

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2022



EDITOR'S WELCOME

It feels like a long time has passed since June and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations but that did kick off the first of our outdoor village events and what a great day it was? It was great to see so many people out and enjoying it all.

We were really lucky to have had the best of the weekend's weather and a lot of fun was had on the Green with the games and tea in the afternoon and a wonderful evening of live music, a very well used bar and a spectacular end to the day with the firework – yes, just one firework but I think you'll agree it was a pretty impressive one!!

The summer has continued with lovely weather and the Green has turned its customary brown and is being well used especially now that the summer holidays are with us and there are more events coming up including a Sale Trail.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There is not a lot of Parish Council news to report in this edition, however, I thought I would share some photos that have been sent to me by the Volleyball Group who play on the Green using equipment bought with money from the Locality Fund provided by our County Councillor, Penny Otton.

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

See back page for photos

NEW HEAD AT BEYTON SIXTH

Starting a new job is always a daunting experience, but the warm welcome I have received from students and staff at Thurston Sixth since I joined the school as Head of Sixth Form in April, has only served to reinforce what I already knew about the wonderful community spirit here at the school. It was one of the many aspects that so appealed to me about the role.



I began my teaching career fifteen years ago, working at King Edward VI School in Bury St Edmunds teaching Media Studies, Film Studies and English across the age range of 11 to 18. At King Edward's, I was a Head of Year and then became an Assistant Headteacher in charge of Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 and 9). In 2019, I joined Breckland School in Brandon, again as an Assistant Headteacher, and took charge of behaviour, safeguarding and attendance. In his book, *Legacy*, James Kerr tells us that *'the challenge is to always improve, to always get better'*. That has always been my aim and so I decided to look for new challenges and chances to continue learning. I am really looking forward to the new experiences and opportunities that lie ahead here at Thurston Sixth.

A school rooted at the heart of its community is a feature of the schools I have been fortunate enough to work in during my career to date and Thurston Sixth is no different. Indeed it was what attracted me to the post. As such, I was delighted to have attended the Beyton Parish Council meeting last month, and very much enjoyed meeting members of the local community. The sense of pride, togetherness and community spirit was evident throughout the meeting and I was in awe of the amount of work that people put into making the village such a wonderful place. As a Sixth Form, we are very keen to work with the local community wherever possible and I know our students have many exciting ideas for how this can be achieved.

Student voice is at the heart of our school and, as such, we have an excellent Student Union who act on behalf of the student body at Thurston Sixth. In May, students went to the polls to elect their new representatives for the coming year and we look forward to seeing the plans they have for the school and wider community.

Our Year 13 students are in the midst of sitting their A Level exams and are approaching them with maturity, focus and composure; a feat made even more impressive when we remember that the last external assessments they completed were their SATs at the end of primary school. Our Year 12 students visited the University of Suffolk where they were able to speak to representatives from a number of universities as we begin the process of thinking about life

after Sixth Form. As part of that process, our aptly named post-18 pathways week, Beyond Beyton, takes place at the end of June. It is a week that allows our students the chance to hear from a range of guest speakers and to attend sessions on preparing for their futures; it promises to be an excellent week. We are always keen to provide our students the opportunity to hear from people in a range of different professions so if you, or someone you know, would be interested in delivering a talk to students about a particular career, please do get in touch with us.

David Gower

Head of Sixth Form,
Thurston Sixth

BEYTON SPEEDWATCH



Throughout May the Speedwatch team monitored for 11 hours and caught 119 speeding drivers.

One motorbike was caught speeding at 68 miles per hour through our lovely little village!

Stowmarket Police recently published the figures from their Safety Camera Van for June showing the number of Traffic Offence Reports sent to drivers for excess speed in the local parishes and there were 8 recorded for Beyton.

In July the speedwatch team monitored for 9 hours and recorded 97 speeding drivers.

If you would like to join our Speedwatch team please contact our local CSW co-ordinator, Kerry Mason speedwatchbeytonvillage@gmail.com

The rota system means that you would only be required to give one hour per week at a time convenient to you. The scheme is actively supported and encouraged by local councils and Police and training is provided on use of the equipment and administration

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As a College over the years we have covered numerous events and activities in which our students have been involved; from visits abroad, local adventures, PE and Performing Arts successes and a wealth of other exciting undertakings. So far, we have not provided an insight into 'Maths at Thurston Community College', and so this seemed to be a good time to do so, and Holly Betts who is 17 years of age has offered the following insight for us all.



"I am often asked what it is that I enjoy about maths – people say it's complicated, can be difficult to understand, and it's hard to see any real-world applications. While I can understand this perspective, the truth is, maths exists in everything we see and everything we do. Within nature, from the sub-atomic level, right up to the formation of galaxies, maths can explain the ways in which forces interact with each other for the universe to exist in perfect harmony.

From the symmetry found in snowflakes and the fractals that form them, to the radial symmetry of sunflowers, nature often achieves a type of perfection that is unimaginable to humankind, ironically only replicable through precise mathematics. Orb spiders create almost perfectly circular webs, and yet it remains unclear why they are so geometrically inclined, as these orb webs have not been found to be more successful in catching prey than any normal webs. Japanese puffer fish, fugu, create large, geometric circles in the sand on the ocean floor which they must maintain in order to attract a mate. Creatures great and small appear to have the same dedication to precision and perfection, yet again only achievable and explainable through the power of mathematics.

Take the Fibonacci sequence, where each number is the sum of the two preceding numbers. The numbers in this sequence are not only applicable to the numbers of petals on many flowers, but also form a unique spiral shape, very close to the Golden Spiral, that is found in the structure of seashells and hurricanes. But moving beyond Earth, our galaxy is also shaped in a similar spiral – something seemingly so distant from reality can be related so closely to life on Earth, through a mathematical sequence.

Even in a more relatable sense, every move we make is governed by the mathematics used in design – no object, big or small, is created without precise, calculated measurements, with such carefully configured mathematics applied, and yet we take it for granted. Is it not the most interesting thing in the world that no single action, even the most complex, is unexplainable by numbers?"

I am sure you will all agree, this is an inspirational read from an inspirational student.

The perfect illustration of this are the petals on sunflowers which are in the Fibonacci sequence These photos were taken by Charlotte Robertson, a year 12 student studying A Level Photography.

Jean Wheeler
Assistant Principal



Photography by Charlotte Robertson

MARGARET HOOPER

1928 - 2022

It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of Beyton's residents, Margaret Hooper.

Margaret lived in Beyton for 60 years and was a very active and hugely committed member of the village community. She had numerous friends and she touched the lives of many families.

She was always ready for a chat, especially if you met her on a walk with her little border terrier Spice, she was always interested in who you were and where you lived and was a great source of history and information about the village and a fascinating person to meet.

Margaret was many things to many different people. She was a loving parent, grand-parent, sister, aunt and for her husband John, she was a loving wife. For many she was a great friend, generous in everything she did.

She grew up on the family farm in Terrington St Clement, Norfolk with her parents and brother David, and went on to live in several different parts of the country – teacher training in Offley, teaching in Aylsebury, studying social work in London, at LSE, and working in Devon before moving to Bury and meeting John at Flempton. She must have left quite an impression, as he had somewhat old-fashioned views on how welcoming a golf club should be of women members. They married in '62 and moved to Beyton, where she lived for almost 60 years.

She loved being outside. She enjoyed horse riding, gardening, golf, skating, her one skiing trip, swimming, tennis and walking – preferably with a dog, such as her beloved Spice. For some parents, standing on the touchline of a rugby pitch on a cold, wet February afternoon would be a chore, but for Margaret she was being a supportive parent, she was in the great outdoors and she could also indulge in another favourite past time – talking for England to other spectators.



Skating was a real passion – on the fens in childhood and then at Great Livermere.

She loved swimming at Thorpeness. She swam there just about every year from 1965 until a couple of years ago. Many of her friends received assurances from her of how lovely the water would be, then had their breath taken away on discovering how cold it was.

Margaret's long-standing involvement with Beyton & Hessett Sunday School allowed generations to witness the magic of felt, pipe cleaners and bits of cardboard being transformed into biblical characters, attached to a storyboard with Velcro. Those materials came from her substantial collection of "things that might come in useful". It's fair to say she didn't like throwing things away, perhaps a wartime legacy. Bananas, sometimes half eaten, would be kept for days after lesser mortals would consider them a bit too ripe!

She supported many charities, local ones being very much on her heart: Aid to the Balkans, Family link Myanmar, TWAM (Tools With A Mission), not forgetting the Bury Town Pastors, for whom she would get up on a Saturday night and pray from 2-3am, into her 80's.

Margaret's family have kindly shared these details of her life with me in order to compose this tribute and have been really touched and moved by the many memories of Margaret that have been shared with them and say that:

"We'll all hold our own recollections, with joy and compassion among them. Margaret was one who loved life and revelled in company. She walked, talked and laughed a great deal. When one who has brought so much to others has had enough, we must let her go to join her Lord."

Margaret was loved and known by many in Beyton. She will be greatly missed and our condolences and love go to her children, Mary, William and James, their families and her many friends.

Claire Ridyard

BEYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



"The Big Room" c .1959 (Some spellings may not be correct)

Back Row L>R

Roy Crosby, Anthony Whitton, Michael Bens, Michael? Scroggins, Peter Gill, David? Scroggins, David Simper, Mrs Rawlinson (Head Teacher)

Middle Row

Hilary Cousins, Valerie Turner, Ursala Hazlewood, Angela Bollard, Doreen Austin, Lola de Cova, Veronica Dutton, Dulcie Dutton

Front Row

Fay Friend, Jean Hogg, Kay de Cova, Judy Hooker, Edmund Oxburrow, Anthony Austin

The school had 2 rooms – the "Little Room" run by Miss Freeman, which took those from 5-8 yrs, and the "Big Room" which took those 9-11, when they took the 11 plus to decide who went to Grammar School and who went to the "Big School" i.e. Beyton Secondary Modern, until they were 16 and ready to go to work, or the Technical College at Bury St Edmunds for vocational training!



BVN NEWS & EVENTS

Village Walk

Sunday 26th June

A group of twelve people and two dogs set out on a beautiful sunny morning for a walk to Grove Farm (Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Blackbourne Valley Reserve). Once there we completed a short loop of the reserve before returning on another path to Beyton (approx. 4 miles). We were joined on the walk by a number of people who have moved to the village fairly recently so it was a good opportunity to get to know one another.

The next walk is scheduled for Sunday 21st August

Meet 10.00 at the old Bus Shelter



Rougham C of E Primary School

Located in a picturesque rural setting adjacent to St Mary's Church.

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Open Day

Do you have a child due to start Primary School in September 2023?

Then we invite you to attend our open morning!

As well as having an opportunity to meet our Reception Teacher and chat to some of our pupils, you will also get to see all the wonderful facilities we have to offer!

Wednesday 19th October 2022

9.30am—11am

BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Late Summer

It is always hard to define the seasons. Do we go with the solstices and equinoxes so that the seasons change around the 21st of March, June, September and December? Alternatively, meteorologists start their seasons at the beginning of these months which seems, to me, to be more in keeping with what we see in the air and on the ground.

Whichever you prefer, nobody can deny that July has been a seriously hot month and Beyton is looking rather parched. Maybe we will experience an early autumn?

As I write this, parties of swifts are screaming round our houses, they will be gone soon. Swallows and house martins are also relatively numerous at the moment and stay longer. Swallows can be seen gathering on the telegraph wires along Quaker Lane where we ended our walk in the last edition of BVN.

This time, we will begin our walk at the churchyard.

The wildflowers areas still have something to offer in terms of the purple flowers of knapweed and scabious but we will be cutting and raking off in August and September to encourage a good display next spring.

Elsewhere, along the field edges and verges, it is interesting to count the number of different plants that are still in flower, even if they are rather dried up.

Cross Church Road and take the public footpath towards Beyton Garage.

Here, in the house names, you will find clues to indicate that Beyton was an orchard village. Similarly in Church Road we see Orchard Close and Victoria Orchard. The land west of the garage and to your right was planted with apple trees, largely Discovery with some Bramleys. Discovery was introduced to the market by Thurston nurseryman, Jack Matthews. In 1949 a fruit farm worker in Langham, Essex raised seedlings from an open pollinated Worcester Pearmain. Matthews took grafts from the best and developed them under the names of Drummer's Pippin (any connection to Drummer's Cottage on the Green?) and Thurston August. Discovery was released on to the market in 1962. The orchards were grubbed up in the mid 1970s onwards as Golden Delicious became a favourite. Whatever happened to that species of apple?

By the garage there is a junction of paths and it is worth turning right or north for a short stretch to look at the line of horseradish plants (strong plants with twisted slightly dock-like leaves) by the side of the path. (Of course, they may have been cut, but they are apparent as I write). Horseradish is a fairly widespread plant on waste ground and has been in the country from its early origins in Asia since at least the mid-16th century. It is illegal to dig up the roots

on private land, but maybe you have some in a wild space in your garden and would enjoy the possibly painful challenge of making horseradish sauce.

Return to the garage and walk west-ish towards Quaker Lane.

You can use the official public footpath, which is quite narrow in places, or, as many do, walk across the set-aside. Towards Quaker Lane there are many goat willow bushes, which, if left uncut, would quickly turn in to a thicket making a good habitat for birds. Across both set aside areas, once you have your “eye-in”, you will see many tree seedlings of different species. If these fields were left uncut, they would quickly revert to woodland. In recent years there has been a big drive to plant more trees. Councils have given grants and provided local groups with saplings, stakes and tree guards. This is expensive and requires much manpower to plant, protect and water the young trees which have a high failure rate.

Wildlife groups are now looking to “wilding” and letting nature take its course. Woods will grow as long as there is a seed source and not too much grazing by rabbits and deer. This is apparent at Luke’s Wood in Elmswell and in the Blackbourne Valley (Grove Farm) nature reserve.

At Quaker Lane, turn right and look out for the many jackdaws, small crows with grey heads, that like to nest in chimneys. At the end of the houses on the right, and just beyond the footpath, is a small area of woodland known as Oak Tree Pond. Beyton Environmental Group manage this in agreement with a local farmer.

I am still researching the history of this site, but residents recall it being used as a pen for rams and also recall coypu being caught here in the 1980s.

Oak Tree Pond provides a very valuable haven for wildlife including birds such as chiffchaff, blackcap and greater spotted woodpecker and BEG are seeking to create wildflower meadows to encourage a rich insect population. The ponds have been largely dry in recent times, but last winter, after some determined work by one or two BEG members, we had water in the ponds and no flooding in that part of Quaker Lane.

We will look more at woodland management next time, but for now, you can follow the field edge path north to Bury Road or retrace your steps to return to the churchyard.

BEG is always seeking to involve more people in the village. Whether you would like to join work parties, be involved in surveys, share your sightings or just show your support, you would be very welcome. Please contact me on 07557 989592.

Val Conanboy

Chair, Beyton Environmental Group



BEYTON SALE TRAIL

Sunday 2nd October

From 9.30am

Sale Trail maps **£1.00**

Available from the Village Green

With a **FREE** cup of tea or coffee

Register your drive/garage by
Friday 23rd September for **ONLY £5.00**

On the day entries will be charged at £7.50.

Outreach addresses have the option of
having a stall on the Green.

For bookings please text **Val** on **07557 989592**
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