

# BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



FEBRUARY – MARCH 2022



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2021/2022

## **Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2022**

Tuesday 15th February

Tuesday 12th April

Tuesday 15th March

Tuesday 10th May

**All meetings are held 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.**

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## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Various events are being planned for the Bank Holiday weekend 2nd – 5th June. More details to follow.

## **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 **Friday 25th March 2022** **at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

Please send to: **[editor@beytonvillage.news](mailto:editor@beytonvillage.news)** – Letters welcome



# EDITOR'S WELCOME

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As the weather improves and life starts to feel a bit more normal with fewer restrictions it is wonderful to see some social events popping up in the diary that we can all look forward to. The Village Quiz is usually well attended and after an enforced break it's good to see it back. If you haven't been before, please do consider joining in, it is a fun evening.

Looking forward to lighter nights and better weather!

*Editor*

## BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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### Parish Council Team

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. Yes, it does seem a while ago especially as we are now in the middle of the two darkest winter months. Never mind, spring is just around the corner, there has been no flooding in the village and the BVA is starting to plan the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. I remember well Her Majesty's Coronation and the fun and enjoyment it brought to us as children, no doubt memories from this year's events will remain with the youngsters of Beyton for years to come.

I looked at my reports for this time last year, Flooding in the village was the main topic, comments like "this is the worst we have ever seen" were only too common. A lot has changed in the last twelve months. The underground drains at the junction of Church Road, Quaker Lane and Cangles Lane have been renewed. The ditch on Drinkstone Road has been cleared and the Thurston Road stream attended to, even the culvert under the A14 has been emptied for the first time in over thirty years. Over three hundred tonnes of silt were removed by Highways England and more importantly, a five yearly preventative maintenance program adopted by this government body.

Following the success of addressing the long-standing flooding issues, the Parish Council members could well have anticipated some winter hibernation. Unfortunately there were a couple of incidences that required our attention.

Firstly, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) issued a Housing Order on our geese because of the outbreak of Avian Flu. The latest advice received from Defra on the 3rd of February is to keep the geese penned as the risk remains high. No release date has been mentioned by the authorities.

Secondly, we were alerted to a possible insurance problem relating to the validity of the cover for the play area on The Green. Simply put, should a child be injured on the play equipment there is no guarantee that a claim would be supported under our current policy. The Parish Council determined that the only safe option was to close off the equipment until we are certain the correct coverage is in place. Full details of both issues are posted on the Beyton Village website and will be updated as more information becomes available.

This is a good time to remind everyone that the Beyton website is the right place to find out about the activities of the Parish Council and what is happening in the village.

<https://beyton.suffolk.cloud>

## **Village Green**

Beyton Parish Council discussed an invitation to purchase the village green and ancillary land at a cost of £15,000 plus legal charges at the open meeting on the 11th of January. After discussion it was agreed to set up a Village Green Committee with four members of the PC and four residents. The purpose of the committee is to prepare a full options appraisal within 6 months.

## **Clean-up Beyton**

We are considering holding the Spring Litter Pick on Saturday 26th March. Please keep an eye out for posters.

## **Parish Council Members**

I am very pleased to welcome Jonathan Wilson to the Parish Council which means that we now have a full complement. Jonathan joins us off the back of his fine leadership of the Neighbourhood Plan team, his experience here will, I'm sure, make him a great asset to the Parish Council team. Talking of teams, I must say that I have been very impressed with the can-do attitude of the Parish Council members. My thanks to them **ALL**.

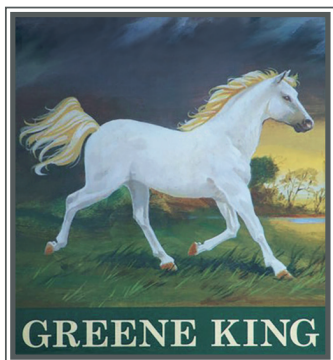
Yours

***Graham Jones***

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

*Since this report was originally written, I am glad to report that having worked with our legal advisers and The Ladies of the Manor, we have been able to resolve the issues surrounding the installation of the play equipment on The Green along with the subsequent concerns around insurance and the children's play area has now been reopened.*





# THE WHITE HORSE

*February Special Offer  
50% off meals up to £10*

**Eat out to Help out!!**

*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm to 8.30 pm*

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## 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

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Tuesday to Saturday 6-8.30 pm*

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Scampi & Chips	£8.50
2 Fishcakes & Chips	£8.50
2 Sausage in batter & Chips	£6.50
Peas	£1.00
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# BVA NEWS & EVENTS

## Village Walk

**12 December 2021**

We had a good turnout for the pre-Christmas walk, I think 14 people and a dog, but it is a long time ago. Some entered into the festive spirit with Christmas hats/clothing, although it was not compulsory. The theme of the walk was – mud! Plenty of it in the Suffolk fields and much boot scraping was required.

We headed up the narrow path by the Old Mill and along the A14. This was extremely muddy. Then over the field to Tostock, even muddier, to the relative sanctuary of the village lanes. The paths north of the village offer some lovely views of the Blackbourne valley and were unknown to most of the participants. The weather was good and people were obviously happy to be out in the fresh air after all the restrictions and dire warnings linked to Covid.

The return route took us down Hollow Lane and avoided a mud swimming pool on one field. All arrived safely and most went to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies kindly provided by the Gurneys. There was some disagreement about the length of the walk, but I maintain it was 4 miles (maybe a bit more).

The next village walk is scheduled for **27 February-meet 10 am at the old bus shelter on the Green**. Please come along-dogs on leads welcome. We will be heading towards Rougham for a circular walk of about 4-4.5 miles. It is a good social event, a healthy activity and you will be back in time for Sunday lunch.



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Details as above

### Village Quiz

**Friday 8th April**

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7pm for prompt 7:30 start.

Buy Tickets in advance from Val Conaboy.  
Further details in magazine.



## *Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations*

**Thursday 2nd June 2022**

Activities are still being finalised but are likely to include:

- An evening event with live music, a beacon lighting ceremony and a bar with hot food
- An afternoon event for children with a traditional street party/afternoon tea

*Watch out for further details  
in the next edition of the magazine*

The Village Association is a relatively small band of people who do need to ask for more hands on deck when staging larger outdoor events. The more help that we have, the more activities we can consider putting on. We are a friendly welcoming group; being involved on the day is good fun and a great way to meet new people and a warm welcome is guaranteed!

If you have any ideas for other activities, or would like to help us to run these events please ring Anselm Gurney on 01359 270176.

If you have any questions about the Village walk or Village quiz please contact Val Conaboy [val\\_conaboy@hotmail.com](mailto:val_conaboy@hotmail.com) or the Jubilee Celebrations please contact Anselm Gurney on 01359 270176.



# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

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Progress on the Beyton Neighbourhood Plan has been slow, but steady. However, we are reviewing certain aspects of the Plan in the light of the Mid Suffolk-Babergh joint District plan which, it is fair to say, did not receive a ringing endorsement from the independent inspector.

This means that settlement boundaries and housing allocations throughout the Mid Suffolk area (of which Beyton is part) are being reviewed. That in turn creates question marks around precisely how many houses are required throughout Mid-Suffolk.

Of course, the Plan is not just about housing – though that is for many the headline aspect – and we have been finishing off reviewing all the many comments received from villagers (thank you!) to the Plan.

The vast majority of comments were supportive of the work done by volunteers, however it is important that we take note of those suggestions that are deemed to make a material difference to the Draft Plan. We must also note those comments from the statutory authorities.

Environmental concerns around certain planning sites were also raised by the District Council and we are delighted to be addressing those issues.

We hope to conclude the updating of the Plan in time for it to be presented to Beyton Parish Council's March meeting. Should the Plan be approved by the Parish Council, it will be formally submitted to Mid-Suffolk District Council and, with a following wind, we should be in position to put it to a village vote in October 2022. Then, if it is passed, it will prove guidance and direction for the growth of the village over the years ahead.

*Jonathan Wilson*

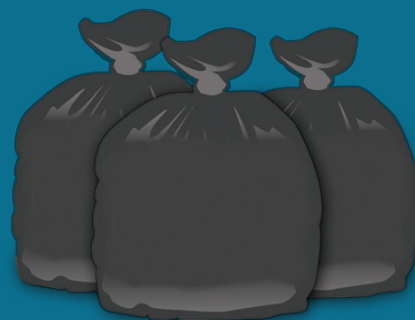
Chair, Beyton Neighbourhood Plan Team.

## CLEAN-UP BEYTON

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**PROVISIONAL DATE:**  
**Saturday 26th March 2022**

This event is subject to Covid restrictions, please look out for posters nearer the time





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## YOUR COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW) NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Beyton was one of the first villages in Suffolk to run CSW and is now one of over 60 schemes running across the County. Since 2009 roadside speed monitoring has

helped to remind drivers of the values of adhering to the 30mph limit, especially now with ever increasing traffic volumes being recorded. On a typical weekday our village will see over 6,000 vehicle movements!

Several members have recently moved away and so we have a need to boost our numbers so that the frequency of roadside monitoring sessions is not diminished.

The rota system we employ ensures that you will only be required to devote 1 hour per week and that will be at a time convenient to you. All schemes are actively supported and encouraged by local Councils and the Police. Training is provided on use of the equipment and administration.

If you support the idea of making our village safer and would like more information on joining us please contact your local CSW co-ordinator:

***Kerry Mason***

Email: [speedwatchbeytonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:speedwatchbeytonvillage@gmail.com)

# BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

## **Oak Tree Pond**

Many of you (especially dog walkers) may be aware of Beyton Environmental Group's site – Oak Tree Pond (OTP) in Quaker Lane.

The site has several mature Oak Trees (of course) as well as 3 ponds, which only fill with water in wet winters – last year 20/21 was exceptional in this respect, this year – we're still waiting! There are also 2 meadows.

The site is maintained to provide the best possible environment for all forms of wildlife, the main successes are with birdlife, many of the nest boxes are occupied every year, while other species, such as whitethroats, regularly nest in the bushes and undergrowth.

The group has made many attempts at creating wild flower meadows in the two meadow areas, with limited success. Our efforts have created some areas of flowers and each year we mow these meadows in the autumn, removing the grass in order to impoverish the soil. This then reduces the density of the grass so that eventually flowers should have less competition.

The meadow near the entrance was, up until 2 or 3 years ago, covered in head-high nettles but a more exacting mowing regime has removed most of these, leaving mainly grasses.

Every summer we get quite a few butterflies, mainly those you see in other field areas but we always do at least one count per year which is reported on the Big Butterfly Count website.

Winter work parties are aimed at maintaining the hedges around the site, this isn't just for appearance, it provides a barrier around the site reducing wind and providing denser cover for nesting birds.

For the last two years we have also been allowed to maintain the triangular area behind the site, this was deemed unsuitable for farming. We have tried various regimes, sadly with no more success than the farmer and we are now being allowed to plant the area with trees instead. To date we have planted two small leaved limes, some birch, holly and hawthorn. This project is funded by a legacy left to the group by Ralph Baker, a lifelong Beyton resident. The area has been named Ralph's Copse. My long-term aim is to create a warm sheltered area in order to provide more cover and food for birds and insects.

I hope this will help give you more insight into what you see when passing the site.

However, as it is a wildlife site, we aim to minimise disturbance, especially during the breeding season so I would ask you all to respect this. Dogs running through the site disturb nesting birds and can result in desertion and the loss of a potential brood.

I would like to say that if anyone would like to learn more about the site, I could arrange a tour, or you could just come along to one of the work parties, dates are available from the group area of the Beyton website.

**Roy Crosby** Warden



# FIGHTING FOR NATURE

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We have in this country a large number of environmental charities, some quite venerable, such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). Others are relative new-comers, only emerging in the last sixty years in response to environmental degradation, such as Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace etc. Of course, there are hundreds more, some dedicated to specific groups of animals or plants, such as Buglife, People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), British Trust for Ornithology, Plantlife International, The Woodland Trust, The Soil Association, The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) etc. etc. You name it, there will be a charity for it!

A really important group of charities are The Wildlife Trusts. This is the umbrella organisation that joins up all the County Wildlife Trusts, which serve counties throughout the country. Our local one is The Suffolk Wildlife Trust who are now custodians of 50 wildlife sites, including Bradfield Wood, Knettishall Heath, Redgrave and Lopham Fen and Lackford Lakes. They work to safeguard threatened species and to bring more land into environmental protection. They also work in partnership with local farmers to change the intensively farmed rural landscape, by encouraging crop rotation, reduction of pesticides, wilder hedgerows and better field margins where pollinating insects can thrive and farm birds can find food and shelter. 70% of Suffolk is cultivated arable land, so this is crucial work.

In the latest SWT magazine, there is an article by Steve Aylward which explains the vast challenge of rewilding Suffolk:

"Suffolk is an intensively managed county. Everywhere you look you can see the impacts of human activity; the mowing, the flailing, the draining, the ploughing, the building and relentless suppression of the natural environment. It feels as if there is hardly a corner of Suffolk not subjected to some form of human intervention or control. We no longer fit into the natural world; it has to fit around us and that has a devastating impact on nature. We are currently locked into a spiral of habitat decline, climate chaos and extinction, and the window of opportunity to stop this is rapidly disappearing.

We know that the biodiversity crisis and climate change are directly linked, and neither can be solved separately. Tackling climate change will hugely benefit wildlife and the natural environment and vice versa; restoring biodiversity and natural habitats can start to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and limit the impact of climate change. Rewilding is a model we can all adopt at any scale that will address both the biodiversity crisis and climate change."

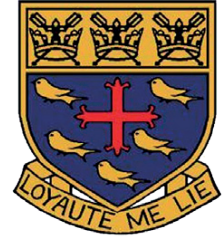
If you want to read the rest of Steve's piece, to learn more about SWT, its work and the wonderful reserves that you can visit, go to [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org)

*Cathy Cass*

# NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dear All

The academic year is now over half way through, with so much which has already taken place at the College. Ahead of us now are a whole variety of events and activities being planned for Spring and Summer. As a community college, we strive to ensure students can not only have access to a broad and balanced curriculum but can also take part in the multiple opportunities on offer to support their broader development as individuals.



During these difficult times, our students continue to show their immense resilience and a willingness to learn and mature, becoming responsible and independent members of both the College and wider community. We have five charities that as a College, we raise money for. Each year group has three non-uniform days a year, which take place alongside various awareness raising activities and extra fundraising like cake sales and raffles, associated with their chosen charities. For this academic year the charities are as follows:

**Cancer Research UK** - Year 7 (11 to 12 year olds)

**RSPCA** – Year 8 (12 to 13 year olds)

**Born Free International Animal Welfare Charity** – Year 9 (13 to 14 year olds)

**Young Minds Mental Health Charity for Young People** – Year 10 (14 to 15 year olds)

**BEAT Eating Disorder Charity** – Year 11 (15 to 16 year olds)

As you can see, our students are passionate about trying to address the matters which impact on their young lives, as well as on those of others, and of the animal kingdom. Their enthusiasm is boundless, their optimism is immense and their determination to realise change is admirable.

Our Post-16 students are equally resolute to support the vulnerable people in this world in which we all live. The Student Union have recently led an appeal to re-raise awareness with regard to people of Afghanistan. The Head of the Student Union says in his own words:

*"We all know that, in August last year, Afghanistan fell to the Taliban. The plight of the Afghan people since has been hugely concerning and the World Food Programme estimates that over half of the population are currently experiencing chronic food insecurity. Therefore, as the Student Union at Thurston Sixth Beyton Campus, we decided to raise money for UNICEF's Afghanistan Appeal. On Thursday 17th February, we held a raffle with some brilliant prizes very kindly donated by parents, students, staff and governors, to all of which we give our greatest thanks. Look out for the total money raised by the event on social media."*

Our Performing Arts students are at the time of writing, in full swing with rehearsals for Thurston Community College's production of Matilda: The Musical Jr. Fantastic progress is being made by our biggest cast to date! The Performing Arts Team have been so impressed with the level of enthusiasm and commitment shown by all students involved in the production, from cast to tech crew. We can't wait for you to see our 'Revoluting Children' perform in April. Here's what a few of our cast in their roles, had to say about rehearsals.

**Miss Honey:**

*'It is great to see everyone of all ages back doing something we haven't been able to do for two years. Students who have never been involved in Thurston's productions are able to experience it for the first time, and those of us who have been involved before are loving being back.'*

**Matilda:**

*'I am really enjoying rehearsals and feel like I have learnt a lot so far!'*

**Lavender:**

*'I feel like I am more comfortable performing in front of people and I am enjoying working with other year groups.'*

**Little Kid:**

*'I am really enjoying rehearsals and feel like my confidence has grown, which is going to help me adapt to performances in the future!'*

**Nigel:**

*'My favourite scene that we have rehearsed is Scene 10 because my character is so enthusiastic, and I've really enjoyed acting that part.'*

The dates to note for the performances to the public are from Wednesday 27 April to Saturday 30 April 2022. As with previous years, we will have two performances on the Saturday; a matinee and evening show. So please do come along and bring your family and friends with you!

Thank you all for your continued support and interest in our College community and our many and varied learning opportunities and activities.

***Jean Wheeler***

Assistant Principal



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The Bear Inn Beyton  
The White Horse Beyton



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## 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](mailto:gonetomygarden@gmail.com)

The BVA presents the annual ...

# Beyton Quiz Night & Fish and Chip Supper!



Friday 8th April

In

Main Hall, Beyton 6th Form Campus

Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

**TICKETS: £10 A HEAD**

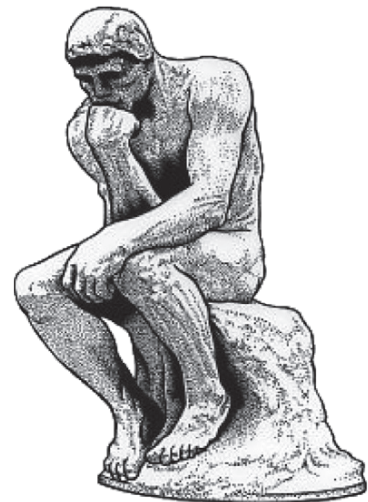
(Booking essential by 1st April)



To Book a table  
email: [val\\_conaboy@hotmail.com](mailto:val_conaboy@hotmail.com)  
or text: 07557 989592

**Max team  
of 6**

Bring your own booze



The quiz will be held in the main school hall which has a high ceiling for air circulation and will also allow plenty of space between tables