

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



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Beyton's
Neighbourhood
Plan is on the
way to your
letterbox so...



... to tell us your views!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2021



Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2021

Monday 1 March

Monday 5 April

Monday 3 May

(Ordinary, Annual & Annual Parish Meetings)

Monday 7 June

Monday 5 July

August – No Meetings

Monday 6 September

Monday 4 October

Monday 22 November

Depending upon NALC's guidance, these meetings will be held at 7.30 p.m. in Beyton Church Vestry, or virtually commencing 7.30 p.m.

NB: Updated schedule will be provided as/when updated advice is received.

**SADLY STILL NO
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
TO ADVERTISE BUT
HOPING FOR A MORE
SOCIABLE 2021**



DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Saturday 17th April 2021 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

Well Christmas has come and gone and I don't think any of us would have predicted that almost two months on that we would still be in pretty much full lockdown. However, in lockdown we are but the vaccine programme is rolling out and there are one or two hopeful signs around, not least the snowdrops, aconites and daffodils that have resolutely popped up once more under the hedges and on the verges around the village. Spring is on its way!

You will have gathered from the front cover that The Neighbourhood Plan is about to be published and is of great importance to the village as a whole, so please do keep an eye out for it and take the time to read and respond to it. Many thanks to all involved in getting the plan to this point, many hours of hard work have gone into it on our behalf.

Editor

CORONAVIRUS

Beyton Parish Council offers help to those who feel isolated and vulnerable. If you need help for shopping, collecting medicine and other important supplies, the following people will do their best to assist you:

Graham Jones:	01359 271266
Adele Newberry:	01359 270196
Ann Alderton:	01359 271171
Jane Gurney:	01359 270176

Volunteers: No one knows what exactly will be required or how long the emergency will last, but certainly we need as many volunteers as possible to help our community get through this very difficult time. If you feel that you can offer your services, please contact either Adele or Graham as soon as possible.

**Suffolk Social Services is also available to help you,
their phone number is: 0808 8004005**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Flooding is top of the agenda once again, all five roads into Beyton have been seriously affected this winter. Neighbouring villages have also suffered. Many parishioners have commented it is the worst they had ever seen. Following is the status of all roads:

Thurston Road

Suffolk County Council Highways Department has ownership to clear the stream from the north end of the village green to the caravan site. Their initial plan was to carry out the work in 2020, it then slipped to mid-February 2021. Their sub-contractor, Kier unfortunately experienced a Health & Safety incident in their supply chain and the revised date is the 12th of April (subject to Covid restrictions).

Cangles Lane, Quaker Lane, Church Road junction

The same situation as Thurston road. The current date to conduct the work here is the 26th of April.

Quaker Lane (exit from Beyton to the west)

Flooding here has been significantly reduced thanks to Roy Crosby and Andy Rollett who freed up the under-road drain designed to remove surface water. Also, they created a functioning ditch from the road to the nature pond on the Environmental Groups' site known as Oak Tree Pond. A win for wild life and road users. Well done Roy and Andy.

Drinkstone Road

This is not on SCC's work schedule, which is unacceptable. The Parish Council has been in contact with two drainage engineering companies capable of carrying out the necessary work. The cost will be approximately £3,000. We are in discussion with Suffolk Highways and the Education Dept as to responsibility and funding.

Tostock Road

Water runs down the hill on Tostock road and adds to the flooding where it meets Drinkstone road. This is not on Suffolk County Council's radar.

Bury Road

We should again thank Andy Rollett for removing garden cuttings deposited in ditches, washing down and blocking pipes. Not his job, but he took the initiative to help us all.

We know that too much water flows into Beyton, does not flow efficiently through the village, and finally not enough flows out.

The condition requires a holistic approach to solve the problem, this means collaborating with SCC agencies, however, we can all help to fix issues by ensuring that we keep water on our property clear and free flowing.

Play Area

Penny Otton, our County Councillor offered money from her Locality Fund to be used to buy play/sport equipment. Three proposals were received, Basketball net, Volleyball net and fitness equipment. The Parish Council agreed to proceed with a permanent Volleyball net.



**Finally, I would like to thank the staff at Woolpit Surgery.
I have just had my Covid jab and I must say how professionally
the event was organised and conducted.**

Graham Jones

SAVE OUR SWIFTS

From May to August the Beyton swifts thrill us with low-level acrobatics and rapid flights as they scream around our skies, prospecting for potential nest sites.

Swifts feed, sleep and even mate on the wing, landing only to fashion a minimal nest cup and breed. With a wingspan of 42cm but weighing no more than a Cadbury's Crème Egg, a newly-fledged swift will depart for Africa, shuttling over and back to the UK for two to three years, before finally landing to breed. Swifts usually produce a brood of two or three chicks each year and – if they survive their first year – they can live to almost 20 years. It is a remarkable lifestyle.

Research has shown that breeding adults are extremely faithful to their nest sites. Juveniles are believed to follow the adult birds back to where they fledged, identifying their own site prior to nesting. New colonies can be established by installing nest boxes and specially designed 'swift bricks', and playing calls to attract interest. The birds are curious and will investigate possible sites, whilst screaming around in tight flocks at low level.

Sadly, this wonderful summer event could become a thing of the past as swifts are in serious decline. They are now an endangered species. One of the reasons is a shortage of nesting sites. Since Roman times swifts have nested in buildings, but modern buildings and renovations do not favour swifts.

What can we do?

Ahead of the birds' May arrival, put up swift nest boxes and log their location. Play swift calls to advertise the site as the birds arrive in May and continue to log sightings of the distinctive, entertaining 'screaming parties' of birds.

Beyton Environmental Group (BEG) maintains swift boxes on the church and plays a sound loop in the spring. At least one of the boxes has been occupied. Other property owners in the village have installed boxes with some success (it can take a few years for a swift to adopt a box), but we can do more.

Nationally 2020 appears to have been a better year for swifts in Suffolk than 2019, with reports of more nest boxes being occupied.

Please consider installing a swift nest box-we don't want to lose the Beyton "flock". Not all sites are suitable and you need a nest box specific to swifts. For further advice contact info@SuffolkWildlifeTrust.org or ring Val Conaboy (Chair BEG 01359 271959) to discuss further.

Further

There will be a swifts webinar, led by SOSSwift's Simon Hooton, 7-8.30pm on Tuesday 2 March 2021.

Find out more and book a place here:

<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events/2021-03-02-wildlife-live-webinar-secret-life-swifts>

Finally

BEG members have been carrying out a monthly bird survey around the village. We can't do this at the moment due to Covid rules. If anyone does have any sightings-they do not have to be rarities-please share. We would love to build up a picture of which birds are where in the village. Contact as above.

Val Conaboy (BEG Chair)

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Firstly, on behalf of our whole College community, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year.

Even during these difficult times, our students have shown their immense resilience and willingness to embrace a new way of working and learning during these exceptional times. At the end of last term our Performing Arts students produced another fantastic Christmas production for the Year 6 children in our Thurston Partnership Primary schools. The show, full of fun, laughter, carols and great performances, was filmed this year and shared with the Thurston Partnership schools, together with a bag of Christmas goodies for their Year 6 children to enjoy whilst watching the show



In the run up to Christmas staff and students all took part in a number of fundraising events; staff made a donation of food and essential items to Store House Foodbank for disadvantaged families and Student Support Officer Mrs Cooper raised £275 for St Nicholas Hospice by selling handmade facemasks amongst the staff community at the College.

Year 7 students held an 'Odd Socks' day in support of anti-bullying week. They also took part in the Classrooms to Carehomes campaign, spreading Christmas cheer to residents and workers at local care homes who have been particularly isolated this year.

Year 10 Design Technology students worked on an 'Acts of Kindness' project, where they were tasked with creating a batch of keyrings for the suicide prevention charity Papyrus. Students have been able to purchase the keyrings for a small donation to the charity.

A Non Uniform day was held with over £1200 being raised so far for Cancer Research, Histiosytosis, Papyrus and Refuge.

The Thurston Community College Library encouraged students to take part in Jolabokaflod (Christmas Book Flood) a beautiful Icelandic tradition of gifting books during the festive season which are traditionally opened on 24 December and read whilst drinking hot chocolate! Enough books were donated for every Year 7 and Year 8 student to receive one to take home. And finally, students brought in food to produce hampers for the Reverse Advent Calendar campaign run by Gatehouse in Bury St Edmunds which were collected on the last day of term.

As we were unable to host our usual Open Evenings this term, we produced short films for prospective Year 6 and Year 11 students, which we hope have captured the ethos and opportunities of life in our Main School and Sixth Form respectively. Films for both campuses can be viewed on our websites www.thurstoncollege.org and www.thurstonsixth.org along with short films for each course on offer at Thurston Sixth, which were filmed and produced by ex-student Ben Land.

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

Helen Wilson, Principal

See photos on back page,

BEYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your village needs YOU!

By Jonathan Wilson, Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Team and Graham Jones, Chair, Beyton Parish Council.

After nearly two years' work, three surveys, two drop-in days, endless meetings, consultations, disagreements with District Council officers, your Beyton Village Neighbourhood Plan is now ready for all parishioners to read.

Make no mistake this is YOUR plan – a synthesis of all those meetings and conversations and, crucially when it come to new homes, an expression of both that initial village survey and the drop-in day in March 2020 when villagers had the chance to assess all the sites that had been put forward by local landowners.

Yes, things have been delayed by Covid – little hasn't been! – but now the Plan has been scrutinised by Beyton Parish Council who praised its depth and the variety of subjects it covered and we are moving closer to the end of a long journey.

That journey began back in summer 2018 when it became clear that Beyton needed such a plan. As Mid-Suffolk District Council told us: "If you don't tell us what you want, we will tell you".

And now it is time again for you to tell us what you think. The Plan will be delivered to every household in the village and we really hope that as many parishioners as possible take the time to comment, either on the printed Comments Form that will accompany each Plan, or, better still, online. Will every one of our 700 plus parishioners agree with every word? Of course not. That is the nature of democracy. But no one will be able to argue that they didn't have a chance to have their say.

Full details about how to comment will accompany each Plan that is popped, Covid-securely through your letterbox. So look out for the Plan anytime soon. You'll have EIGHT WEEKS to comment but we really hope you'll make any views known before then.

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced in 2011 to give local people the opportunity to shape the future of their communities. Initially, there was a belief that they were intended for towns and large villages. But following a presentation by the Planning Department of Mid-Suffolk District Council at Beyton 6th Form College, it became clear that Beyton should prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council put the notion for to an open meeting in February 2019 and unanimous backing was received from the 104 attendees. Sadly, Neighbourhood Plans – like other documents read by council officials, lawyers and the like – are



technical in nature must be written according to planning protocol. Guidance is also needed to help the Plan journey from a vision to reality. As such expertise did not exist in Beyton, Places4people Planning Consultancy Ltd (P4P) was engaged to guide the 20 parishioners who volunteered to join the Plan team.

P4P was chosen because of its successful track record with other villages in Suffolk, including Drinkstone.

However, the Neighbourhood Plan is far from a technical document compiled by an expert, it is the true expression and desire of a village. And it covers so much more than just housing – though inevitably that is always the headline that many focus on. In the pages of the Plan, you will find details of the rich history of our charming home, with sections on History, the Environment, Local Services and Transport among other topics. You'll also find further supporting documents, reports from the drop-in days plus design suggestions from independent planners on the Beyton website <https://beyton.suffolk.cloud/>

Once the consultation period closes and comments received from various statutory authorities, we will review all suggestions, make any appropriate amendments to the Plan and then submit it to Mid Suffolk District Council so it can proceed to independent examination and ultimately a village referendum later this year.

But now is the time for you to make your voice heard again by registering your views. Look out for your Plan. We hope you enjoy reading it. We are proud of all it contains and we trust you will be too.

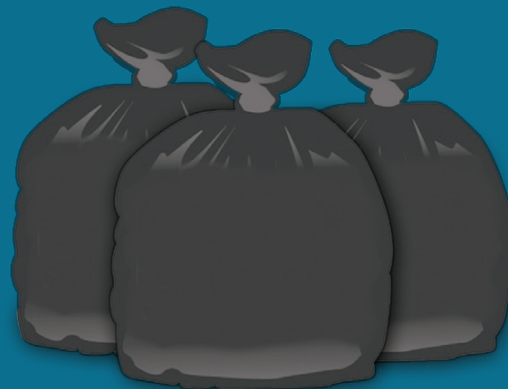
Jonathan Wilson

Chair, Beyton Neighbourhood Plan Group

CLEAN-UP BEYTON

PROVISIONAL DATE:
Saturday 27th March 2021

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



NATURE QUIZ ...CONTINUED

1. In which 2 classes of animals would you find the following?

Elephant Leopard
Goat Mouse
Fox



2. Can you name the 13 animals which appear in the old nursery rhyme:

'The Death And Burial Of Poor Cock Robin',
including the unfortunate Robin!

Answers to the Nature Quiz:
1. Mammals and Moths.
2. Robin, Sparrow, Fly, Fish, Beetle, Owl, Rook, Lark, Kite, Linnet, Dove, Thrush, Bull.

CHRISTMAS FAIR GOODIES

You may remember that due to the cancellation of the Church Christmas Fair and the fact that church coffee mornings are not able to be held, the fundraising committee of Beyton & Hissett churches decided to advertise their food items for sale in an effort to continue to raise funds.

We have received this note of thanks for the work that went into producing those goods and making them available for sale

Did you take up the offer of the Christmas fair goodies offered in the Beyton news?

If you did you will be the ones smiling as we are, because it was all exceptional value and excellent, well done.

The jams, chutney, pickled onions, the sweets, the ginger bread house, cheese biscuits and the Christmas cake, Oh!! the Christmas cake. Could I be the cake tester for 2021 please?!

Well done to those who produced and those who organised the distribution.

Put a note on your calendar 'I must join the queue this year'

Many thanks

Rod & Tina Scott

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<http://beyton.suffolk.cloud>
www.Beytonvillage.tumblr.com



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The Bear Inn Beyton
The White Horse Beyton



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Shops

Thurston – Cracknells

Tel 270256 – Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 7am-9pm, Sunday 8am-9pm

Thurston – PO Londis

Tel 230450 – Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 6:30am-8:30pm, Sunday 8.00am-6pm

Rougham – PO

Tel 270201 – Opening hrs: Mon-Fri 7.30am-6pm, Sat 9am-12.30, Sun 9am-12

Garages

Beyton Garage Tel 01359 271166

Thurston Cracknells Tel 01359 270256

Pubs Restaurants

The Bear Inn Tel 01359 270249

The White Horse Tel 01359 270324

LOCAL SHOP
OPENING TIMES
MAY BE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE

WELCOME TO BEYTON LEAFLET

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

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



Field Close and Fallowfield



The Green



The Birches



The Gardens

