Beyton Village News

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2018

Dates For Your Diaries - 2018

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2018

Monday 5th February
Monday 5th March
Monday 9th April
Monday 14th May (Ordinary, Annual & Annual Parish Meetings)
Monday 4th June
Monday 2nd July
August – No Meeting
Monday 3rd September
Monday 1st October
Monday 26th November

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

Safari Supper

Saturday 3rd February

BVA Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21st February 8pm meet at The Bear

Deadline for responses to SCC consultation

Wednesday 28th February

BVA Annual Quiz

Friday 2nd March 7.30pm at Beyton Sixth

BVA AGM

Wednesday 21st March 8pm at The White Horse

Village Walk Meet

Sunday 25th March 3pm at the Old Bus Shelter

Deadline For Next Edition

Please let us have any contributions by **Friday 16th March 2018 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition. Copy received after the deadline will not be included in that issue.

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

Editor's Welcome

As this is the first Beyton Village News of 2018, **Happy New Year** to everyone, albeit a bit on the late side.

With Spring just around the corner the Diary of Events is starting to fill up and there are plenty of events around the village being planned with something for everyone.

Major changes are being proposed by Suffolk County Council to the future funding of school transport which will impact on all of us in Beyton, regardless of whether you have school age children or not.

Please take the time to read about it and respond to the consultation – the deadline for responses is 28th February and it is important to make your views known.

Editor

PS Hope you like our new look for 2018?

This is a one off colour edition to start the year!

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report

Feb & Mar 2018

Parish Council Members

Finally, we have reached our full quota of members, Ann Alderton has agreed to join us. I am sure that Ann's experience in the public sector and background in accountancy will be of great value to the team. Welcome Ann.

Council Tax

The portion of council tax for a Band D property paid to Beyton Parish Council for the financial year 2017/18 is £37.29 pa. The forecast spend (Budget) for this period is £14,870 nett of VAT, the latest projection for the full year will be £14,556 (which includes £3,200 for the purchase of the Speed Indicator Device). The general rule for Parish Council reserves is for this to be equivalent to one year's income. To approach this target the Parish Council Members have agreed to an increase for Band D properties to £41.80, which is an increase of £4.51 per year. The full budget and spend is available for viewing on the Beyton website.

Local Plan for Mid Suffolk and Beyton.

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

Village Green Lease

We have written to the Ladies of The Manor requesting either a continuation to the lease or to explore the possibility to purchase The Green.

Emergency Plan

The plan is in place and available on the Beyton website. It is designed to provide information on who locally can help, where to go and guide the emergency services in the event of major issues such as storms, floods, inclement weather and power outs. We are lucky to live in an area which is unlikely to suffer natural or manmade disasters, however, what may be no big issue to most of us could be significant to vulnerable members of our community. If you know of anyone who may require special needs, please contact Pat Lamb, Clerk to Beyton PC (01359 233288 or by email to beytonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Clean-up Beyton

A worthwhile exercise and an excellent opportunity to meet old and new friends in the village. Why not join us at the next clean-up on Saturday 24th March. Meet at the old bus shelter on The Green at 10am followed by refreshment in The White Horse.

Defibrillator

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

Highways

Several issues are being addressed. We are planning a meeting with the authorities before spring time to improve the grass verge cutting, notably at the bottom of the A14 off ramp. The significant number of potholes throughout the village. Residents of Manor Farm have kindly undertaken jet washing of the main driveway in an attempt to prevent rain water running onto Thurston Road, Let us hope that this action will prove successful.

There is a very good, user friendly website for reporting highway issues. Once a problem is reported an automatic reference number is immediately assigned followed a few days later with an action statement. I would urge you to use this facility: highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

I am looking forward to the next couple of BVA events, Safari Supper on 3rd February and the Village Quiz in March. I had better brush up my general knowledge.

Yours

Graham Jones
Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

The BVA presents the annual . . .

Beyton Quiz Night & Fish and Chip Supper!

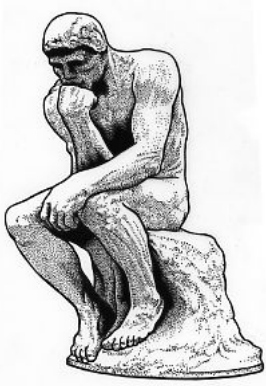
Friday 2nd March
In
The Hall, Beyton 6th Form Campus

Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Tickets: **£8** a head
(Advanced booking required)

To book a table tel. Trish on:
271 971

Max Team of 6



Bring your own booze.
Puddings & cakes available to buy!

Proposed Changes To School Transport

I expect that you will be aware that Suffolk County Council have recently launched a consultation on home-to-school travel. They are proposing to change the current policy in September 2019, so that children only get free transport to their nearest school, rather than to their catchment school, which is the current policy. If this new policy were to be introduced, 3,700 children across Suffolk would no longer qualify for free home-to-school travel. Parents would be faced with the choice of organising their own transport or moving their child to a different school, mid-way through their education.

As a parish within the Thurston Community College catchment area, the children in your villages would be affected by this policy change. 54% of our students live closer to a school other than Thurston Community College. That is 812 children. I am extremely concerned about these children. I know, from having asked their parents, that many of the parents would be unable to arrange transport for their child, so their child would be forced to move school. As an experienced headteacher, I know beyond doubt that this move would have a detrimental impact on their child's education. For those who would continue to send their child to Thurston Community College, nearly all of them have said that they would take them to school by car. So this option will impact on our road infrastructure and the environment.

Either way, the outlook is not good, should this policy change be implemented.

Proposed cuts to free school bus provision by Suffolk County Council could result in an **additional 600 daily car journeys** to and from Thurston and Beyton. This is the worrying finding of a survey of our parents conducted to coincide with the opening of a council consultation on changes to home to school transport.

We are very aware through our close relationship with the communities of Thurston and Beyton that traffic caused by the school run is already a concern. These villages and the surrounding roads could not cope with the extra traffic – we estimate it would be a seven-fold increase from current levels. **We hope all residents will respond to the Suffolk County Council consultation to oppose the proposed changes.**

The consultation proposes three options:

1. Change to "nearest school only" wholesale in September 2019 (all students in all year groups would no longer qualify for free transport to Thurston Community College if they live closer to a different secondary school).
2. Change to "nearest school only" incrementally, from September 2019 (same as above, but existing students would continue to receive free transport while new students do not).

3. Make no changes to the school travel policy, but make savings from other Suffolk County Council budgets.

Thurston Community College will continue to oppose options 1 and 2 which we have shown will not make savings but will result in additional costs elsewhere. **Option 3 is the only way to ensure that our villages are safe for all road users and that Thurston Community College and its students continue to thrive on both campuses.**

We urge all local people to make their views known to Suffolk County Council by responding to the consultation by 28 February 2018. The questionnaire can be completed online here: **https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5to16HtoS**

Full information about the consultation is available here:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

If you want to know more about our campaign against the proposed changes, please visit the College website:
http://www.thurstoncollege.org/Information/Home-to-School-Transport/

Helen Wilson
Principal
Thurston Community College

An Otter in Beyton

It seems we have an otter in the village. On 23 Dec 2017 at 7.30 pm one was picked out in car headlights moving swiftly across the grassed area near the village sign, heading in a westerly direction. Identification is unconfirmed but almost certain. Another independent report describes two large fish taken from a garden pond and killed in typical otter fashion. If you can add to this we would like to know and be warned, protect your carp.

Roger B
Otter Spotter

BVA Report

BVA News Latest

On Wednesday 13 December, a dry but freezing cold evening, a good crowd turned out for carol singing around the Green. Stops were made at the White Horse and the Bear where the singers defrosted with mulled wine and mince pies. £150 was raised for 'Sunday Suppers', a Bury based charity that provides hot meals three times a week for the homeless, as well as other necessaries.

Dates for your diary:

A Safari Supper is being held on Saturday 3 February. (This is a dinner party in which each successive course is provided at the home of a different host). To book contact Val on 271959. The deadline is 29 January. Don't worry if you missed this one, they happen at least once a year.

Wednesday 21st February a Beyton Village Association committee meeting will take place at 8pm at the Bear. Please join us! Friday 2 March Beyton Village Association Annual Quiz (and fish and chip supper), held at Beyton Campus Six Form College. Prompt 7.30 start. Tickets £8 a head, booking essential, max size of team 6, tel Trish on 271971. Bring your own bottles. Puddings and cakes available to buy on the night.

Wednesday 21st March BVA Annual General Meeting, 8pm at the White Horse. Please join us, have a free glass of wine and find out more about our activities.

Sunday 25th March Village Walk, 3-5pm starting at the old bus shelter. For more details contact Val on 271959.

Saturday 9 June, Beyton Fayre.

Friday 22 June, an evening walk, 6.30-8.30 ending in a pub stop.

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CLEAN UP BEYTON

COME AND JOIN US TO CLEAN UP BEYTON

Please meet 10am at the old Bus Shelter

GLOVES, LITTER PICKERS ETC PROVIDED

All help appreciated

REFRESHMENTS AT THE WHITE HORSE AFTERWARDS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

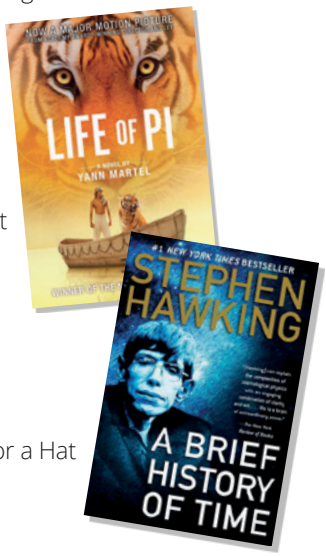
News from Thurston Community College

Our aim as a College is always to support students as they develop into confident young adults; seeking to provide a broad education that goes beyond the traditional subjects we would all recognise being studied in schools across the country. To support this College aim, a new *Reading for Pleasure* initiative has been introduced at Thurston Sixth, on our Beyton Campus. The purpose of this initiative is to give our students a sound footing on topics for discussion when at university or out in the workplace. We want our students to feel confident and comfortable as they meet new people in a wide range of settings, being able to join in conversations and contribute to discussions. Hopefully by reading some of the books we are recommending to students, they will be able to bring something to any discussion.

Our list of recommended books is designed to give students self-assurance, provide them with discussion points, entertain them, and instruct them on how the world can sometimes work. Our list is by no means comprehensive; there are many thousands of books to read that can bring pleasure to those who read them, and this initiative is designed to encourage students to pick up a book and read for a personal desire, not just for College work.

Out of interest, I am sure you would be curious to know that the books we have recommended to our 17 and 18 year old students are:

Douglas Adams	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Bill Bryson	A Short History of Nearly Everything
Joseph Conrad	Heart of Darkness
Paulo Coelho	The Alchemist
Malcolm Gladwel	Blink
Stephen Hawking	A Brief History of Time
Kazuo Ishiguro	Never Let Me Go
Owen Jones	The Establishment
Franz Kafka	The Metamorphosis
Ken Kesey	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Primo Levi	The Periodic Table
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	One Hundred Years of Solitude
Yann Martel	Life of Pi
John Stuart Mill	On Liberty
Andrew Northedge	The Good Study Guide
George Orwell	1984
Sylvia Plath	The Bell Jar
Oliver Sacks	The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat
Dr Seuss	Oh, The Places You'll Go
Zadie Smith	On Beauty
Kurt Vonnegut	Cat's Cradle



We stock a couple of copies of each of these titles in our Sixth Form Library, but would love to see more students reading them. So, if you have any of these titles tucked away at home in good condition, please could you donate them to our Sixth

Form? If you feel the titles have moved you, maybe you could write something and pop it inside the book to show how it has inspired you.

On a different note, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about our forthcoming annual Collage Production which this year is Oliver! Bringing vividly to life Dickens' timeless characters with its ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more, Lionel Bart's sensational score includes *Food Glorious Food*, *Consider Yourself*, *You've Got to Pick-a-Pocket or Two, I'd Do Anything, Oom Pah Pah*, As Long As He Needs Me and many more.

There are well over 150 students involved in this year's production, and tickets are expected to sell quickly. Those involved have worked exceptionally hard to bring this production to the stage and we hope you are able to come along and support us. Anyone who has attended any of our previous productions will know what a wealth of talent we have at the College and we can promise once again that this is a show not to be missed.

Performances will take place on the evenings of **Wednesday 21st**, **Thursday 22nd**, **Friday 23rd** and **Saturday 24th February 2018**, commencing at 7pm in the Main Auditorium. There will also be a matinee performance on **Saturday 24th February 2018**, commencing at 2pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our performances!

Best wishes

Helen Wilson
Principal

Village Hall Lottery

Here are the last winners of our Lottery for 2017:

1st	Sue Brown	Hessett
2nd	Pat Turner	Beyton
3rd	Moira Martin	Hessett

My thanks to all who have participated in the Lottery this year which has been a great help to upkeep of this small facility. I am pleased to report an increased usage lately and long may this continue. I can also say that we shall be running another monthly Lottery next year and we look forward to your support once again.

Roger Wyartt, Chairman

BEYTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Village Walk

The village walk on 7th Jan was a great success with about 20 people walking to Hessett and then across to Drinkstone and back via Tostock. It was bright and sunny but also crisp and cold so the conditions were ideal for a bracing winter walk.

The next walk is on **Sunday 25th March** in the afternoon, and will go out towards Norton and through the water meadows at Grove Farm, a Suffolk wildlife nature reserve, before returning via Stedman's Wood. Total distance will be approx 5 Miles.

Meeting at the old bus shelter on The Green at 3.00pm. Hope to see you there.

LAFIA

Some of you may remember **L.A.F.I.A**.' **(Ladies Away From It All)**?

An informal, monthly(ish) get together which ran in Beyton for several years in the 90's and early 2000's.

Without it, we are missing chances for the ladies of the village to gather for chats, talks, outings and I would like to organise a meeting in the New Year to see what interest there is with a view to re-starting the group.'

If you would be interested in being a part of something like this and or have any ideas please email or telephone Barbara – **gonetomygarden@gmail.com** or **01359 271266**.

A Sense of Wonder

Although I am not much of an enthusiast for Christmas presents, I do love getting a new book. This year I had two that have really made me think about the wonders of the natural world.

The challenging one is *'A New Map of Wonders'* by Caspar Henderson. Amongst other marvels, it examines the science of Light within the Universe, measured over billions of years at mind-boggling speeds, with statistics that I struggle to take in in their enormity. The second section is about the origins and nature of Life, with everything measured in nanometres, which likewise, I have difficulty understanding! BUT the point of this book is to encourage a sense of sheer wonder at the complexity, diversity and sheer beauty of our planet; that much I can certainly grasp.

The second book is *'The Meaning of Birds'* by Simon Barnes. This is a lovely examination of many bird species and our relationship with them; how they give us *a sense of place* (Curlews on Moorland/ Waders on estuaries etc), *a sense of time* (Owls at night/ Larks in the morning), *a sense of the seasons* (Fieldfares and Redwings in Winter/ House Martins and Swifts in Summer) but more than anything, *a sense of wonder* at the beauty and diversity of all bird species.

Talking of which, here are a few of the species recorded by BEG members in the last few weeks:

- Barn Owl, between Church Road and Quaker Lane
- Great Spotted Woodpecker, now drumming on White Horse Meadow
- Green Woodpecker, many sightings and lots of yaffling
- Bullfinches
- Sparrowhawk
- Siskin, in Quaker Lane
- Redwing and Fieldfare, in various locations
- Tree-creeper, at Oak Tree Pond
- Kestrel, telling us the wind-direction
- Hawfinch, Church Road
- Skylarks, 16 seen on a field towards Tostock
- Long-tailed tits, Blue tits, Great tits in small flocks

So . . . Go Forth and Wonder!! . . .
and take your Binoculars.

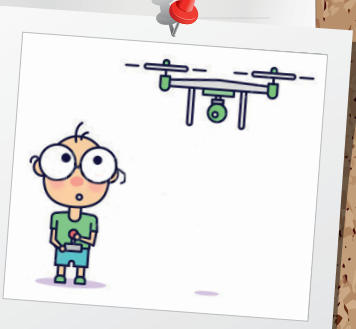
Cathy Cass

FOUND!

A drone found in Beyton . . .

Not sure if it is carrying tracking info on Beyton residents!!

Call **07849 602230** or email **editor@beytonvillage.news** to claim.



FOUND!

A pair of young children's 'welly' boots.

Please call **01359 271266**

THE MEANING OF LIFE

The Alpha course gives you an opportunity to explore ideas of faith, ask questions and share your point of view.

We will be starting a local course on Wednesday evenings in March (21st) at 7pm beginning with a meal and a friendly chat.

You are warmly invited to come, there is no charge.
Please phone Andy & Lindsay on **01359 270949**.

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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
Bradfield Bennicks	Tel 01284 386766
Thurston Cracknells	Tel 01359 270256

Pubs Restaurants

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

Welcome to Beyton Leaflet

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

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

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