

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



FEBRUARY – MARCH 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2023

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2023

Tuesday 6th February

Tuesday 14th March

Tuesday 11th April

Tuesday 9th May – Annual Parish
and Parish Council meetings

Parish Council meetings will usually take place on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

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 Association Meeting

Wednesday 8th February 7:30pm The White Horse

Beyton Village Quiz

Friday 31st March 7pm for 7:30 start Beyton Sixth Main Hall

Village Walk

Sunday 2nd April 10am Old Bus Shelter

Coronation Celebrations

Saturday 6th May evening The Green

Evening Music Event

Friday 25th August The Green

Village Fayre

Saturday 26th August The Green

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Thursday 23rd March 2023 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

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

EDITOR'S WELCOME

With Christmas now well and truly behind us it's time to look forward to a new year of events in Beyton.

There is plenty going on with the Quiz, Village walks and other celebrations.

I understand that part of the King's Coronation celebrations will be focussed on volunteering.

As you will see from the various reports in this magazine there are many opportunities to get involved and help with events and with general village tasks; delivering magazines, cleaning up the village and helping with village events, all of which help to enhance the quality of our lives here.

If you can spare some time, please do get in touch with the relevant people. You are guaranteed a warm welcome and it's a great way to meet your neighbours and make new friends.

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Who said, "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country".

No this is not one of the questions for the BVA annual quiz evening. It was in fact, John F Kennedy, President of the USA in the early sixties.

The quote of course was aimed at the highest level but is also relevant to activities in our own parish.

There are plans in the pipeline to hold events such as the celebration of King Charles' Coronation, the Village Fayre, the Quiz Night etc and all of these events take a lot of organising as well as working to keep Beyton safe and a good place to live.

Beyton has a number of groups and organisations such as Speed Watch, Environmental Group and Village Association all of whom would welcome volunteers.

Why not become one of those who say “what can I do for my village”? All offers of help would be warmly received.

The Beyton Village News is a good place to find out what activities there are and Tina Newell our Parish Council Clerk would be happy to point volunteers in the right direction. Just send her an email: parish.clerk@beyton-pc.gov.uk

We are desperately short of people to deliver both the Parish Magazine and the Beyton Village News – If you can help please call Tina on 07767163706

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council



BEYTON WHITE HORSE

Over 55's Lunch

EVERY MONDAY LUNCH

MAIN + DESSERT

£8.50

BOOK TODAY

01359 270324

HISTORICAL NOTES

Roy Crosby always has his eyes open for snippets of Beyton's history and has found this article referencing both The Bear and The White Horse.

Thankfully the activities surrounding our Fayre are a little less contentious these days!

White's Directory for 1844 describes Woolpit having an annual fair for cattle and toys on 19th September 1820

Provincial fairs

Provincial fairs like the one at Woolpit had a very bad reputation, with just cause, as this article from the London Morning Post for 1820 shows

At Woolpit fair on Saturday the 16th there was a great show of horses, but little business done:

At the cattle fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, the supply of beasts was good, both as to quantity and quality; but of these also the sale was very dull.

The fair was as usual infested with swindlers and more than usually atrocious frauds were committed by a gang of villains, who set up at Beyton Bear for three days and passed a number of Country bank notes, altered from £1 to £10 and others purporting to be issued from banks which never had any existence, or had failed.

They paid three of these at the above public house, one at the White Horse, and got rid of the others for change. They also purchased a horse with one, and passing through Bury on Saturday afternoon, bought a bride of Mr Partridge, in the Southgate Street, receiving £9 as change for an altered note.

The owner of the horse pursued them to Bury, when Mr Markham of the Angel Inn, with some of his servants, followed the villains on horseback. But though he at one time very nearly got up with them near Hengrave, they escaped and reached Brandon, where the owner (some delay having taken place in Bury) did not arrive till next morning, when he found they had slept there.

At Shouldham Fair, on Tuesday, similar frauds were committed, and a man was apprehended who had upon him upwards of £400 in good notes, and we understand he has been identified, and committed to Norwich Castle.

THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

Dear Residents

It seems almost hard to believe that the Autumn Term of 2022 is now a distant memory and that the Spring Term of 2023 is upon us all at Thurston Community College. The school year goes so quickly and it seems to be this is never truer than for our year groups taking their examinations. Many of our students, and in particular the older students, had to juggle the merriments that came with Christmas alongside their holiday jobs, their school studies and revision for upcoming examinations. In amongst all of these happenings, it is really pleasing to think that the students also spend their time and energy supporting the wider community in which they live and study.



I thought you would like to hear about the wide range of activities our students took part in during the lead up to Christmas, many of which were arranged to both raise awareness and funds for some very good causes both local and national. Be prepared to be amazed as read the list of activities which took place in the last two weeks of the Autumn Term:

- 'Last Choir Standing' for all our 11 and 12 year old students to take up the opportunity to perform on our stage and for an evening performance
- The Christmas Showcase displayed a stunning range of talent across all year groups and across the staff who were brave enough to take part!
- The Friends of Thurston College, a dedicated group who work to raise funds for the school, hosted a wreath making workshop.
- Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children
- Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings for every year group
- The Christmas Card Competition organised by the Languages Department
- The 12 and 13 year old students who sold over 400 candy canes, which were delivered with messages to friends
- Decorated baubles created by the students in our year groups from 11 to 14 years of age which were displayed around the school
- The reverse advent calendar donations for the Gatehouse Home Store and Foodbank, was generously supported by our community and spread a little festive cheer
- Thurston Sixth Form 'Brave the Shave' event, which raised over £2500 for Macmillan Cancer Support

- The Mathemagical Christmas Tree – our A Level Mathematicians decorated the Thurston Blue Tree with 'mathematical baubles'. The tree featured in Thurston Public Library as part of the Thurston Christmas Tree Festival.

Our students are incredibly good at thinking of others and come up with some very novel ways to raise awareness and funds for those in the community both local and national. As you can imagine we are very proud of our students; they demonstrate admirably how to balance their own wishes with the desire to reach out and help others.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year from everyone at Thurston Community College, Main School Campus and Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus.

Dr Jean Wheeler

Thurston Community College – Community Voice

BEYTON WHITE HORSE

Mother's Day

Roast

12 - 4:30 PM



ROAST PORK | ROAST BEEF | ROAST LAMB
MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

BOOK A TABLE TODAY!

01359 270324

**SAT
25
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**



The BVA presents the annual ...

Beyton Quiz Night & Fish and Chip Supper!



Friday 31st March

In

Main Hall, Beyton 6th Form Campus

Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

TICKETS: £12 A HEAD

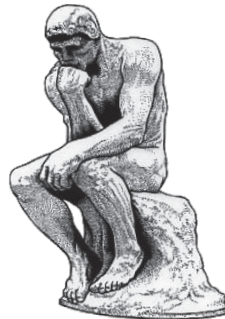
(Booking essential by Friday 24th March)

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To Book a table text or ring
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

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

BVN NEWS & EVENTS

Village Walk

Next walk Sunday 2nd April 10am

At the time of writing, the last village walk was held on 20th November and was attended by a few hardy souls who braved the elements and set off in the rain for a circular walk to Rougham Church and back. We were rewarded for our efforts as the rain stopped and the sun came out about half way round and we didn't get as wet as we thought we would!

The next village walk is on Sunday 2nd April, meeting as normal at 10.00am at the Old Bus Shelter on The Green. This is a healthy and social activity and a great way to get to know other villagers. The route will be about 5 miles long and will last about 2 hours so everyone should be back in time for Sunday lunch.

Everyone welcome, including accompanied children and dogs (on leads). Hope to see you there.

P.S. We have had some requests for walks at other times which don't clash with churchgoing so keep an eye out in future editions of the BVN as we will try to offer some afternoon walks in future or evening walks over the summer, possibly with a stopover at a pub en route.

Carol Singing

The Christmas Carols on The Green were very well attended with around 50 people turning out to take part. We sang for about an hour with the help of recorded musical backing, which helped to keep everyone together and in the same key!

The event raised £135.37 in donations for the Alzheimers' Society – thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

Once the singing had finished Galley Slaves were busy selling hot food and then everyone headed into The White Horse for complimentary mince pies and mulled wine. Many thanks from us all to Jane and Barry for providing these free of charge, they were delicious and very well received.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beyton Village Quiz

Friday 31st March Beyton Sixth 7pm for a 7:30 start

Join us for our popular village quiz, teams of 6.

Bring your own booze and nibbles, there will be a Fish & Chip supper provided and there will also be a business studies student making and selling delicious desserts to sell on the night to eat or to take away.

Coronation Event

Sat 6th May

Evening event to celebrate the coronation.

We are planning to run an event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles, but it is difficult to be too specific at this point as at our last planning meeting the Royal Family hadn't issued any guidance or information about what time the ceremony will be taking place. Our intention at the moment is to hold a celebration in the evening on Saturday 6th May, which will be held in the marquee on The Green and is likely to include live music and a firework display.

Keep an eye out for further information.

Evening Music event and Summer Fayre

Friday 25th August & Saturday 26th August

We are going to attempt to run a full Summer Fayre this year on the August bank holiday weekend, with a live music event in the evening on Friday 25th Aug, followed by a Summer Fayre on Saturday 26th August, aiming to organise it on the same scale as it used to be prior to covid. Please support us to get this event back up and running either by volunteering to help run a stall on the day or by joining the BVA committee to help organise things in advance.

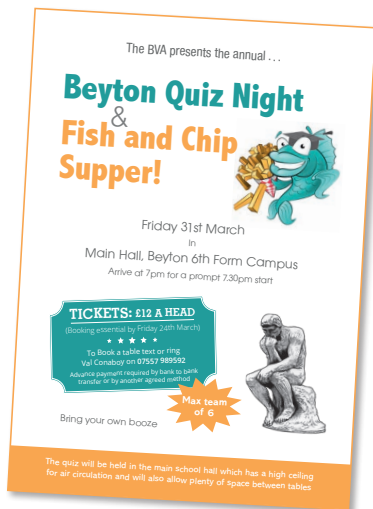
Prior to covid the Summer Fayre was a huge annual event for the village and we want to get this back to where it was but we need your help to achieve this.

Please contact Anselm Gurney on 01359 270176 if you are willing to help with a stall on the day, or simply come along to the next BVA committee meeting to get involved in the organisation of the event.

The next meeting is on Wed 8th Feb at 7.30pm in The White Horse. I hope to see you there.

Anselm Gurney

Chair, BVA



BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Beyton Environmental Group-Hedging and Ditching at Oak Tree Pond

As I write this in mid-January, the birds are singing again and there are signs of new life in the plant world. Celandines and Cuckoo pint are shooting up new leaves and there are plenty of catkins. BEG is busy with winter jobs.

If you walk out of the village along Quaker Lane you will come to Oak Tree Pond (OTP) at the end of the houses on the right. Turn right up the public footpath and you will see that BEG members have been restoring the dead hedge.

Dead hedges are piles of branches and twigs that are woven between stakes to form a natural barrier. They are a way of disposing of material that arises from thinning or clearing operations in woodlands. Using surplus branches in this way is good for wildlife, especially for small mammals and birds, because it gives them somewhere to shelter from predators and bad weather and also offers nesting sites. Dead hedges are also good for insects. The woody material gradually rots away and is topped up with new branches over time to maintain an effective barrier.

Meanwhile, Roy, our own hydraulic engineer, has worked with great determination to restore water to the ponds. The pond by the road is as full as I have ever seen it. It draws water from the ditch and helps to alleviate flooding in both Quaker Lane and, further downstream, in Bury Road. The next challenge will be to transfer water to the other ponds.

BEG took over the management of OTP almost 30 years ago. At that time the ponds were used as a place for getting rid of rubbish. The site is now a quiet haven for wildlife and our management work is done outside the bird-breeding season. To avoid disturbance.

If you would like to get involved (work parties can be a good Sunday work-out), please contact me on 07557 989592 or come to the next work party at OTP on 12 February at 9.30am.

Val Conaboy

Chair, Beyton Environmental Group

Rougham Primary Swimming Pool Refurbishment Project Update

So far we have raised just over £23,000 visible on the Just Giving page. This is a combination of donations and also includes the funds raised by Fundfest, Carwashes and Race Night. This is a fantastic achievement but we need to continue with the fund raising in order to hit our target and complete the project on time.

Fantastic advertising opportunities for local businesses!

Contact the school for further information on available advertising space. Please enquire – tel: 01359 270288 email: school@roughamprimary.net

The pool is incredibly important to the school and we are determined to finish the refurbishment and get it back to its former glory so it can once again be enjoyed by both our own pupils and the wider community.

For more details on the project please see –

- The school website swimming pool page – roughamprimary.net
- On Just Giving search – Fix our pool
- On FB search – Rougham Primary School Swimming Pool



Found!

Ladies Gold Watch
found in Cangles Lane,
if you think this might
be yours please ring:

Graham Jones

01359 271266

BEYTON QUIZ NIGHT

As part of his advanced Business Studies Course, Alex McLaughlin has to plan and run an fundraising event.

He's chosen to make and sell a variety of delicious desserts to follow the fish and chip supper at the Quiz.

Funds raised from this will be donated to the BVA.



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