Muxlow 01359 271971

News From Thurston Community College

This month I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about two Thurston Community College students, who as well as undertaking their College work, also compete at National level.

Thomas Clare (age 16): As Thomas turned 16 years in December; he is no longer able to compete in age group competitions. Thomas took part in the Open category at the British Summer Championships in July 2017; he competed in five events, set three new Suffolk Long Course records (50m, 100m and 200m) in his favoured backstroke, and claimed two bronze medals for the 100m and 200m backstroke. The following week in August, he won two silvers at the English National Championships in the 50m and 100m butterfly.

As a result of these outstanding performances Thomas was selected to take part in two backstroke training camps with the Junior England Team, one at Millfield in Somerset and another at Mount Kelly in Devon at the start of February. At the beginning of March Thomas will be travelling to Edinburgh to compete in the Edinburgh International; with seven events across four days he is well placed in the qualifying rankings for the backstroke events in particular. As a College, we will be watching in anticipation of some exciting results.

Esther Little (age 16): Esther Little, is a well-established team player in the Junior Great Britain Basketball squad. Recently Esther led her local Ipswich Basketball Club to a huge cup win. On paper it was an impossible task, a Division Two side overcoming the runaway leaders of Division One in the National Cup Final, but that is just what Ipswich Basketball Club did recently against Essex Blades. Esther described the 67-58 victory as 'impossible to put into words'. She said: "It's such a great feeling, it's just incredible to sit back and think, 'we won, we did it".

The Thurston Community College student said: "If we carry on as we are then we will be a Division One side next season. We always knew we were a good team and that we had the ability to go up, but now we've proved that to everyone else as well".

I am sure you would like to join me in celebrating the achievements of these students and to wish both athletes all the very best in their next competitions.

More from Thurston Community College in future editions.

Best wishes

Helen Wilson
Principal

College Production: Oliver!

As you will be aware, this musical weaves Dicken's familiar characters and well known story Oliver Twist, with Bart's musical masterpieces. The 2018 Thurston Community College production of Oliver! was set to be a record breaker from the start. It was the first time in recent years that the College produced a show involving students from all Years, 7 to 13, moving away from previously separate upper and lower school productions.
Over 200 students auditioned for a place in the cast. Following two gruelling weeks of singing, dancing and acting auditions and call-backs, a company of 150 students was announced; the largest ever and another record for the College!

The College was overwhelmed with praise from parents, staff and members of the public who visited the show.

"It was fantastic to see so many students involved (from the whole age range), displaying so much talent and obvious joy in the opportunity to perform."

When a decision has been made about our Spring 2019 College Production, I will be sure to know let you know in plenty of time, so you can book your tickets. I have no doubt it will be another wonderful evening's entertainment.

In the meantime, you may wish to come along to the Musical Theatre Showcase on Friday 23 March 2018, starting at 7pm.

Tickets are available at: **https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thurstoncollege** (£5 adults, £3 concessions).

Best wishes

Helen Wilson
Principal

Ralph Baker (1934 – 2018)

Many of you will already know that Ralph died on 6th February, having been taken ill a few days before. He has been our neighbour for 42 years, frequently helping us out with small jobs and repairs. He was a wonderful craftsman, repairing furniture with great care and attention to detail, matching the wood and the colour so that it would be impossible to see the repair at all. Literally, as good as new.

He was also, famously, a gardener, generously giving produce to his friends and neighbours throughout the season. His greenhouse full of tomatoes was a sight to behold! I spent many years trying to persuade him to buy a deck-chair and just sit in the garden, but he never did. He preferred to sit in the kitchen with a mug of tea and a roll-up, putting the world to rights.

At his funeral, Robert Last shared some of his memories with us, including this typical tale: Ralph was walking to the pub one night when a well-to-do man in a Jaguar stopped and asked him the way to Drinkstone. Ralph said, "You can't git there from here buh, you've got to go to where my cousin lives." The man looked a bit confused and said, "Are you the village idiot?", to which Ralph replied, "Maybe I am, but I'm not the one who's lost!"

Thank you, Ralph and may you Rest in Peace.

Cathy Cass

Ralph Baker – Memories from a friend

On the 6th February 2018 Ralph Cyril Baker passed quietly away.

I heard Ralph described as "quite a handy man" and that was a great understatement.

Ralph was regarded as one of the finest cabinet makers and furniture restorers this country or any other produced.

Ralph restocked a pistol for me years ago, and no one would know it from the original.

Ralph re upholstered items if needed and was finely employed as a carpet layer and made that look easy.

Ralph would not have regarded himself as a religious man, however he was a true Christian man, growing and giving away the produce to any needy person with a good heart.

When Ralph's father was ill, he cared for him and later Ralph and his mother Violet, moved into a bungalow next door to where the family had lived since coming to Beyton, Ralph continued to care for his mother,

Ralph became ill in 2016, I visited him at least one day a week and took him home cooked meals, which he greatly appreciated, I always took his dog Martha a couple of biscuits, which caused much tail wagging, then a few weeks ago she passed away, so Ralph and I ate the biscuits and wished her a safe journey.

I spent many hours talking with Ralph, rolling him a few cigarettes and making him tea as he began to find things difficult.

Ralph did not take his waning ability well, so it was very sad, but not surprising he passed away.

What I can report is the St Edmunds Chapel Crematorium was standing room only. His parting words to me were always "see you buddy" so I return the words plus God Bless

Rodney Scott

B.E.G.

There was a good article in the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's magazine about healthy Soil, with a few tips for gardeners:

1. Buy or make 2 or 3 compost bins to **create your own compost** and give a home to wildlife, including insects, amphibians and slow-worms if you're lucky.
2. If you buy compost, make sure it's **peat-free** to protect these important up-land habitats that store carbon, mitigating the effects of climate-change.
3. **Avoid slug pellets, pesticides and other chemicals**. Encourage natural predators like Lady-birds and Ground Beetles. Leave some areas of rough grass, maybe along the hedge-bottom for wildlife to hide and feed. **If you do use slug-pellets, use sparingly and always cover it up**. Ground Beetles could be affected and so can Hedgehogs, whose populations are in steep decline.

Cathy Cass

The White Horse

The White Horse are hosting another of their much loved **Open Mic** nights

Saturday May 5th
8pm – Til late

If you love listening to great music or even having a go at performing yourself pop along and join in!

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Cathy Cass

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Shops

Thurston – Cracknells
Tel 270256 – Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 7am-9pm, Sunday 8am-9pm

Thurston – PO Londis
Tel 230450 – Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 6:30am-8:30pm, Sunday 8.00am-6pm

Rougham – PO
Tel 270201 – Opening hrs: Mon-Fri 7.30am-6pm, Sat 9am-12.30, Sun 9am-12

Garages

Beyton Garage	Tel 01359 271166
Thurston Cracknells	Tel 01359 270256

Pubs Restaurants

The Bear Inn	Tel 01359 270249
The White Horse	Tel 01359 270324

Welcome to Beyton Leaflet

If you are new to Beyton – Welcome: Our 'Welcome to Beyton' booklet is packed with information regarding the village, its contacts and facilities.

If you would like a copy contact Barbara Jones on **01359 271266** or **gonetomygarden@gmail.com**

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