

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - 2019/20



Beyton Parish Council

December – No Meeting

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.

Carol Singing on The Green

Wednesday 18th December

BVA Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15th January Meet at The White Horse

Village Walk

Sunday 19th January Meet at the Old Bus Shelter

Theatre Supper

Monday 21st January

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Monday 20th January 2020 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

Another year gone and as always it seems to have whizzed by helped along by lots of great village centred activity!

Many thanks for the lovely comments that we have received about the magazine during 2019.

We are always looking for content to keep the magazine fresh and relevant so if you have anything that you'd like to contribute please send to editor@beytonvillage.news

Looking forward to a relaxing time once the pre-Christmas rush has died down and *wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a great start to 2020!*

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Before we know it, the festive period will be upon us. I personally love Christmas, the fond memories of the excitement for our children and now for the grandchildren. The wonderful carols, along with the Christmas message and mixing with friends makes this a very special time.

While we look forward to the Christmas celebration, here are a few updates on the activities of your Parish Council:

Village Green Lease:

The Parish Council has received a letter from a firm of surveyors acting on behalf of The Ladies of the Manor stating that the freehold may be for sale. The follow up correspondence advised that they are suggesting a purchase price of £50,000. Our response was that this figure is far beyond our capability. The Parish Council is now considering our options, we should decide at our final meeting of 2019 what we feel is the best course of action on this subject.

Children's Play Area:

As reported in the last edition of the BVN, 19 villagers responded to the Parish Council's question of whether to fence off the children's play area. 17 supported low fencing. The PC will investigate possibilities in the New Year.

Roadside of The Green

The edge of The Green alongside of the one-way street looks very untidy. The PC has discussed placing small posts on the green to prevent people parking on the grass, however, we felt that this may cause obstruction of the road. Our remedy is to make the grass edge more robust to prevent erosion. This will be done before spring 2020.

Flooding in Thurston Road:

I am sure you all have seen some movement here, hallelujah!

The ditch has been cleared either side of the A14 culvert, that is the good news, however, the culvert itself is 90m long by 3m wide and 1.2m high, which is fine, except for one thing, it is filled with 0.8m of silt. Around 300 tonnes! We are still trying to get Highways England and Suffolk Highways to finish the job before the rains come. Unfortunately, as neither authority has taken action, we are back to badgering them once again.

Neighbourhood Plan/Housing Needs Survey

The results of the Housing Needs Survey are available and will be discussed at the next PC meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing slowly because of the delay in the site inspection performed by AECOM. **Provisional date for the next Drop-in day is Saturday 11th January 2020.** Please keep an eye on the village notice boards for confirmation.

Beyton Village News/Beyton Website

We all enjoy reading the BVN and looking at our website, I would like to thank Claire Ridyard for her sterling efforts to produce our magazine especially as I know she has often to chase us for our submissions and then fit everything into a tight printing schedule. We should not forget Claire's door to door delivery team.

Roger Brand does an excellent job of keeping us informed of what happens in Beyton and future events. Thank you both.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Progress on the Beyton Neighbourhood Plan has sparked into life again after a few weeks of quiet. Two team members from AECOM visited the village in early November.

AECOM is the company commissioned by the Government to support villages creating a Neighbourhood Plan by assessing sites that might be suitable for development. The assessment aims to identify sites with potential for development; assess their development potential; and assess their suitability for development and the likelihood of development coming forward. This is known as “availability and achievability”.

Accompanied by Graham Jones and Jonathan Wilson from the Neighbourhood Plan team, the specialists visited a number of sites in and around Beyton that had been suggested as suitable for the housing that the village needs to provide to achieve local targets.

At the moment it seems likely that the AECOM team may have a draft report ready for the next Beyton Neighbourhood Plan meeting which is scheduled for early December.

And on that basis, the provisional date for the next Drop-in day to keep the village up to date with Plan progress is **Saturday 11th January 2020**.

Jonathan Wilson

Chair, Beyton Neighbourhood Plan Group

WELCOME TO THE BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS

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**

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As a College we encourage all those who work and study on both the Thurston and Beyton campuses to undertake charitable deeds. Sometimes this can be by the smallest of actions; taking time to talk, to pass the time of day when our own deadlines pressing, holding a door open for another person, or simply just sharing cake with a friend who needs a little boost to keep them going through a difficult day. We also hold planned events which are more widely publicised with the aim of raising money and awareness for charitable organisations. Such activities are discussed and agreed with the staff and students and so we are united in our encouragement and support of each good cause to which we contribute.



I would like to highlight two recent events aimed at supporting the work of two charities with which we have recently been involved. As you will see, both our students and staff are equally keen to undertake activities which raise awareness and vital funds too.

Best wishes

Helen Wilson

Principal

Wear it Yellow Day

As students we decided to support the Young Minds charity by taking part in the nationwide 'Wear Yellow Day', which encouraged everyone, including teachers, students and families to wear something yellow in support of this fantastic charity. Young Minds is a charity supporting the mental health of young people and teenagers which is extremely relevant for our Sixth Form students as A Levels are some of the most important examinations they may take and some students find it a very challenging time.

The sense of community within the Sixth Form is one that we are incredibly proud of, and thanks to our brilliant academic tutors, Heads of Years, and the whole of the Sixth Form support team, we alongside Young Minds are leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered.

The following Monday, a bake sale was also organised by the students to raise further money for the charity. In total, a fantastic £164.27 was raised; an event that was wholly successful.

Niall Carter de Jong

President of the Student Union

Currently in second year of A Level studies

Girls Night Out

On Saturday 14 September 2019 more than 2,000 women, some armed with flashing bunny ears, took part in the 'Girls Night Out' walk, organised by St Nicholas Hospice Care. A team of staff from Thurston Community College took part. Some of the team walked 6 miles and others 11 miles. Everyone who walked on that night, had their own reasons for taking part in the event. Team Thurston were well supported by other members of staff, raising £347 for this wonderful cause. Equally as important, the walk served to raise awareness of the work undertaken by the staff and carers at the hospice who provide palliative care for the individual and support for their families and friends.

Team Thurston had a lot of fun on the night and also took time to pay their respects on the memory walls on Angel Hill and at the hospice.

It was a great atmosphere with real camaraderie and to top it all off, everyone was awarded a medal, a cup cake and hot chocolate at the end.

Best wishes

Helen Wilson
Principal



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We didn't get off to a good start! Firstly, my advert in the BVN for more door to door collectors yielded a nice round number, unfortunately "0" which left only the "Old Guard" Sheila Mole, Rod Scott and me. Then the poppy delivery was late, the weather was not helpful either.

Not to be put off, the three of us set off on our rounds, I arrived at the home of Wendy and Alan Lewis cold and wet, they immediately volunteered to take over one of the rounds-thanks go to both of them.

Now the good news! Thanks to Barry and Jane at the White Horse, Hannah and Gary at The Bear, Dave and Andy at Beyton Garage and Lesley at the 6th Form College we managed to collect £701 in the village. We also received a £316 windfall from our friends John and Beryl Barber who rattled their can at a recent Bury Clay Target Club shoot. So, the total amount donated to the British Legion was £1017

And still, it gets better, finally three more people have volunteered to help with next year's collection!

Graham Jones

Autumn Clean-up



Saturday 26th October was not a good choice for the Beyton Clean-up as it clashed with the Semi Final of the Rugby World Cup. Some of the collectors were seen with their litter picker in one hand and mobile phone in the other. No telling what they did with their collection bag!

We were 15 volunteers in total, as usual the main areas of rubbish were on the roads entering and exiting Beyton from the A14 and in the layby on Bury Road. Fast food containers are amongst the most common waste, but this year we found 5 road repair and diversion signs- no wonder our Council Tax is high and also a couple of fly-tip areas.

Almost daily we hear that we should protect the environment, the evidence of our litter pick shows that there are many people and organisations that simply do not care.

The day was finished off with excellent refreshments at The Bear and a chat with friends old and new.

Why not join the team for the next Clean-up in March?



What's on at The Bear

Festive opening hours

Christmas Eve - Bar 12-10pm, Food 12-6pm

Christmas Day - Bar 11-5pm

Boxing Day - Bar 12-5pm

Comedy Supper - Monday 20th January

In conjunction with Suffolk Punch comedy club.

7pm supper, show starts 7.45pm. £15 per person includes supper plate and a guaranteed seat for the performance.

Theatre Supper - Monday 17th February

Laurie Bolger - 'Talking to Strangers'

Stand-up poet Laurie Bolger brings you stories and chat about comfort food, supermarket meltdowns, tea and pub love. Her warm and witty poems ask the big questions: how does that annoying passenger on the bus turn out to be the stranger that saves the day? Sometimes, when life is lonely, strangers give us the answers we need.

7pm supper, show starts 7.45pm. £15 per person includes supper plate and a guaranteed seat for the performance.



Give us a call to book

01359 270249

www.thebearinnbeyton.co.uk

BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Beyton Old Orchard Project Update

Originally planted in 1956 at a time when Horticulture was a part of the curriculum at Beyton Secondary School, Beyton Old Orchard is now one of the three sites managed by Beyton Environmental Group.

The site now includes a wildlife pond and boasts over 20 varieties of fruit trees including many local and heritage varieties. During the winter the site has an impressive display of snowdrops, then when spring arrives the site becomes home to numerous wildlife species.



The site is managed to encourage insects as well as birds and mammals. Dead and decaying wood is left in situ, grasses are cut to varying heights, (or left uncut), and there are a variety of native flowering plants as well as piles of vegetation for overwintering insects and mammals. A survey of the site this year has currently yielded a total of 128 insect species amongst which have been 18 species of beetle, 14 of butterfly, 22 bees and wasps, 10 dragon/damselflies and 20 species of hoverfly (including 1 nationally rare species).

We will be running our December/Christmas work party at the Orchard on December 8th at 9.30a.m. All welcome, with the promise that mulled wine and mince pies will be provided! (Access is via Church Road entrance to school then left into car park).

Steve Robinson



BVA NEWS

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th December

Carol singing around Beyton Village Green ending up at The White Horse. Meet up at the old bus shelter at 6.30pm. All proceeds will go to a wonderful local cause, The Bury Drop In Centre- a charity working with homeless people, providing free hot meals, friendship and advice twice a week.

Wednesday 15th January

BVA Committee meeting 8pm at The White Horse. All welcome.

Sunday 19th January

Village Walk. Meet at the old bus shelter at 10am.

Lastly, HUGE APOLOGIES but . . .
CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE BEYTON FAYRE 2020,
it will now be held on **SAT 6th JUNE 2020!**

So sorry for any inconvenience this causes, it turns out that too many of the key personnel are away later on in the month.

VILLAGE WALK

Unfortunately the last village walk was scuppered by the weather as it was raining heavily, and there was also quite a bit of flooding. Apologies to any hardy souls who turned up for it - notices were put up about the cancellation earlier in the day when we knew how bad the weather was going to be.

Hopefully the weather will be better for the next walk in January. This will be held on Sunday 19th Jan at 10.00am, meeting at the old bus shelter on the Green. The route will be about 5 miles long and will last about 2 hours, so we should be back in time for Sunday lunch. Everyone welcome, including dogs and accompanied children. New participants always welcome.



*Hope to see
you there*



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October 2019

Dear Parish Council

Re: Headway Suffolk

Headway Suffolk is a local charity that offers rehabilitation, support and care to people with an acquired brain injury, stroke, dementia, MS or other neurological condition. I thought you might like to know what we have achieved during the last year.

Our day hubs in Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds have opened 5 days a week, offering a wide range of activities to help people recover from their injury or to slow down their disease. The activities have included: cooking, art, Nordic walking, dance, cognitive skills, swimming, hockey and life skills.



Similar activities are offered at our satellite hubs in Haverhill and Felixstowe. The Felixstowe hub is now open two days a week at Felixstowe community hospital. It is open to inpatients and members of the local community. We have copied this model of care at Aldeburgh Hospital and Hartismere Hospital. This means people can receive care in their own towns and prevents them having to travel to Ipswich or Bury St Edmunds.

Headway's therapists have been delivering to our clients physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy and counselling. The counsellors have been able to offer counselling to family carers as well as to clients.

They have organised a number of courses including an Understanding Brain Injury Course, which is very popular.

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Headway's specialised home care scheme, gives clients with neurological conditions help in their home and local community. Some folk are helped with personal care, to do their shopping, follow a leisure activity and become part of the local community. We operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We are rated as good by CQC

Our unique scheme, called Brainy dogs, takes dogs from rescue kennels to be trained by Hollseley Bay Prisoners, people experiencing mental health problems, people with learning difficulties and teenagers excluded from school, to become companion dogs to our clients. Due to a change in personality following a brain injury majority of clients lose all their friends. It is hoped a dog will help to fill this gap. Some dogs live in client's homes; others stay at the centre and are becoming a very important rehabilitation tool, encouraging people to go for walks, to stand and groom a dog or to help to relax. During the year the project has visited people one day a week in their home and visited several care homes. The project is rated as being in the top 10 Lottery funded projects out of 700+



Headway Suffolk neuro conference held in October, was attended by 240 people at Wherstead Park Conference Centre. We had several impressive speakers, including Dr Jane Hawking our Patron, and Chris Tarrant.



We continue to work with Ipswich Borough Council, Ipswich Hospital, Adult Services and Suffolk CCGs on the opening of the Professor Stephen Hawking Neuro Centre. We hope to progress with this in 2020

We are grateful to the Parish Councils that have been able to help us by giving a donation in 2019 and hope that your Parish Council will be able to support us in 2020.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

Helen Fairweather
Chief Executive



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BEYTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)

Time flies as the saying goes, did you know that ten years have passed since Beyton was one of the first villages in Suffolk to introduce this traffic calming measure?

Initially, Beyton shared the speed gun with Drinkstone, Hessett and Felsham before being able to purchase our own equipment including the SID (Speed Indicator Device) thanks to donations from Penny Otton our County Councillor, Beyton Village Association and the Parish Council.

We now have lots of data showing the number of daily vehicle movements and the speed. This data is extremely valuable to augment planning reports such as the Neighbourhood Plan.

Ian Marshall, one of the founder members and leader of the team has decided to step down from this position after 10 years, although he will continue as a CSW team member. I am sure that everyone will agree that he has done a great job and recognise his contribution to safety on the roads through Beyton. Thank you very much Ian.

Karen and Martin Simpson have kindly stepped up to take over from Ian, we thank them and wish the team continued success.

Graham Jones

HESSETT & BEYTON VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

We have just done the Village Hall Lottery draw for December and the winners are:

December 1st prize Brian Last
2nd prize Clive Wilson
3rd prize Brenda Picking

Many thanks to all our supporters and, if you've not won this year, better luck next time!!

Roger Wyartt

Chairman, Hessett & Beyton Village Hall Chairman



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Thurston Cracknells Tel 01359 270256

Pubs Restaurants

The Bear Inn Tel 01359 270249

The White Horse Tel 01359 270324



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NOTICE BOARD

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NEXT VILLAGE WALK

Sunday 19th January 10 am.
Meet at the old bus shelter
on the Green for a walk of
approx 5 miles. Everyone
welcome, including dogs and
accompanied children.



Hope to see
you there



We would like to wish you all a

*Merry
Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR