

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



APRIL - MAY 2022



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2022

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2022

Tuesday 10th May

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Beyton Vestry and will commence at 7.30pm unless notified otherwise.
Please see the website or parish noticeboards to view the agendas and supporting documents.

The Bear – Easter Weekend

Good Friday 15th April &

Easter Saturday 16th April BBQ in the garden

Easter Sunday 17th April Hog Roast in the garden

Live Music Beyton White Horse

Saturday 14th May 8pm Free Entry, Cocktails will be available to buy

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June

2:00 – 5:00pm Fancy Dress Competition, Games on the Green, Children's afternoon tea

8:00 – 11:00pm National Jubilee Celebration Bonfire & Beacon with live music. Bar & Hot snacks

Village Walk

Sunday 26th June Meet at the Old Bus Shelter 10am

Please note that all councillors now have dedicated email addresses

Graham Jones, Chairman	chairman@beyton-pc.gov.uk
Ann Alderton, Vice Chair	ann.alerton@beyton-pc.gov.uk
Helena Harris	helena.harris@beyton-pc.gov.uk
John Clark	john.clark@beyton-pc.gov.uk
Peggy Orsler	peggy.orsler@beyton-pc.gov.uk
Parish Clerk	parishclerk@beyton-pc.gov.uk
Jonathan Wilson	Jonathan.wilson@beyton-pc.gov.uk

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Friday 27th May 2022 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

Please send to: **editor@beytonvillage.news – Letters welcome**

EDITOR'S WELCOME

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations are the centrepiece of this edition and it's lovely to have a great weekend of local and National events to look forward to. There will be many things happening, not just here in Beyton but in the neighbouring villages. The Parish Council currently have a vacancy and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining them. To register your interest or to get more details:

Email: parishclerk@beyton-pc.gov.uk

Hope to see lots of you on the Green in June!

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I love it when the clocks go forward, no more dark evenings for seven months, time to enjoy the outdoor delights of Beyton.

The BVA like other local villages are preparing events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration and I'm sure they will come up with something rather special. Covid rules and precautions have meant that many of us have not ventured far from home in the last two years, so the Jubilee will give us the opportunity to visit events in 'far-off' parishes, such as Hessett and enable us to welcome our neighbours to join in the Beyton fun.

I am happy to have nothing to report about flooding, except that there has not been any in the village throughout the entire winter. We did suffer a bit from the February storms with some branches blocking the stream but luckily some kind folk cleared them away before the flow was interrupted.

Alas, not such good news for the geese. Recent local outbreaks of avian flu mean they are likely to remain housed for a fair while yet. Apparently, this winter has been the worst on record for the virus.

The "to buy or not to buy the village green" drop-in event on 26th March was very well attended, probably helped by the beautiful weather. My thanks to all who took the time to come and consider the options and to share their views whether in person or via email. Of the 75 parishioners who expressed views, 70 were in favour of buying the land. And I am delighted to report that our PC meeting on Tuesday 12 April endorsed that view so we shall now enter into negotiations with the Ladies of the Manor on behalf of the village.

Yours

Graham Jones Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

Letter to the Editor

Huge Increase in Local Council Tax *(copy of an email sent to the Parish Council)*

I have just received my Council Tax bill for 2022/23. I am desperately disappointed to see the tax for Beyton has increased by an astronomical 39.2%. In my opinion this is socially immoral, particularly at a time when all other bodies have gone to great lengths to keep costs down. If income tax increased by 39.2% just think what the outcry would be.

With the cost of living rising, this move is considered wholly irresponsible. Please do not tell me it 'only equates to one pint of milk a week' or whatever. If you are thinking that way you are missing the point. If you are embarrassed at seeing that figure on the statement issued by Mid-Suffolk District Council I am not surprised.

Beyton Parish Council is now very clearly a high-tax high-spend administration, by choice rather than necessity. Even if there is no increase at all in 2023/24 the 39.2% will still be there. The only way to correct this is to budget for a reduction equivalent to 39.2% next time. I would urge all councillors to give this serious consideration.

Roger Brand Beyton Resident

Beyton Parish Council Response

The level of Council Tax paid by Beyton residents to fund work in the village, known as a precept, had been frozen at £16,622 for the past two years. However, it was clear to all Councillors that investment was needed after two Covid-hit years.

At our 11 January public meeting, it was unanimously agreed to increase the precept to £23,186; an uplift of £6,564 which results in an increase on an average Band D property of 40p a week, a little less than £21 a year.

Areas identified for investment included village repairs/improvements, flooding issues and administration. Here are a few examples of the work being undertaken:

Firstly, flooding in Beyton has required much application to improve matters. With the assistance of the Parish Clerk, our members and both local and government officials, this is now an area where we have seen much success, although there is still work to be done! Funding for this has come from the precept however, we are delighted to note that any "investment" by Beyton has been matched twofold by other local government departments. Of course, that all took time and skill to negotiate and the work is ongoing. Therefore the budget for the forthcoming year includes additional funds to maintain that work and to ensure that we don't return to the bad old days of regular flooding.

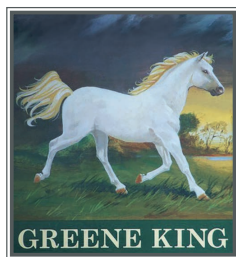
Secondly, the annual internal PC audit in 2020, confirmed that the administration of the council required improvement, particularly in governance and compliance. Increased funds are being used to address that and to ensure that Beyton PC is run better than ever and adhering to all government guidelines.

We believe in transparency and all meetings remain open to members of the public and we use the village website to communicate regularly about our activities.

Thirdly, we have allocated funds to replace/refurbish some of the play equipment on the Village Green. For example, the roundabout alone will cost £3,000 to refurbish or £9,000 to replace.

We trust that this addresses the resident's concerns and we welcome all input.

We do have a vacancy on the Parish Council at the moment if anyone would care to join us.



THE WHITE HORSE

Sat 14th May Live Music 8pm

Jazz Fusion Band – The Gray Project

*Featuring Bill Gray from Tostock & about
6 musicians and 2 singers*

Cocktails will be available to buy. Entrance is free.

* * *

VEGAN MENU

Vegan Lasagne, Salad & Chips	£12.50 (gf)
Spinach & Mushroom Pie	£12.50
Vegan Sausage, Mash & Onion Gravy	£12.50 (gf)
Vegan Chilli & Rice	£11.50 (gf)
Mixed Berry Crumble	£5.75
Homemade Apple Pie	£5.75
Vegan Rice Pudding	£5.25

Served with Vegan Ice cream or custard

OUR TAKEAWAY SERVICE

*Available Monday to Saturday 12-2pm
Tuesday to Saturday 6-8.30 pm
Phone 01359 270324 to pre-order*

Haddock & Chips	£8.50
Cod & Chips	£8.50
Scampi & Chips	£8.50
2 Fishcakes & Chips	£8.50
2 Sausage in batter & Chips	£6.50
Peas	£1.00
Mushy Peas	£1.00

* * *

If you have any concerns about allergies or have special dietary requirements, please speak to one of our members of staff who will be happy to help.

Gluten Free options are available

01359 270342 www.beytonwhitehorse.co.uk

BVA NEWS & EVENTS

Village Walk

27th February

Eight people and a dog enjoyed a sunny walk to Rougham and back on 27 February. We walked for just under 5 miles round Chevin's Wood and along some grassy paths to Rougham before taking a different way back.

The next walk is scheduled for 26th June

Meet 10.00am at the old Bus Shelter

We will be walking to Grove Farm (Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Blackbourne Valley Reserve) in the hope of hearing cuckoo and the rapidly declining turtle dove. Some cuckoos will already be on their way back to their wintering grounds in Africa, having laid their eggs in our native birds' nests.

Village Quiz

In spite of some remaining Covid challenges we are delighted to report that the Quiz went ahead as planned with 9 teams taking part.

The winners from the last quiz in March 2020 set the questions and quizzers were set an initial table challenge identifying States of America from their official state abbreviations to get their brains working, before launching into a series of rounds including 'The Joys of Spring', First Lines of Songs, Food & Drink & more. It was a hard-fought competition. The winning team, The Non Doms triumphed in the final round. They were leading by a narrow 2 point margin but scored 10/10 in their final round where they also doubled up by playing their Joker so they will be the proud owners of the Golden Egg trophy for this year. Congratulations to them especially as they were a team of 5!

Beyton Coronation Celebrations

Roy Crosby has kindly sent us the lovely picture of the Beyton Coronation celebrations held on the White Horse meadow in June 1953. He says it was a cold and damp day unfortunately but it doesn't seem to have dampened the spirits and the fancy-dress turnout was very impressive.

Thank you, Roy, for sharing and let's hope that our celebrations in June are blessed with better weather but an equally show stopping set of fancy dress costumes!



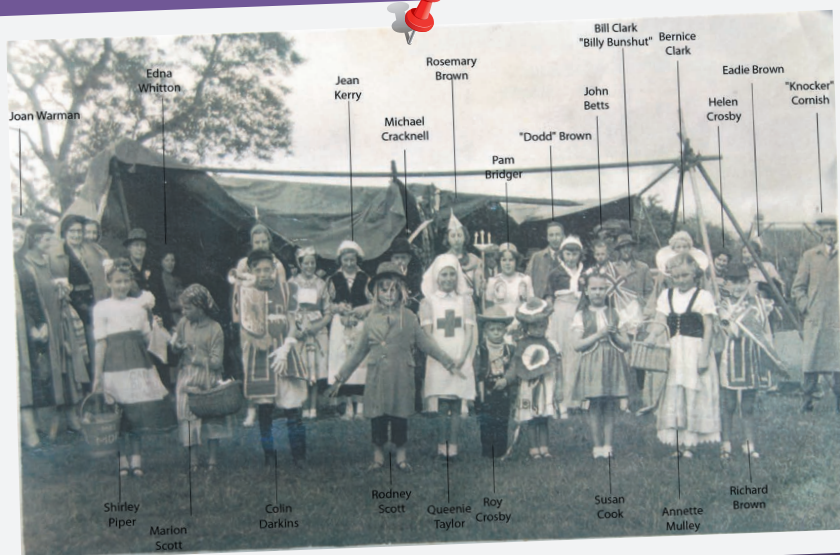
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June 2022

On the Village Green

2:00pm – 5:00pm

8:00pm – 11:00pm



Beyton Coronation Celebrations



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June 2022

2:00pm – 5:00pm

- 2:00pm** Children's Fancy Dress Competition
Royal Theme: Come dressed as a King or Queen, Prince or Princess a Crown, a Corgi or anything with a Royal theme!!
- 2:15pm** Traditional children's races including sack race and egg & spoon
- 3:00pm** **FREE** Children's afternoon tea/street party in the Marquee
Book a place for your child in advance by **SUNDAY 29th MAY**
Contact Sibel on **07511 628239** or email **sibeldjemal@yahoo.co.uk** and please specify any dietary requirements
*Parental Supervision will be required *
Food will be served on individual plates
The first 40 children to book will receive a FREE commemorative mug!
- 3:45pm** Rounders
- 4:30pm** Tug-O-War
- 4:45pm** Closing with the traditional Beyton Egg Throwing Competition

Bar & Hot drinks will be available



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June 2022

8:00pm – 11:00pm

- 8:00pm** Live Music from The Larks in the Marquee
- 8:45pm** Live Music from The Kitchenettes in the Marquee
- 9:35pm** Piper
- 9:40pm** Bugler*
- 9:45pm** Lighting of the Bonfire as a Beacon and Fireworks on the Green
- 9:50pm** Crescendo Choir* singing songs specially written for the Jubilee
- 10:05pm** Live Music from the Kitchenettes in the Marquee

*The White Horse have kindly agreed
to run a bar and hot snacks will
also be available to buy*

* Still to be confirmed



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June 2022

2:00pm – 5:00pm

8:00pm – 11:00pm

Don't forget to book your children's places
for the free afternoon tea at 3:00pm
by contacting Sibel on 07511 628239 or
email sibeldjema@yahoo.co.uk

BY SUNDAY 29TH MAY AT THE LATEST

This will allow us to know
how many we are catering for

*Book early so your child receives
a free commemorative mug
(available for the first 40 to book)*

BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Birds, Bees and Bugs

How to give them a helping hand

Birds

It is already the end of March, and our blackbird is sitting on 4 eggs in quite a good dense Ivy hedge, hopefully unobserved by visiting crows and magpies. Soon all the other birds will be nesting and will need all the help we can give them by providing dense hedges and shrubs, plenty of places to forage and hide and crucially, no disturbance by humans, cats or dogs.

A blue tit, if it avoids dying of cold, starvation or being eaten by a predator, lives a maximum of 3 years. If the nest fails, it only has one or two more seasons to try again. We all know that most bird species are in sharp decline, so they need all the help they can get to raise their chicks successfully. Put out soft food such as meal worms etc. Tiny chicks can choke on nuts or seeds. Some small birds nest as late as July or even August. The finches – goldfinch, greenfinch, bullfinch and linnet – like to nest right at the top or outer edge of a hedge or shrub, so it really helps to delay hedge-cutting and pruning until September or later.

Bird boxes are great for species that like to nest in holes or under roof tiles, such as tits, flycatchers, sparrows, starlings, swifts etc. BEG has a total of 22 small bird boxes, 11 of which were used in 2021; a slightly disappointing number, and somewhat lower than 2019 or 2020.

Bees and Bugs

These also need our help, partly to feed the insect-eating birds! Insects have a crucial role to play in improving bio-diversity, so here are a few facts and suggestions for your garden.

- 1. Don't use pesticides** or other chemicals in the garden. **If you must use slug-bait, use it very sparingly and always cover it.**
- 2. Reasons to love your bugs:**
 - Pollinators** many insects, but especially bees and hoverflies.
 - Predators**
 - ladybird larvae, hoverflies and lacewings eat aphids and greenfly
 - parasitic wasps kill sawflies, ants and aphids.
 - ground beetles eat slugs and snails.
 - Prey** lots of birds eat insects, especially swallows, house martins and swifts.
- 3. Give your bugs a home**, such as a log pile, some bundles of dry hollow stems tied up and hung somewhere, some long grasses for your bugs and butterflies to lay their eggs.

- 4. Feed them** with lots of nectar-rich flowers such as wall-flowers, pulmonaria, hawthorn in spring; fennel, cow-parsley, borage, lavender, marjoram, phacelia, scabious, mint, buddleia, honeysuckle, jasmine in summer; michaelmas daisies, heathers, ivy in autumn.

Finally here are some web-sites to give you lots more information and tips:

- wildlifetrusts.org/your-guide-to-taking-action-for-insects
- gardenorganic.org.uk
- buglife.org.uk

Enjoy your buzzing summer!

Cathy Cass

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We have all now moved forward to the next step, referred to as “*Living With COVID*”. As a College community we have throughout the pandemic been adapting and adjusting to every new step as it is introduced. Our students both in the main school at Thurston and in the Sixth Form at Beyton, have been remarkably resilient and are a credit to the College.



We are well underway with establishing fruitful relationships with the 286 Year 6 (age 10 & 11) students, who will join us in September 2022 and look forward to welcoming their families and friends to our community.

Tuesday Club has been running over the second half of the Spring Term with taster sessions available for Year 6 students in PE, Science and Art. We have seen a great uptake with 231 spaces booked across all three activities. Parents and carers have been very responsive and stayed with us on our Thurston campus for refreshments and to ask questions. Understandably students, parents and carers have lots of questions related to life at the College and making the move to secondary education and having quality time in person to talk has been extremely beneficial for all involved. Students have been able to meet students from other schools, our teachers and members of our support staff. Come September, seeing a familiar face or two does make all the difference and greatly supports the transition from primary to secondary education.

The programme for the transition for students from their primary schools to Thurston Community College is coordinated by Mrs Drury. As part of the programme Mrs Drury organises visits for our teachers, including herself, to visit the Year 6 students in their primary schools; sharing information about the move to high school and answering many questions. This has been an invaluable experience with positive feedback from the schools and it is good to be able to re-establish the programme which has been somewhat different over the past 2 years, with more opportunities to come in the summer term to visit the College.

It only seems a short while ago that we were welcoming our current Year 11 (age 15 – 16) and we remain busy with those same students who are now in their final term at Thurston Community College. Students have access to multiple revision sessions which take place at lunchtimes, after school hours and during the Easter holiday. These revision sessions help students develop their study and revision skills as well as promoting wellbeing during what is a busy, and stressful time. Students have been particularly motivated and inspired by visiting speakers from Elevate who have led sessions on examination strategies and revision techniques. And in response to student and staff feedback, Elevate will be returning to deliver a session called “The Finishing Line” to literally help our students get over the finishing line!

Other visits and events are in the planning stages, including residential stays during the summer term. It will be good for students to experience a residential, as these have not been able to take place over the past two years of the pandemic. Our Year 7 – 9 (Age 11 – 14) students will be involved in Personal Challenge week in June, during which students will be off timetable and will participate in a wide range of activities. At the same time our Year 10 (age 14 – 15) students will be gaining further in-depth insights into the world of work and considering career paths they may wish to follow once they have completed their GCSEs.

Our extensive extra-curricular programme is back up and running in College, now that we have moved into a time of *‘Living With COVID’*, allowing students to participate in lunchtime or after school clubs and sporting fixtures. It is such a joy to see students actively seeking out hobbies to take part in and returning to clubs in which they can follow their own particular interests and passions.

Dr Wheeler

Assistant Principal



ATTENTION ALL VILLAGERS!

You are invited to an ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

at
All Saints Church Vestry, Beyton
Tuesday 10 May, 7pm

As the name suggests, this is not a
Beyton Parish Council meeting but rather a meeting
for the whole Parish simply hosted by the PC.

If you belong to a group, club or organisation and
would like to update fellow villagers on your
achievements, plans and success stories, please
come along or submit a report to the Parish Clerk
via email before **Monday 9 May**.

Knowing what's going on in the village is important
to all residents and your report gives you the opportunity
to promote your work and request support.

**For more information, please email Tina Newell,
the Beyton Parish Clerk
parishclerk@beyton-pc.gov.uk**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Beyton Village News Comments & Contributions

Email: editor@beytonvillage.news



Websites

<https://beyton.suffolk.cloud>



Facebook

Beyton Village Community
Beyton Village Association
The Bear Inn Beyton
The White Horse Beyton



Twitter

@beytontweets

@thurstoncollege



PC

Clerk

Tina Newell – 01449 672825
parishclerk@beyton-pc.gov.uk



Newspaper Delivery

George Whitton – 01359 271130
Delivery to your door 7 days per week

Beyton All Saints Church

The Rev'd Graham Rendle – 01359 270924
www.allsaintsbeyton.co.uk

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

LOCAL SHOP
OPENING TIMES
MAY BE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE

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



Easter at The Bear Inn

This Easter come and enjoy a range of flavoured
Gin and Vodka Cocktails at The Bear



Strawberry & Cream Gin with *Elderflower Tonic*

Rhubarb & Raspberry



Rhubarb Gin and Chambord Raspberry Liqueur with Ginger Ale

Cucumber Sandwich

Cucumber and Grapefruit Gin with Light Tonic



Candy Floss *Pink Gin, Cassis and Lemonade*

Black Forest *Raspberry Vodka, forest berries
and Mediterranean Tonic*



Plus more Cocktails, your favourite Gins and range of Spirits

Good Friday 15th and Easter Saturday 16th April

BBQ in the garden.

Easter Sunday 17th April **Hog Roast** in the garden.

Pizza available all weekend too!

Visit www.thebearinnbeyton.co.uk for full details and opening hours.