

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2023

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2023

3rd October 2023	6th February 2024
7th November 2023	5th March 2024
5th December 2023	9th April 2024
9th January 2024	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.

Village Walk

Sunday 8th October	3pm	Old Bus Shelter
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Clean Up Beyton

Saturday 14th October	Old Bus Shelter
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BVA Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18th October	7.30pm	The White Horse
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Weds 15th November 2023 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

Please send to: **editor@beytonvillage.news** – Letters welcome

EDITOR'S WELCOME

In spite of the late Summer surge of warm weather it does feel as if we are finally facing Autumn.

The Fayre was a resounding success and it was good to see it back on the Green again, the first time since 2019.

Roy Crosby's article about the village pumps resonated with quite a few people and it is lovely to have had some feedback on it with other people's recollections and experiences. As always, please do feel free to comment on anything that appears in this magazine.

There's a village walk coming up and also the village litter pick organised by the Parish Council to join in with – the more the merrier.

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Mountain on The Green Has Gone!

Warm weather facilitated drying of the silt and clay allowing our team to level and spread it to make a large area for wildflowers. This was a great effort by all concerned, from our County and District Councillors who kindly donated money from their budgets to the three main guys who did the hard work.

Our thanks go to Andy Rollett, Roy Crosby and Ben Magnani, what a result, clearly worth the wait.

Beyton's Neighbourhood Plan

Passed independent inspection during August and will be put to a referendum around the end of October. This will be the culmination of many years of work by a team of eighteen villagers aptly led by Jonathan Wilson.



Village Fayre.

Great to see this event again on The Green and what a brilliant job the BVA did. Even the early shower did not dampen the enjoyment.

We are lucky to have so many good people in Beyton willing to volunteer to get things done and make us proud of where we live-thank you.

Oh, I nearly forgot, Litter Pick will be on Saturday 14th October, meeting at 10:00 am at the bus shelter followed by refreshments at the White Horse.

Yours

Graham Jones Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

Thurston Community College Celebrates Milestone 50th Anniversary

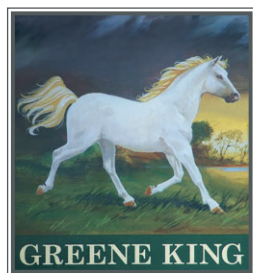


Thurston Community College is celebrating its milestone 50th anniversary this academic year. The building in Thurston village first opened as Thurston Upper School in September 1973 under the leadership of Headmaster Mr Napier. Since then it has thrived and grown in size. There are now over 1600 students on roll over two campuses, including the specialist Sixth Form Centre which opened in 2014 on the former Beyton Middle School site.

Celebrations began on Monday 04 September with an event attended by current and former staff, including former Headteacher Richard Fawcett, who led Thurston Upper between 1986 – 2001. Richard said “This is quite a milestone for our much-loved community school. Over Thurston’s 50 years more than 15,000 students will have attended from the 250 square miles of its extensive catchment area. I still think back to the 22 or so buses arriving and leaving each day, each filled with young people brimming with their hopes and aspirations. It was a huge privilege for me to be headteacher for 14 years. I am sure the College will continue to play a key role in providing for the success of young people both academically and through the many sporting, performing arts, social and other opportunities offered by its dedicated staff. I wish all of them well.”

Please do look at our webpage www.thurstoncollege.org/50. I am sure the pictures and messages which have been left will provoke and insights for all.

Dr Jean Wheeler Thurston Community College – Community Voice



THE WHITE HORSE



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We can cater for 2 people up to groups of 50

LUNCH MENU

£24.50 Per Person
2 courses £20.50

Crispy Whitebait

Homemade Spicy Tomato Soup √

Goats Cheese & Red Onion Tart √

Duck & Orange Pate & Toast
with red onion relish

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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 √

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Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

Sherry Trifle

Apple & Mincemeat Crumble

Chocolate Fudge Cake & Ice Cream

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Christmas Cracker

EVENING MENU

£27.50 Per Person
2 courses & coffee £22.50

Prawn & Smoked Salmon Cocktail

Homemade Spicy Tomato Soup √

Duck & Orange Pate & Toast
with red onion relish

Goats Cheese & Red Onion Tart √

Crispy Whitebait

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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 √

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Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

Sherry Trifle

Chocolate Truffle Cheesecake

Apple & Mincemeat Crumble

Selection of Cheeses with Biscuits
with Spiced Apple Chutney

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Christmas Cracker

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

From us all at The White Horse
Many thanks for all your custom

BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

No Mow May, Let it Bloom June, now what??

One of the great sounds of autumn is the hooting of tawny owls and we are lucky enough to be able to hear them in Beyton. Tawny owls are nocturnal and hide themselves away very effectively during the day—they are well camouflaged. The hooo-hoo-hoo sound is the male proclaiming his territory (or courting) while the keewick is the contact call between males and females. Basically, the adult birds are saying that this is their space and the youngsters need to move on and find somewhere else.

Tawny owls are woodland species although they will make use of trees in gardens and also appreciate a nest box. They feed on small mammals, but also on birds, insects and worms. They need a diverse habitat in which to survive and there are some concerns that the species could be in trouble. In Beyton, we need to do all we can to protect our wildlife.

For those of new to the village, and for those who haven't got around to joining us yet, this is just a reminder of what Beyton Environmental Group does. We hold monthly work parties on Sunday mornings to manage 3 wildlife sites in the village. It was great to hear that the Churchyard has now been designated as a County Wildlife Site. In addition, we carry out wildlife surveys and engage in more village-wide projects such as hedgerow planting, pond clearance and developing wildflower areas. If you would be interested in joining us, please get in touch. The more people we have, the more we can do to enhance the wildlife potential of Beyton and do our bit to tackle climate change.

Please contact **Val Conaboy** 07557 989592 if you would like any further details.

Val Conaboy

Chair, Beyton Environmental Group



**SAT
14
OCT**

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**



BVN NEWS & EVENTS

Summer Fayre

It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves at the Summer Fayre. The short rain shower at about 2.30pm didn't dampen everyone's spirits as people sheltered in the marquee and then came back out to enjoy the activities again when it had passed.

The produce tent was keenly contested with nearly 200 entries and the barbecue, which hadn't been provided for a number of years, was busy throughout the afternoon. New stalls such as Bounce Fitness and Birds and Beyond Falconry were very popular, along with old favourites such as the bottle tombola!

Unfortunately, the grass was too slippery after the rain to hold the children's races or the Tug of War but the dog show was still able to go ahead and we were able to finish the day with the traditional egg throwing event, now held using water bombs.

Thank you to all the committee members who worked so hard to make the event a success and to the people who volunteered to help run stalls on the day. Without everyone's help an event like this couldn't happen. Thanks also to everyone who donated items for stalls as people were incredibly generous this year and we were inundated with donations, particularly for the book stall which started the day with 36 trays of books! Thanks also to The Larks for organising the Open Mic Night and arranging the musicians to play throughout the afternoon and of course huge thanks to The White Horse for providing the bar.



*Photos taken by
Anthony Stripp*





The BVA is a non-profit organisation. All proceeds from the Fayre are used to cover the costs of the event and to fund future events for the benefit of the village. We also regularly donate to local charities.

This was the first time we had held the Summer Fayre over the August Bank Holiday and this is likely to become the new regular date for it each year, so put it in your diaries now!

This frees up May/June for a potential Open Gardens event which we are in the early stages of planning to hold on the late May bank holiday.

So if you are a keen gardener and would like to show your garden off, you might like to start thinking now about how your planting can create a beautiful display at that time of year.

If you would like to join the BVA and help organise events like these for the village please give me a ring on 01359 270176. Or alternatively simply come along to the next committee meeting on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm in The White Horse.

Hope to see you there.

Village walk

We had a very good turn out to the last walk which was held in the evening and included a stop at the Gardeners Arms half way round, so we are planning to include more evening walks in the schedule next year.

The next village walk is on Sunday 8th October meeting at the Old Bus Shelter on The Green at 3.00pm, so there is time to have a Sunday lunch first before walking it off. The route will be about 5 to 6 miles long and will last about 2 hours, so we should be back well before it gets dark.

The village walks are very social as people tend to chat as they walk and it is a great way of getting to know other villagers. Everyone welcome, including accompanied children and dogs (on leads). Hope to see you there!

Anselm Gurney Chair, BVA

HELP REQUIRED

Having run the Fayre this year for the first time in a while we discovered or actually remembered, just how much effort goes in to not only the planning but also the setting up and taking down of equipment on the day itself.

Our committee is relatively small and what would really help us would be to have a directory or list of people who might be willing to offer a couple of hours of their time in the morning of the Fayre and /or a couple of hours at the end of the day to help us take everything down and get it to the bus shelter to be put away.

If you feel that you would like to help us with this, please contact me; Anselm Gurney 01359 270176 anselmgurney@gmail.com.

There's no obligation, it would just be good to know that we could draft some extra help in on the day.

Anselm Gurney

Chair, Beyton Village Association

I am the current Chair of the Beyton Village Association. If you see me around in the village, please say Hi and if you feel you could offer help at any of our events please do contact me.



Anselm Gurney

YOUR PLANET NEEDS YOU!!

It is now accepted beyond all doubt that man-made climate change, rapidly changing weather patterns and loss of biodiversity are all deeply connected. Worse still is the speed at which our natural world, which feeds and sustains us all, is breaking down under the onslaught of climate catastrophe. How are we supposed to deal with the tsunami of awful news – floods, storms, wild fires, warming oceans, melting Arctic and Antarctic?

It has been said that people who care deeply about the natural world suffer from a thousand wounds each year. Every unnecessarily felled tree, every harshly-flailed hedge, every scraped-out ditch etc. etc. is an emotional blow. Many wonderful and well-known environmentalists suffer deep depression, and struggle to keep up the fight to defend nature; BUT we must continue the battle, because it is crucial for us all, especially for the young.

It is down to all of us to do our bit, and recently I came across an interview with the veteran environmentalist, Jonathan Porritt. He had come up with a very short list of 'things to do' to help him personally:

- Live simply
- Shop rarely
- Eat less meat
- Waste nothing

I would add: **Leave nature alone**

I have found this really helpful. Maybe you will too!

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Meanwhile, there are positives to celebrate. We have had 2 occupied House Martin nests above our back door, each raising at least 2 broods; that's 8 new birds, the last of whom left on about 15th September.

It has been a good year for some of our butterflies, notably Red Admiral, Holly Blue and Gatekeeper, although many other species are struggling. **Butterfly Conservation** is calling on all of us to create more habitats for butterflies, moths and insects. Growing nectar-rich plants and having long grass areas will help these lovely creatures.

Just do what you can!

Cathy Cass



VILLAGE PUMPS

The following are responses to Roy Crosby's recollections in the last Newsletter.

Old Forge Quaker Lane

Very interested to hear from Roy Crosby about the wells, pumps and water availability in Beyton and particularly Quaker Lane. We move into the Old Forge some 37 years ago and had an old pump outside our front door at the time, thinking it was just decoration.

However, when we had some building work undertaken about 25 years ago, the builders uncovered a well just outside where the previous front door was. It had been covered up with a rather rusty manhole cover that the paperboy used to ride over every day! The well was 50 foot deep with 45 foot of water. It was in excellent condition, being brick lined down as far as we could see. Regrettably we did not have the funds to make a feature of it and had it capped with reinforced concrete. It is now located under our front hallway. I still wonder today whether we could uncover it but suspect the builder filled it with rubble to save on skips. I still have nightmares about uncovering it and finding the paperboy!

We subsequently discovered that the occupants of the Quaker cottages had rights to the water. Sadly, our deeds were burned by a rather eccentric previous owner, so we have no more information. I suspect it was the source of water for the blacksmith. Our old Indian Bean Tree must have served as a tether for horses waiting to be shod. Regrettably, this started dying some 4 years ago. We were rather bemused by this because these trees rarely suffer from disease. With the hope that it will regenerate we had it pollarded last year, when it became clear that it had been struck by lightning. There are good signs so far that it is recovering.

Paul & Cathy Chapman



Additional recollections re, the village pump

These are my recollections regarding the pump on Beyton Green and the pump that was in a fenced area of number 7 Thurston Rd.

The Scott family lived at No 8 opposite. This pump served all of the houses, 20 in total and later the eight bungalows, I had the job of collecting the water for our use and it was quite easy to carry 2 full buckets at a time.

There were some houses that myself and Chris Barber at No 16 would carry water to when we had filled the buckets.

We were always the first to arrive at Beyton Primary School so we filled the water buckets for both the girls WC and the boys WC plus the wash house.

I lost contact with Chris Barber for a while, but had the pleasure of playing on the same bill as the great jazz musician Chris Barber at a blues jazz concert at Orwell Park School!

Please do not remove the pump on the green, it is an historic reminder

Rodney Scott BEM

We still have an originally sited village pump situated in the front of our garden at Summerlea Quaker Lane, last on the left.

The square slab is just under the surface at present.

Malcolm Macfarlane





THE WHITE HORSE

*Don't forget
Over 55's Lunch*

Mondays 2 courses £8.50

Menus change weekly

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