

Beyton Village News

MARCH - MAY 2024



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Dates for your Diaries 2024

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2024

5th March 2024

9th April 2014

7th May 2024

Parish Council meetings

Will usually take place on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at **7.30pm** unless stated otherwise.

If you would like to make written representation rather than attending in person, please send an email or write to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 7 days from the date of the meeting.

Meetings are open to the press and public and there is a section of the meeting where residents are invited to raise questions or make comments; although there is no requirement of the Council to answer any questions at the meeting, Councillors will take account of the balance of views expressed when they are deliberating matters during the remainder of the meeting.

Beyton Village Quiz

Friday 8th March 7:00pm Beyton Sixth Form Main Hall

BVA AGM – All welcome

Followed by Committee Meeting

Wednesday 13th March 7:30pm The White Horse

Clean Up Beyton Litter Pick

Saturday 23rd March 10:00am The Old Bus Shelter

The Larks Open Mic Night

Saturday 30th March 7.30pm The White Horse

The Gray Project Jazz Soul Funk Band

Saturday 11th May 8:00pm The White Horse

Village Walk

Friday 17th May 6:00pm Old Bus Shelter

Beyton Open Gardens & Super Car display

Saturday 25th May

Cars	10am – 2pm	The Green
Gardens	10am – 4pm	Around the Village

SAVE THE DATE

More details to follow!

Open Mic Night

Friday 24th August
marquee on the Green

Village Fayre

Saturday 24th August
on the Green

Deadline for next edition:

Wednesday
17th May 2024

Please let us have any contributions by the above date at the latest for consideration for the next edition. Please send to: editor@beytonvillage.news
Letters welcome.

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Editor's Welcome

My apologies for the lack of the regular February March edition of the magazine.

Personal circumstances meant that I was unable to put it together in time and this edition will cover March, April & May.

Suddenly there's lots going on and plenty to look forward to, just as the days start to get a bit longer and hopefully a bit drier!

Do you like our new look magazine? Note the QR code on the front cover – scan the code with your phone to read the magazine in full colour on the village website!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about.

Editor

Beyton Parish Council

Chairman's report

No 'White Stuff' so far this winter but plenty of rain and no need to tell you just how bad the flooding has been.

The whole of Suffolk has suffered and most villages were worse off than Beyton.

Fortunately no homes in our village were flooded which of course is good news but it means that we qualify for little or no short-term help from the authorities either Suffolk County Council or the Environment Agency. Their attention is focussed on areas with property damage.

This leaves Beyton, to a large degree, to our own devices to face what forecasters suggest will continue to be more extreme weather conditions.

To summarise, too much water flows into the village and not enough flows out. Clearing drains and gullies will help but will not be enough to solve the problem, hence we need a proper long-term plan which may well include working together with Hessett, Thurston and local landowners.

I would like to ask for help from anyone who feel they may have something to offer in this regard. If you think you could help, please give me a call 01359 271266.

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

Thurston Community College News



I am delighted to be introducing myself to you as the Principal of Thurston Community College, new in post from January 2024. I have been the Headteacher at Claydon High School for the last five years, which is part of the Penrose Learning Trust working with Suffolk and Essex primary and secondary schools, including Hadleigh and East Bergholt High Schools.

I am privileged to take on this role at Thurston Community College and support the school in its next stage of development, building upon the work done by my predecessor Nicki Mattin, who is thoroughly enjoying her retirement. I have inherited an excellent team of senior and middle leaders, brilliant classroom teachers and committed associate staff. I am confident that with these colleagues Thurston Community College is well placed to provide the welcoming and successful learning environment that I know all local parents wish to have for their children.

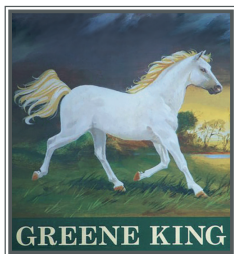
Whilst Thurston Community College is a larger than average school and it has taken me a few weeks to feel confident in being able to find every classroom in the school on my first attempt, I know that students find their way around more quickly than me! Furthermore, the structures in place here mean that students are part of a strong year group community in their respective lower, upper and sixth form schools with dedicated staff to support them at each stage. We are excited about the reintroduction of houses on the Main Campus and our Student Leaders are working hard to promote these this term. I have also been impressed with the facilities available to our sixth formers on the Beyton Campus and know that the team there have been busy interviewing prospective students for September.

March will be an exciting time as Year 6 families find out about secondary school places and I will be getting in touch with them about the opportunities they will have to visit the College and find out more about joining us.

I have had a warm welcome from everyone in the community, thank you to those of you who have been in touch with me from various local groups. I have met a number of parents and carers at our wellbeing evening, parent forum and the recent options information event for Year 9. I look forward to meeting more families at forthcoming events and please do contact the school if you are local and would like to find out more about us and joining in the future.

Maéve Taylor

Thurston Community College – Community Voice



THE WHITE HORSE

Beyton 01359 270342

SAMPLE SET MENU

2 courses £15:00 * 3 courses £17.50

Cheesy Garlic Bread
Chicken Liver Pate & Toast
with red onion relish

Breaded Brie

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Roast PORK
roast potatoes & vegetables

Scampi, Chips & Peas

Turkey, Ham & Mushroom Pie
with new potatoes or chips & vegetables

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Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake & Ice-cream

Sherry Trifle

Cheese & Biscuits

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Served: Tuesday to Saturday 12 to 2pm and 6 to 9pm

Mothers Day

We are taking Mothers
Day Lunch Bookings
12-4pm Sunday
10th March

Sunday Lunch

Also the Sunday lunch
roasts available from
12 until 3 pm.
(booking advisable)

Over 55's

The 2 course 'Over
55's' meal available on
Monday lunchtimes
for £8.50

**SAT
23
MAR**

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**



We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 7:30pm in The White Horse.

Come and join is for a complimentary free drink and hear about all the plans we have for activities in the village throughout the year. Everyone is welcome!

Plans are well underway for our special Open Gardens and Super Car event on the Green on 25th May, please see details in the centre of the magazine

Village Walk

Fifteen people and 4 dogs enjoyed a 3.75 mile walk to the North and slightly East of Beyton. We used wide field margins, a woodland path and quiet lanes.

Considering the extremely wet weather we had been having, we managed to escape without getting too muddy and the sun almost shone.

We were back well in time for Sunday lunch.

The next walk will be an evening walk on Friday 17th May and will include a stop part way round at a local pub. We will aim to be back in the village by 8:30pm



Beyton Open Gardens

SATURDAY 25TH MAY

10.00am – 4.00pm

As we publicised in the last magazine, plans for the Open Gardens and Supercar event are well underway.

All types of gardens are welcome: big or small, tidy or wildlife friendly.

All you need is an outdoor access route to your garden to avoid visitors having to go through your house.

To open your garden to visitors please send an email to
[Val Conaboy val_conaboy@hotmail.com](mailto:Val_Conaboy_val_conaboy@hotmail.com)

Please put **OPEN GARDENS** as the subject and make sure you include your

Name

Address

Postcode

We also require a short description of your garden, one or two sentences describing its main features, to be included in the event brochure.

Please do this **EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER** in order to confirm your participation.

Entrance to view the Open Gardens will require visitors to purchase a brochure for **£5.00** per person from a stall on The Green. (Accompanied under 16s go free).

Catering with teas and coffees will be available throughout the day along with bacon sandwiches until 2.00pm and cream teas 2.00 - 4.00pm



Super Car Event

BEYTON GREEN – SATURDAY 25TH MAY

10.00am – 2.00pm

Alongside the upcoming Open Gardens event there will also be a display of supercars on The Green.

The Green Wheels Car Collective will offer a fantastic opportunity to see a wide variety of Supercars up close and personal.

Expect to see a variety of machinery as we anticipate Ferraris, McClarens, and Porsches, all being displayed on Beyton Green.

There is no charge for people coming to look at the cars. Viewing the cars is completely **FREE**.

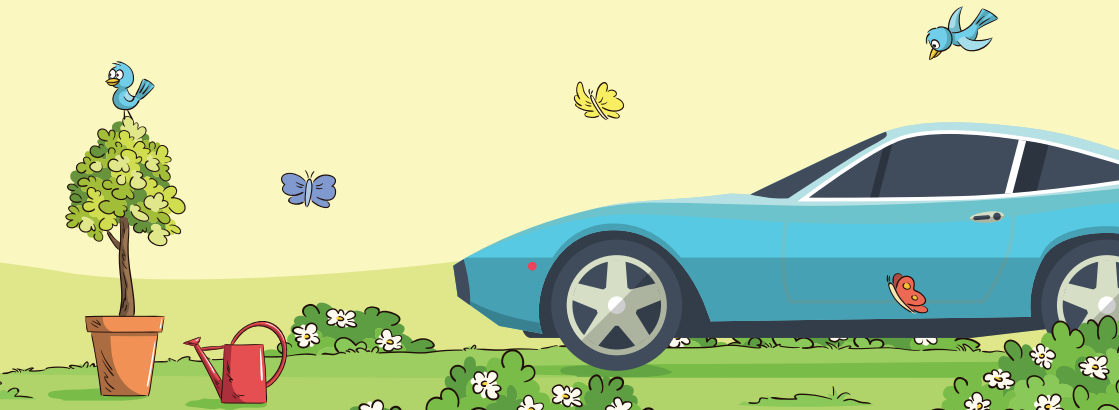
If you have a supercar (or a classic car or motorcycle) which you would like to display please e-mail eleanormwalters@outlook.com. The fee to display a car is £10 per car/driver and £10 per passenger

This is **FREE** for Beyton residents. Please provide your address to Ellie when booking. You may, in lieu of a charge, wish to make a donation to Ellie's fundraising

This event is being organised to support fund raising by Beyton resident and 'A' level student Ellie Walters, who in July, will be travelling to Tanzania to undertake some charitable work as part of her 'World Challenge' trip.

Her charitable work is focused on local school and family support projects. It's a great cause, and Ellie will be on hand to provide more information about her trip on the day.

*Why not combine visiting the Open Gardens
and the Supercar event on the same day?*



Letter to the Editor

Received Friday 23.2.24

I cannot imagine that anyone has not been affected by the flooding in the village. NB Highways state that they will prioritise flooding in houses, a logical aim but we are virtually under siege.

We have missed hospital appointments and other necessary engagements.

We in Beyton have the water from Drinkstone, Hessett, Rougham, Tostock and the thousands of tons of run off from the A14. When highways filled in Stennetts Pit the local engineer pointed out that it was for the long term run off of the rain water. It was ignored. Later The Dell, also a pit, now a caravan park ,was filled in with permission of Mid Suffolk Council, plus Durrants Road has also added to the problem. Therefore Highways are responsible and Mid Suffolk have responsibility.

I served on District Council for Beyton Thurston & Hessett and dealt with the engineer who was pointed out the problem. We drew a blank because Mid Suffolk personnel were not prepared to face the truth and apparently still not. The initial cost would have been high but the damage and costs will cost significantly more.

Your District Council is fully aware and our Chairman Graham Jones has worked extremely hard to resolve matters but as with my efforts he is left frustrated by the very people who should be resolving the problem.

It is obvious to me that a new pit must be dug to take the water, perhaps made as a community asset?

I have tried to contact a District Councillor but as yet no reply.

I also believe that if we can take legal action the retired engineer could be persuaded to give evidence. WE pay our taxes and contribute to the council so to take this scourge away we must fight back.

Rodney Scott BEM

Beyton Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum – Thursday 4th April 2024

A local referendum on the Beyton NDP will be held on Thursday 4th April 2024 at the Vestry, All Saints Church, Beyton.

The question that will be asked to those entitled to vote is: "Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Beyton to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan Area?"

The referendum will be conducted in a manner similar to other local elections. Further notices will be published on the MSDC website, <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/beyton-neighbourhood-plan>

on the Beyton website <https://beyton.suffolk.cloud> and a mail drop to every household in the village.

Hard copies of the plan and supporting documents will be available for viewing on request from Tina Newell, Beyton Parish Clerk 07767 163706



Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal

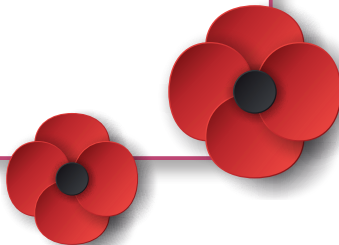
We have received more money since my last report, this time through QR code donations.

A further £40 has been added to our door-to-door collections giving us a grand total of £741 for the village.

Well done Beyton and thank you!

Graham Jones

Poppy Appeal Coordinator, Beyton



Fuel Support

Find out more about the support in your area

Help to heat your home:

- **Prepayment meters** – if you are unable to top up your prepayment meter, Citizens Advice can offer you advice and may be able to refer you for charitable support. You can also contact Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk for support, advice and an in home survey from a Pre Pay Coordinator. Call 07769 365796 or email prepay@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.
- **Local Welfare Assistance Scheme** – This hardship grant offers payments up to £300 towards the cost of essentials, including energy. Visit the Suffolk County Council website for more information and to apply.
- **Surviving Winter** – offers help, such as fuel vouchers or support for alternative fuels like oil and LPG, to help you heat your home. Apply online via the Citizens Advice Ipswich website or call 01473 298634 to find out if you are eligible.
- **Emergency Heating** – if your home currently has no heating, Warm Homes Healthy People can provide free emergency heaters and help you find longer term support. Call 03456 037 686 or email whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk. Subject to availability.

Bringing down your bills:

- **Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk** – offers free efficiency surveys and advice to help you use less energy. If you are a private tenant or homeowner, they can also tell you if you are eligible for energy efficiency grants. For more information visit www.warmhomessuffolk.org or call 03456 037 686.
- **National Energy Action** – runs a Warm and Safe Homes helpline which advises on ways to reduce energy use and improve efficiency. It also offers support to switch suppliers and advice if you get behind on payments. Call 0800 304 7159 or visit www.nea.org.uk.

Help for off-gas homes:

- **Oil loans** – Eastern Savings and Loan Credit Union offer interest-free loans of £500 to help spread the upfront cost of oil and LPG. To become a member and apply visit www.eslcu.co.uk or call 03336 000690. Subject to a manual decision process, affordability and a credit check.
- **Oil buying clubs** – Bulk buying reduces the cost of your heating oil. Find out if your community has an oil buying club by visiting www.oil-club.co.uk, you can also check the Community Action Suffolk website for details of their scheme www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk or call 01603 881 888.

Dealing with energy debt:

- **Supplier grants** – many energy suppliers have grants to reduce or clear debt if you meet their criteria. Speak to your energy supplier to see what help you can get.
- **Citizens Advice** – offers advice for energy, debt and more. They can support you to create a budget, negotiate with your supplier and boost your income.
- **Benefit entitlement** – payments such as Warm Homes Discount, Cold Weather Payments, and extra Winter Fuel Payments can add up to hundreds of pounds to help you pay your energy bills – but you'll need to be claiming certain benefits to get them. Benefit checks can be done online at www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators, or by contacting your local Citizens Advice.

More information

Visit www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/energy-fuel-and-utilities for more resources to help you keep fuel and utility costs down.

If you would like help to access the internet, or to use a computer, phone or tablet, you can contact Mid Suffolk's Digital Skills team 0300 123 4 000, option 7, who can help you find support in your area.



Saturday 20th April 11am – 2pm

Beyton Church Vestry VINTAGE & PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE

An Event in aid of
Bury Drop In Centre & Church Funds

Please deliver suitable items to sell to
Diane Rendle, Appletrees, Bury Rd, Beyton
In clean saleable condition

If you don't have transport
call 01359 270924 and we will collect

This is an opportunity to clear your
wardrobe ready for Summer!

No Entry Fee & Free Coffee



Music at THE WHITE HORSE

The Larks are holding an
Open Mic Night on
Sat 30th March from 7:30pm

If you'd like to book a slot to
play or sing please contact
Chris on 07731 635402

The Gray Project

Jazz Funk Soul Band
Playing on

Saturday 11th May 8pm

Fitness Suite NOW OPEN For Community Use

Join now

www.thurstoncollege.org/gym

Memberships just £15.99 per month!



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Beyton All Saints Church

The Rev'd Canon Julia Lall – Email: rector.roughambenefice@gmail.com
Tel 01359 230803 Mobile 07543 824837

Shops

Thurston – Co-Op

Tel 01359 230803
Opening hrs: Every Day 7am-10pm

Thurston – Cracknells

Tel 01359 270256
Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 7am-9pm,
Sunday 8am-9pm

Thurston – PO Londis

Tel 01359 230450
Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 6:30am-8:30pm, Sunday 8.00am-6pm

Rougham – Meg's Farm Shop

Rougham Hall Nurseries
Tel 01359 270577
Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sunday 10am-4pm

Rougham – PO

Tel 01359 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 White Horse Tel 01359 270324



The BVA presents the annual ...

Beyton Quiz Night & Fish and Chip Supper!



Friday 8th March

In

Main Hall, Beyton 6th Form Campus

Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

TICKETS: £13 A HEAD

(Booking essential by Friday 1st March)

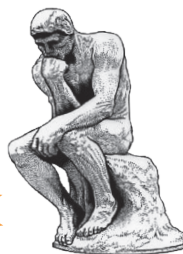
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To bBook a table text

Val Conaboy on 07557 989592

Advance payment required by bank to bank
transfer or by another agreed method

**Max team
of 6**



Bring your own booze
and nibbles

Cake stall and raffle available
Please bring cash with you (ideally change)



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