



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - 2021/2022

#### **Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2022**

Tuesday 11th January
Tuesday 15th February
Tuesday 15th March
Tuesday 15th March
Tuesday 15th March

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm unless notified otherwise. For future meetings please see the website or parish noticeboards for confirmation of the venue. Here you will also be able to view the agendas and supporting documents.

#### Village Walk

Sunday 12th December Meet at the Old Bus Shelter 10am

#### **Carol Singing**

Tuesday 21st December Meet at the Old Bus Shelter 6.30pm
\*\*Hot refreshments will be available\*\*

#### **Live Music at The White Horse**

The Larks 23rd December from 8pm

#### Please note that all councillors now have dedicated email addresses

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### DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Monday 17th January 2022 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

Please send to: editor@beytonvillage.news - Letters welcome



## EDITOR'S WELCOME

Hello and welcome to this December/January edition.

It feels good to be able to plan and publicise some events happening in the village over the next few weeks. Activities such as the Village Walk and Carol Singing on the Green are good excuses to get out and meet each other.

Wishing everyone a **Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year**, looking forward to 2022.

**Editor** 

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



#### **Parish Council Team**

I begin this month's report by giving thanks to Adele Newberry for her valued contribution to the Parish Council whilst serving as a Parish Councillor since 2014.

Adele resigned recently due to the significant step up in workload in her company since the lifting of the Covid lockdown and assuming the role of Chair of the Bury Hockey Club; simply, she has had to prioritise her time.

When we look back on Adele`s achievements we can be reminded of her considerable contribution to the village including initiating and leading the Housing Needs Survey, producing the Beyton Emergency Plan and for a time being our Vice Chair. Adele was always willing to help, more recently with organising the collection and distribution of medical prescriptions, ably supported by her husband Simon, during the uncertain days of the Covid lockdown. Whilst thanking Adele for her support in the past we wish her the best of fortune in the future – maybe we will see the Bury Hockey team head the league tables!

Now we have a vacancy on the Parish Council and would like to invite anyone interested in joining our forward-thinking Council to contact Tina Newell, or any of the current members. This is a rewarding role and one that is important to the future of the parish.

#### Flooding

Still a key topic! However, great progress has been achieved this year, the most significant being clearing the Thurston Road ditch, installing new underground drains at the junction of Church Road and Quaker Lane and clearing the

Drinkstone Road ditch, the latter being a joint project lead by Beyton Parish Council and funded two thirds by Suffolk County Council.

Even with these successes, there is still more to do such as addressing the issues on Tostock Road, clearing silt in the culvert under the A14 (responsibility of Highways England) and finalising a legal document which confirms SCC`s ongoing responsibility for the Thurston Road and Drinkstone Road ditches. To help facilitate these actions, Jo Churchill`s office have offered to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and the various stakeholders.

#### **Bus Service**

Two members of the public have alerted the Parish Council that the morning bus service from Beyton to Bury St Edmunds has been axed, leaving college students along with those who work in town and the residents that rely on the amenities in the town, stranded. Penny Otton, our County Councillor, has contacted Public Transport Suffolk with these concerns. Beyton Parish Council's Clerk will write to the bus company with copies to Penny and the respective cabinet member, requesting that at least one morning bus service is reinstated.

#### **Village Green**

Following the Parish Council`s approach to the land agents to renew the now expired lease, we were informed whilst the "Ladies of the Manor" have no interest in renewing the lease they are wanting to sell the freehold of the village green. The details of the sale were only received on 11 November and will be considered by full Council on 11 January – a meeting to which you are all invited to attend.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan Team was requested by MSDC Planning Department to add an independent conservation report to the Beyton Neighbourhood Plan. This has been done and will be incorporated in the plan together with input from the village consultation. The amended plan is expected to be presented to MSDC by Christmas, leading to the village referendumin May.

By the way, the BMSDC Joint Local Plan has been paused as the examiners have requested further evidence to support certain sections of the plan. The belief is that this delay will not influence the timing of the Beyton Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **Lorry Routes in Suffolk**

Suffolk County Council is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county. Beyton Parish Council will respond to this survey, however, should you wish to know more please look on the Beyton website.

#### **Clean-up Beyton**

The autumn litter pick took place on Saturday 16th October and as usual was enjoyed by all 19 volunteers including three new residents. Of course beer and pizzas at The Bear afterwards was the usual reward. This event is not only a necessary service to the community but provides a good opportunity for parishioners to meet up with old and new friends. Why not join the spring clean-up scheduled for the end of March?



The Parish Council is considering using a grant available from MSDC to employ someone to collect litter on a regular basis – more will be known on this after April 2022.

#### **Phone Box in Quaker Lane**

Many thanks to the kind person who repaired the broken door. Well donewhoever you are.

We are all hoping that Christmas this year will be more like the traditional ones with family and friends able to join together in celebration. In any case may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year

Yours

**Graham Jones** Chairman, Beyton Parish Council



### YOUR LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEEDS YOU

A local charity offering advice is looking for new volunteers to join their team.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk offer people free advice on issues like benefits, debt, employment and housing. Volunteers are based in the Advice Centre in Stowmarket.

Simon Clifton, Chief Officer, said, "over the covid-19 pandemic we have continued to provide a service to people who need it – closing up shop was not an option. One challenge that remains is to continue to meet demand. Volunteers are at the heart of our charity and we're looking for new people to join our team. You don't need any specific qualifications or experience to volunteer with us, just an interest in working with people to make their lives better."

Steve Avery, who has been volunteering with Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk for 4 years, said, "I like volunteering here because you make a real difference to people's lives. There's a great team of people and you get a lot of support. I would say to anyone considering volunteering to give it a try because it keeps you connected and up to date."

There are several roles available including Advisers, Telephone Assessors and Trustees.

Anyone interested in finding out more can visit **midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer** or contact Tina Hovell, Volunteer Recruiter, on 01449 676060.

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### BVA NEWS & EVENTS



#### **Beyton village association**

On the 5th October the BVA AGM was held at The White Horse.

Trish Muxlow stepped down as Chair and we thank her for all of the hard work that she has done on behalf of the BVA over many years, she remains on the committee.

Anselm Gurney was elected Chairman with Val Conaboy as Secretary.

Sonja Williams remains as Treasurer.

Four new members join the Committee, Mark and Anna Manning, Claire Ridyard and Gareth Harris.

After the election of the officers there followed a discussion about future events, including the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations next June.

It was confirmed that £250 has been donated to charity since the last AGM, (Milk Maids Molly is an organisation that teaches Morris dancing to young people with learning disabilities).

#### **Dates for your diary**

#### Village walk

#### **Sunday 12 December**

10am meet at the Old Bus Shelter for a circular walk to Tostock.

Everyone is encouraged to get into the Christmas spirit by wearing Christmas hats or Christmas jumpers or both!

The walk will take approximately 2 hours and will conclude with mince pies.

Everyone is welcome

#### **Carol singing on the Green**

#### **Tuesday 21 December**

6.30pm, meet at the Old Bus Shelter

Again, Christmas hats and Christmas decorations are encouraged but please do wrap up well!

This year we will be gathering together to sing in a group on the Green and invite you all to join us for a lovely pre-Christmas sing-a-long. The Travelling Donuts and Grab a Burger vans will be there serving hot refreshments to keep us all warm and fed.

For the first time we are planning to have recorded music as backing to help to keep us in time and in the same key!

We will be collecting donations in aid of a local charity.

Keep an eye on social media for weather updates – just in case!!

If you have any questions about either of these events, please contact Val Conaboy val.conaboy@hotmail.com



# The Bear Inn

**Tostock Road, Beyton, IP30 9AG** 

01359 270249







# CHRISTMAS AT THE BEAR December Pizza Special

Hand stretched dough, Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Sage and Onion topping. Cooked in our stone base pizza oven.



Available to eat in or takeaway

Order via our QR code - follow the 'served up' link.

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

#### **Festive Opening Hours**

23rd and 24th December —4pm to 9pm (8.30pm food)
25th December —11.30 to 3pm (bar only)
26th December to 5th January —Closed
Reopening 6th January



## FRIENDS OF THURSTON LIBRARY

Thurston Library on Norton Road is open for all children and adults in Thurston and the surrounding area

Recently moved to Thurston? We extend you a particularly warm welcome. Come and join the library: it's free for all the family

#### Friends of Thurston Library AGM:

7.00pm Thursday 9th December 2021 in the Library

All welcome: details in the Library

Collect your COVID-19 Home Test Kit from Thurston Library: nearly 300 Kits have been collected

Join the library at the staff desk.

We look forward to welcoming you to our restocked library with many new titles available.

It would be preferable if you could wear a mask, sanitise your hands and take part in track and trace.

The library is open for browsing, collection of Select and Collect, and reservations.

You can reserve books online, over the phone and in the library. Other items can be ordered at the staff desk too.

Walk in computer sessions available (no need to book although you can!).

Check the website or library door for updates and the latest information.

#### Hire a room at the Library

Room hire now available. Call or email the library for details.

#### **Opening times:**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Closed
2pm – 6pm
10am – 1pm
10am – 1pm
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#### **Saturday**

#### **Saturday Story**

Yes, every Saturday is story time. Come and listen to a librarian read a specially selected story at 10.30am.

#### **Ancestry Club**

#### Who do you think you are?

A first meeting of our friendly group is taking place on Saturday 6th November 10am – noon.

Come and find out what records are available to you. The group will be meeting on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 o'clock.

To express an interest and for more information, email Jayne at: thurstonancestry@gmail.com

#### **Sunday**

#### **Sunday Lego Club**

The Lego Club meets every Sunday from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Please visit the Suffolk Libraries Thurston Library page at: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/thurston-library Follow us on Facebook, Instagram (thurstoncommunitylibrary) and thurstonlibraryfriends.suffolk.cloud

for all the latest information on our groups and activities!

#### **Tuesday**

#### The Last Tuesday Baking Club



The club will meet on Tuesday 30th November at 2.30pm.

There will be a theme each month – our first is 'Bake your favourite Brownie'.

No expertise required! The aim here is for a friendly group to chat, eat yummy things with a cuppa, share tips and see where the chat takes us. If you are interested, call or email Ellie using the details provided.

#### Wednesday

#### Wordplay

Baby Bounce for 0 – 4 year olds



Wednesday morning 10.15am – 10.45am Bookings only – phone the library.

Bring along your babies and preschoolers for songs and nursery rhymes in the junior library.

#### The Watercolour Art Club

Meets from 2pm – 5pm every week. New members welcome, just turn up!



#### **Friday**



#### Friday, 21 January

Hold the date Tickets from December

#### **Posh or Not?**

#### A wine tasting with a difference

Come and enjoy a wine tasting with a difference with Wynn Rees. There will be 8 very good wines to taste, grouped in pairs and accompanied by delicious nibbles.

Each pair of wines will be similar in style, but very different in price: in fact one will be twice the price of the other.

Can you spot the 'posh' wines? Do they taste better than their cheaper equivalent? Why are some wines more expensive than others?

A tasting that is interactive, informative and fun.

#### And did you know you can . . .

- Have a walk in computer session in Thurston Library: no need to book, although you can!
- Photocopy and print
- Join online events: online events can be found at:

https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on

Thurston Library: Norton Road, Thurston, IP31 3PB. 01359 235048. Library Manager: Ellie Longman



### POPPY APPEAL 2021



I hope you have enjoyed seeing your poppy collector on your doorstep again and were able to contribute to this worthy cause?

I am very pleased to welcome four new volunteers to our collection team, namely Hazel and Andy Player, Neil Higham and Jamie Meiklejohn. Whilst mentioning the newcomers I should not forget our regular stalwarts; Sheila Mole, Rod Scott, Jane and Barry at the White Horse, Hannah and Garry at The Bear, David and Andy from Beyton Garage and not to forget Mandy at the 6th Form Campus.

Even more good news, two other parishioners have said that they would like to help next year!

I can't report how much we have raised yet as there are still some collection boxes to come in, however, my guess is that we will see a figure in the region of £650.

Thanks again to all.

#### **Graham Jones**

Beyton Poppy Appeal Coordinator



# BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

#### **Healthy Hedgerows**

Hedgerows are an essential component of the British landscape. They are one of our country's most widespread and valuable habitats with great cultural and historic value. They also provide shade, shelter, reduce rapid water run-off and the risk of flooding and store carbon, helping us to fight climate change.

Tens of thousands of miles of hedges were removed last century, particularly in arable counties such as Suffolk, to create larger fields for the most modern agricultural machinery. It is estimated that we have lost 50% of our hedges in Britain since World War II. Happily, in more recent years, the rate of hedgerow removal has greatly declined and it is good to see that new hedges are being planted. However, many of our older hedgerows are in a poor condition due to neglect or mismanagement and their future is at risk.

The People's Trust for Endangered Species PTES) is working to promote healthy hedges. They give their reasons for doing so on their website. The importance of our hedgerows cannot be overstated, especially at this time where we are seeing worrying declines in our native wildlife. They provide a home, food, a hunting ground, shelter and a breeding ground for many of our native species. 70% of the UK is agricultural land and hedgerows often provide the safest route of travel for our wildlife. Whether this is dormice who need shrubby growth to travel and are reluctant to travel on the ground, or flying creatures like insects and bats who take advantage of the shelter that hedgerows provide. We need a well-connected network of hedges to help our wildlife thrive.

To be effective habitats, hedgerows need to be dense, especially near the base, and have no gaps. They need to include a mixture of native trees and shrubs that will provide a broad diet of seeds and berries. Taller trees can offer perching posts or nesting sites for some birds. A broad headland or field margin will provide further shelter and feeding opportunities. To achieve this, hedges need managing.

In the days before machinery, hedges were managed by hand. Hand tools could not easily cut through the thicker wood and hedges grew taller until they were coppiced or laid. Both these practices involved cutting trees and shrubs close to the ground, so encouraging them to shoot from the base and produce a thick, healthy hedge. Now, hedges are cut by machine often on an annual cycle. This reduces the amount of flowers and berries, which are generally produced on stems over two years old, and can damage the long-term structure of the hedge. Where there is no management at all, hedges will ultimately turn into a line of trees with only the strongest species surviving. In addition to this, disease has had a significant impact on our tree species with many gaps resulting from, for example, Dutch Elm disease.

The PTSE website provides a wealth of information to support landowners to better manage their hedgerows.

More information can be found at; www.ptes.org/hedgerows

Included on the website are two survey tools, one of which is a free app. By answering some simple questions about the hedge and inputting them into the database, landowners can receive rapid advice about the appropriate management for their hedgerows.

Beyton parish council and Beyton Environmental Group (BEG) are working to improve the hedges in the village. Volunteeers have planted native species in the gaps along the footpath between the church and Drinkstone Road and further work is planned for this winter. BEG has also carried out some hedge laying and additional planting around Oak Tree Pond in Quaker Lane.

BEG is always looking for new members to join work parties and to carry out survey work. If you would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Val Conaboy Chair BEG

## NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I am delighted to be introducing myself to you as the Principal of Thurston Community College. This is a crucial time for us all as we begin to recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, face new challenges and explore exciting opportunities in the months ahead.

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I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead a school with such an excellent reputation in the community. I applied for the role of Principal because the school has a strong sense of inclusivity, underpinned by a clear mission of 'Inspire, Empower and Achieve'. I believe this offers a unique opportunity for our young people to have the best possible start in life and gain a well-rounded education.

I have enjoyed over twenty years as a Senior Leader and have been privileged to work with, and in, a wide variety of schools. For the past nine years I have been the Principal of Spires Academy, a school based on the outskirts of Canterbury in Kent. I am proud and honoured to have led and worked alongside an exceptional staff body and inspiring students.

The move to Suffolk, a county that I have previously rarely visited and have no prior connections with, has been interesting. It has required a move of 140 miles from a Kent village that I had lived in for 24 years.

My friends and family have joked that maybe I am having a midlife crisis or have lost my mind! Having survived the first half term I think it has been an opportunity that has been too good to miss.

Everyone at Thurston Community College and those I have encountered in the wider community have been welcoming, friendly and keen to share suggestions of places I should visit across this beautiful county. My two cocker spaniels are enjoying exploring the local countryside, a change from the beach walks in Kent.

This is the third academic year that we have been disrupted by coronavirus and there is no doubt that it has made my first few months difficult and challenging. However, this term has not all been about Covid 19 and there has been much to celebrate and I hope you are following our social media feeds on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with our latest news and events. Our Open Evening was well attended and created a buzz as staff and students showcased their College; we have been awarded a substantial grant from the Turing Foundation to facilitate an education visit to Peru and our enrichment clubs have generated much interest with the prospect of putting on a show, 'Matilda' later this year, to which you are all invited. Full details will be on our website in the New Year.

With my very best wishes

Nicki Mattin

Principal







We take our day-time and night-time for granted, of course. It is the eternal way of the turning planet, giving us our two contrasting states of light and dark every 24 hours.

As day-time or diurnal creatures, most of us live, work and play in the day, retiring to bed to sleep at night. We are creatures who use our powerful gift of sight probably more than any of our other senses, and have little or no night vision. In the natural world, we are pretty useless in the dark. We understand other diurnal animals: blackbirds searching for worms, swallows and swifts swooping through the air for insects, bees and butterflies visiting open fragrant flowers etc. We enjoy watching them and we value them for the pleasure they bring us.

But if you are a nocturnal creature, the dark is your home, your natural habitat. Badgers, foxes, deer, hedgehogs, mice, Tawny owls, bats, almost all moths and many thousands of insect species inhabit the night and need the dark. Their eyes are adapted to very low light levels, they often have spectacular powers of hearing, as well as a powerful sense of smell, and in the case of bats, the use of echolocation to find their prey.

For these thousands of animals, light is the enemy. Light is as difficult for them to cope with, as pitch dark is for us humans. It is an alien environment.

In the last few decades, human use of artificial light has caused many problems for our nocturnal fellow creatures. They become disorientated and can't hunt and feed as they should. Our powerful lighting systems for security, streets, road junctions, industrial and sports sites are making life really difficult for nocturnal animals. One major effect has been to disrupt seasonal migration, much of which takes place at night. Another effect is the so-called 'insect apocalypse', with a collapse of night-flying insect populations. Even the lighting of our church towers is, sadly, contributing to this devastation.

So, what we need to do is only use lights that are essential, that go off when not needed, are no more powerful than necessary and have no upward 'leakage' into the night sky. In my opinion, they should be regulated under the Planning Laws.

. . . and then, of course, there might be a chance to see the stars and the Milky Way . . .

The infinite shining heavens Rose, and I saw in the night Uncountable angel stars Showering sorrow and light.

Robert Louis Stevenson







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http://beyton.suffolk.cloud



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**Rector** Nick Cutler – 01359 270250 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

### 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** 



### The White Horse Beyton

#### Christmas Menu 01359 270342



We offer a selection of Vegan, Vegetarian & Gluten free dishes

#### Lunch Menu

£20.75 Per Person 2 courses & coffee £16.75

Prawn & Smoked Salmon Cocktail
Homemade Winter Vegetable Soup
Goats Cheese & Red Onion Tart v
Chicken Liver Pate & Toast
With red onion relish

Homecooked Roast Turkey or Beef With traditional trimmings

Fillet of Salmon
With soy sesame & ginger sauce

Homemade Game Pie Venison Rabbit & Pheasant in shortcrust Pastry Mushroom, Brie & Cranberry Wellington v

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce
Sherry Trifle
Apple & Mincemeat Crumble
Chocolate Truffle Torte

Coffee or Tea & Christmas Cracker

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From us all at The White Horse Many Thanks for all your support

### Evening Menu

£23.75 Per Person 2 courses & coffee £18.75

Prawn & Smoked Salmon Cocktail
Homemade Winter Vegetable Soup
Chicken Liver Pate & Toast
Goats Cheese & Red Onion Tart v
Chicken Wings with BBQ Dip

Homecooked Roast Turkey or Beef With traditional trimmings

Fillet of Salmon With soy sesame & ginger sauce

Rump Steak with Peppercorn Sauce

Homemade Game Pie
Venison Rabbit & Pheasant in Shortcrust Pastry
Braised Lamb Shank
With rosemary & redcurrant gravy

Mushroom, Brie & Cranberry Wellington  $\boldsymbol{v}$ 

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce
Sherry Trifle
Chocolate Truffle Torte
Apple & Mincemeat Crumble
Selection of Cheeses with Biscuits
With Spiced Apple Chutney

Coffee & Christmas Cracker