

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



APRIL-MAY 2019



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - 2019



Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2019

Monday 8th April	Monday 2nd September
Monday 13th May	Monday 7th October
Monday 3rd June	Monday 25th November
Monday 1st July	December – No Meeting
August – No Meeting	

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in The Vestry, Beyton Church.
Please also look on our website: <http://beyton.suffolk.cloud>
or village notice boards for details.

Stowmarket Library Literary Crime Festival

26th – 29th April

Neighbourhood Plan Drop In Event Church Vestry

Thurs 16th May 4pm – 9pm Neighbourhood Plan Drop
In Event Church Vestry

Beyton Fayre

Friday 7th June 6pm Raising the Marquee, The Green
Saturday 8th June 2pm Beyton Fayre, The Green

Village Walk Hidden Wildlife of Beyton

Friday 5th July 6:30pm



DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Friday 24th May 2019 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

Welcome to a bumper edition of the Village News for April & May.

The Green is looking very spring like and we have lots to look forward to.

The Fayre is just around the corner, as always any offers of help will be gratefully received by the organising committee and work on the Neighbourhood Plan continues with an important drop in meeting being held on 16th May. Do get involved and be part of helping to shape the way the village will look in the future.

It is great to have a contribution from a younger member of the village and we wish Charlie lots of success with his woodworking venture – looking forward to seeing what he's been up to at the Fayre.

Let's hope the weather holds and we are able to get out and about and make the most of our lovely surroundings.

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Spring has arrived. Beyton is certainly filled with a host of golden daffodils, how beautiful our village looks.

This year our main concentration will be on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and Housing Needs. These two subjects require engagement and attention of the whole village, not just the Parish Council. **I cannot overstress the need for everyone to get involved, bring forward ideas and comments whilst the plans proceed, or better still join the team putting the plan together.**

Neighbourhood Plan. Housing Needs Survey.

We got off to a good start. The meeting on the 27th February to identify why Beyton must consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan and conduct a Housing Needs Survey was attended by 104 parishioners and concluded unanimously to move ahead with both. Please read the minutes of this meeting in your BVN for full details.

Housing Needs Survey: The timetable for this survey sponsored by Community Action Suffolk will be distributed to all households by the 12th April with a letter requesting that they be returned by the 29th April.

Neighbourhood Plan: The target is to complete the whole plan by October 2020, which includes a six-month consultation and validation period.

Status so far: Obtained approval of Beyton PC: February
Engaged the services of Ian Poole, Planning4People Consultancy to lead us through the process: March
Formed a team from 16 volunteers to produce the NP, first meeting held on the 20th March. Next meeting 7:00pm on the 3rd April in the Church Vestry. The group is nicely diverse with the one exception – no young members. I would like to urge some younger people to join.
Received registration from MSDC to proceed with NP: 21 March

Next Key Date: Drop-in-Event Thursday 16th May. All parishioners are welcome to come along, chat with the team and express your view on what you like or dislike about Beyton and what you want for the future. Please see the invitation details further on in the BVN and on our website.

Village Green Lease:

Still in discussion with the solicitors representing the Ladies of the Manor.

Children's Play Area:

The Parish Council has agreed to investigate fencing off the play area. We would welcome ideas on how this should look. Please inform either Pat Lamb, Clerk to Beyton PC, contact details are listed in the BVN or talk to one of the council members.

Flooding in Thurston Road:

Unfortunately, the ditch alongside of the road has not been cleared. The problem remains, who has to do the work? Our County Councillor, Penny Otton has requested SCC legal department to help determine responsibility.

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council



Hi my name is Charlie Clarke I'm 13 and have lived in Beyton for about 2 years and love living in the village. I have always been interested in woodwork, I think this all started when I would go to my dad's workshop on a Saturday morning and just nail bits of wood together that I would find to try and make things like a boat or a car. This then led me onto making some bird feeders last year which I managed to walk around the village and sell. I've started making bird boxes and bug houses this year also.

I have had to choose my options for GCSEs and one of them is business which will involve me learning about all the different parts of the business like how it works, advertising, staff, buying and selling and I'm hoping to use my little woodworking business for some of the coursework.

Beyton fair is a big highlight of the summer and I am hoping to show people the things that I've made over the course of the last year. It would be great if people wanted to come and look at the stuff I've made and if they like it they can buy it also.

At the same time me and my dad are going to run a free workshop for children to come along and make something that they can take away on the day, all the timber will be supplied free of charge we will have plenty of saws, hammers screws and nails. Mums and dads can get involved with their children and hopefully walk away with something that they have been able to make and this may then inspire some other children in the village to get involved with woodwork like I hope to see you at the fair!

Charlie



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING MINUTES

**on a meeting held at Thurston Sixth Beyton Campus
Wednesday 27th February 2019
To discuss the options regarding taking forward a
Neighbourhood Development Plan for Beyton**

Present: Cllr Graham Jones	Chairman Beyton Parish Council
Elizabeth Ling	Community Housing Enabling Officer, Babergh Mid Suffolk District Councils
Sunila Osborne	Community Development Officer, Rural Affordable Housing, Community Action Suffolk (CAS)
Ian Poole	People 4 Places Planning Consultants Ltd
Adele Pope	Beyton Parish Council
Daphne Youngs	Chair, Drinkstone Parish Council
104 members of the public	

1 Cllr Jones (GJ) welcomed all present and confirmed that the purpose of the meeting was to ascertain public support for a Beyton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP). He confirmed that there would be a vote by show of hands at the end of the session on the question, 'Does Beyton undertake a Neighbourhood Plan or do we leave the shape of future development in the village in the hands of others?'

2 Sunila Osborne (SN) explained that the Housing Needs Survey (HNS) is an important element of a NP and deals with:

- (a) Information about the household responding . . . length of occupancy, approximate value etc
- (b) Seeking views on what type of housing is seen as being needed in the village
- (c) Looking at people who would like to come back to Beyton having had to move away

She confirmed that the survey is entirely anonymous and can be dealt with on line or in hard copy format.

The survey would be hand-delivered by volunteers mid-April with a 2 week window for completion after which CAS handle all data processing towards the presentation of a full report and Executive Summary.

3 Elizabeth Ling (EL) explained that she was charged with looking at housing need throughout the District with funding from the Community Housing Fund.

She confirmed that one of the objectives which she would adopt would be an assessment of any appetite for Community Led Housing in Beyton.

- 4 In response to a question from the floor, SN & EL briefly outlined the role and work of CAS.
- 5 Adele Pope spoke to explain that volunteers would be needed for the delivery of HNS forms and that, if the go-ahead is sanctioned, this would be on or about 13th April allowing for analysis over the summer towards the Executive Summary.
The exercise addresses the next 10 years of projected housing need.
- 6 Ian Poole (IP) broadly outlined the NP process which must produce a Plan which is compliant with extant European, National and Local Planning policies and which cannot seek to stop development already agreed.
He outlined a 6 step process, being:
 - (a) Designation of the Plan area – usually the Civil Parish Boundary
 - (b) Draft Plan prepared as a pre-submission draft and open to consultation
 - (c) Suitably amended Draft submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC)
 - (d) District Council consults on document
 - (e) Document goes for formal examination when amendments are suggested and incorporated
 - (f) Final document goes to local referendum requiring a simple majority in order to become Policy
- 7 IP explained that:
 - (a) Beyton Parish Council must lead the process but that it must be a community team effort headed by a working group of 6 – 8 individuals with others standing by for specific tasks.
 - (b) The community must be kept informed and consulted at all stages so that the Plan reflects the consensus view.
 - (c) The Plan is evidence based requiring research and data collection.
 - (d) Outcomes must conform with policies of other statutory agencies (as at 6 above) and must take account of existing statutory designations (conservation area etc).
 - (e) The Plan is a Planning document and can only deal with Planning issues, but ‘Community Actions’ can be recommended to deal with other issues such as dog fouling and speeding traffic.
- 8 IP explained that the problems consequent upon the lack of a provable MSDC 5 year housing land supply leaves the Planning situation vulnerable pending the adoption of a new Joint Local Plan (with Babergh) which may be drafted by June /July for adoption early 2020. A NP can help address the issues raised by this shortcoming. Furthermore, it can introduce standards regarding design, heritage and landscape which the Local Plan does not cover.
- 9 In general outline, IP suggested that Community engagement must be central to any NP initiative and that this might best identify sites where development would be appropriate using drop-in events, surveys, area character appraisals,

specific site assessments etc. Further input would be appropriate regarding the overall vision and options together with support in formatting and writing the text. The due process might, with energy, be completed in 1 year. The exercise should be cost-neutral as far as the village is concerned given the existing grant aid structure dedicated to the production of NP's

- 10** Daphne Youngs explained that Drinkstone, a smaller community, had begun the NP process in frustration at the lack of protection afforded by the MSDC Local Plan in light of the District housing supply shortfall. Once begun, the process has attracted widespread and enthusiastic support through drop-in days, community walks and a community questionnaire yielding an 83% response feeding into 7 working groups dealing with areas such as landscape & bio-diversity, publicity etc. The process has proved to have wider benefits including landscape & 'character' awareness and looks to go to Referendum in January 2020. It is recommended as an extremely worthwhile exercise, as is the involvement of a Planning professional for guidance.

11 Questions/comments from the floor dealt with:

- (a) The impending Joint Local Plan taking precedence over NP's ... *This concerns an unknown time scale and, meanwhile, an emerging NP carries weight by way of proper local input eg HNS.*
- (b) The funding (£8k.) to encourage site allocations is a bribe ... *This element of a Plan is a great strengthening factor as a community can then be seen to be accepting of appropriate development rather than saying no to everything.*
- (c) Could Hessett be involved as they will inevitably be affected by Beyton decisions, especially regarding Highways issues? ... *A joint Plan is possible but needs careful thought.*
- (d) Will MSDC respect NP's? ... *they have to, as long as there is a 5 year housing land supply in the District, the NP is the Plan in force; this has worked in practice recently in Debenham & in Stowupland. NB the Plan must be regularly kept under review to remain effective.*
- (e) What is a realistic timescale? ... *1 year for production, 6 months to be added for statutory processes before formal completion.*
- (f) Where does Beyton stand in the MSDC housing site allocation hierarchy? ... *well below the large towns and villages such as Elmswell, Thurston & Woolpit – the 'Hinterland' designation is equivalent to '2nd division'.*

- 12** GJ confirmed that there were no further queries and asked for a show of hands to support the proposal that Beyton should proceed with a NP.

There was an overwhelming show of hands in favour with no dissent.

- 13** The Meeting ended at 9.10.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION NOTICE

BEYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Beyton Parish Council (the 'Relevant Body') to designate the whole of the parish of Beyton as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 18 March 2019.

The application was made under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A copy of the application and a map which identifies the area to which this relates can be found on the District Council website at:

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/BeytonNP

Regulation 5A states that ... “where (1)(a) a local planning authority receives an area application from a parish council” *and* (1)(b) the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council’s area, (2) the local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area.”

Regulations 6 and 6A relating to publicising an area application do not apply in this instance. Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 5A(2) and 7(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Mid Suffolk District Council hereby give notice that it has designated Beyton Parish as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Beyton Parish Council.

Tom Barker

Assistant Director - Planning for Growth
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council

Dated: 20 March 2019

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<http://baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>

KEEP THE GREEN TIDY

Can you spare just ONE hour a month to help keep YOUR GREEN tidy?

The Green in Beyton is an area we all enjoy. Either as you drive past it in the morning to go to work, walking your dog, taking your children or grandchildren to the play area or maybe during the summer for the rounders or fayre?

The upkeep of the green is the responsibility of everyone in the village. The Parish Council use the services of a number of individuals to cut the grass and maintain the shrubs and trees BUT there are also a number of people who take the time to tidy the play area and bus shelter on a weekly basis to ensure that these areas remain as clean as possible for all to enjoy.

The Parish Council are currently looking for more volunteers to donate 1 hour of their time per month to help tidy The Green. If you could do this to keep our Green a welcoming and inviting place for you and other parishioners please contact Adele on 01359 270196.

DRINKSTONE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Have you thought about trying something new in 2019?

Have you thought about the Women's Institute?

Would you like to find out what is involved in becoming a member?

Drinkstone Women's Institute would like to extend a warm welcome to the ladies of Beyton. We are a small and friendly group who meet on the second Thursday evening of every month in Drinkstone Village Hall. We have a varied programme lined up for the coming year including a talk on hedgehog rescue; a flower arranging evening; a music therapy evening and a talk on Suffolk Cheese.

We would love to see you – do come along for a chat over a slice of cake and some tea – for further details contact either:

Helen Cooper on **01449 736192**
email: helen@iandhcooper.co.uk

or **Sharon Rose** on **01449 736221**
email: sharon.rose068@btinternet.com





BEYTON FAYRE

on the village green

2pm-5pm



Saturday

8th

June 2019



BEYTON FAYRE 2019

Friday 7th June

- 6pm Come and help raise the marquees on the Green.
- 8pm Open Mic – everyone welcome. Many thanks go to the Larks for hosting this occasion. The White Horse have kindly agreed to run the bar, where snacks will also be available to buy.

Saturday 8th June – THE BEYTON FAYRE!

- 10am – Noon Competition entries – see the back page.
- 2pm The Fayre begins, with a large assortment of traditional stalls including bric a brac, tombolas, the coconut shy, bowling, hook the duck, bash the rat, the kiddie's roundabout, a bouncy castle and the ever popular Classic Car Display. The White Horse will provide the bar and the barbecue and there will also be a Competition and Produce Tent (see back page). Don't forget to bring your dog along as the highlight of the afternoon will be the Dog Show! The Bury Folk Collective and the Larks will be performing live throughout the day.
- 3pm Traditional children's races including the sack and egg and spoon race.
- 4pm Dog Show including all your favourite categories.
- 5pm Tug o' War (weather permitting)
... and to close, the traditional Beyton egg throwing competition

Live Music and
Bar and Barbecue
Throughout The Day

Sunday 9th June

- 10am Please come and help take down the marquee.





THE BEYTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION is a non-profit organisation. All proceeds from the June Fayre are used to pay for other village events and local good causes.

**IT COULDN'T RUN
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.**

Someone will be calling soon to collect any donations you may have for the various stalls.

We would be very grateful if you can contribute any:

- Offers of help (tel: 01359271971 or 07523348486)
- Bottles
- Tombola & raffle prizes
- Promises for the Auction
- Toys
- Plants
- Cakes are also always welcome on the day

Thank you very much!



AUCTION OF PROMISES

There will be an Auction of Promises containing treats, experiences and services for you to bid on from Friday evening onwards! A board will be located by the entrance to the marquee during the weekend where you can find out more and register your bid.



**Perhaps you would like to run your own stall?
If so, please tel. 01359271971/07523348486
for more details.**



BEYTON FAYRE 2019 – COMPETITION CLASSES

Entries are just 50p each and there will be certificates awarded for First, Second and Third places and Highly Commended.

ADULT CLASSES

1. Best Early Vegetable
2. Most Misshapen Vegetable
3. Best Cut Garden Bloom
4. Best House Plant
5. A Flower Arrangement
6. Homemade Jam
7. Homemade Chutney/Pickle
8. Homemade Drink (alcoholic)
9. Homemade Drink (non-alcoholic)
10. Victoria Sponge
11. A Loaf (any sort)
12. 4 Biscuits
13. An Apple Tart
14. Cheese Scones
15. A Sketch or a Painting

TIMINGS:
Entries 10-12pm
Tent Closed for Judging 12-2pm
Tent Open 2pm

Please do take part
and join the fun,
and encourage your
friends to do so too!

ENTRY FEE
50p PER ITEM

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

16. People
17. Places
18. Animals

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (UNDER 12'S)

19. Something I Baked
20. Something I Drew
21. Something I Made
22. Something I Grew
23. 4 Decorated Cupcakes



LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for: BEYTON

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

STOWMARKET LIBRARY PRESENTS

SKULDUGGERY IN STOWMARKET – 2019

A literary crime festival which will run in Stowmarket Library over the course of the last weekend in April: 26th -29th

Our Suffolk Libraries need our support. What better way to show this than to relish an evening with Suffolk cheese & wine and our very own Suffolk Charlie Haylock; listen to talks from authors such as Ian Andrew, Jaqueline Beard, Stella Duffy, Nicci French, Carolyn Goldsworthy, Sophie Hannah, James Henry, Barbara Nadel, Kate Rhodes, and Mary Jane Riley.

If that isn't enough to stimulate, there's even a day devoted to self-publishing and indie publishing with Danny Cuff, Ian Andrew and Peter Jennings. So why not drop into Stowmarket Library or visit the Suffolk libraries website to find out more.

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Spring is well and truly upon us now and the warmer weather sees even more of our students taking part in outdoor activities and sports. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to William Hopkin-Jones who is the Gipping Valley and Thurston School Sports Partnership Manager; I know a longer job title may not exist! Will is also the trailblazer in our region for the National Schools Games initiative, a scheme which encourages children to take part in competitive sports. As the School Games Organiser, Will spends time arranging events for children to attend and to compete against each other, building their confidence and self-belief. The events cover all ages and abilities, promoting inclusivity along with personal challenge.

Will is based at Thurston Sixth at the Beyton Campus and has been working within school sport in Suffolk for the past 14 years. Children in the local area will no doubt have met Will as he works across many of the schools in the western region of the county of Suffolk.

"My aim is to ensure that high quality physical education and sport stays at the heart of school life in the 40 schools that I work with, which include 36 primary and 4 secondary schools. I organise an extensive and broad competition programme within and between schools which is inclusive of all pupils. Helping me on competition days is a dedicated team of qualified Young Leaders and volunteers. The Primary PE and Sports Premium Funding has allowed us to offer support during physical education lessons, extra-curricular opportunities and workshops such as BMX."



William Hopkin-Jones

For more information about the Gipping Valley and Thurston School Sports Partnership go to www.gvtssp.org

We are in a privileged position at Thurston Community College in having Will based at our school. His contribution to the life of the College is invaluable as you will be able to see from the following illustrations:

Sports Leaders from Thurston Community College organised and delivered an Under 11 Indoor Athletics Competition for local primary school pupils which included obstacle races, jumping and throwing events.

Thurston Community College has provided the facilities and the use of the school playing fields on both the Thurston and the Beyton campuses for 15



events so far, with a further 11 events coming up soon, ranging from cross country to BMX and skateboarding workshops.

We are very proud of the sporting achievements of all our students at Thurston Community College whether that be competing at the highest level, locally or just purely for the pleasure of taking part in team games and activities.



BOOK CLUB & GARDENING CLUB IDEA

Several people have asked recently about a book club in the village. We have had book clubs running in the village periodically and they do provide a good social opportunity so if you would be interested being a part of one please do get in touch.

Likewise for a gardening club. Many villages have them and benefit from interesting talks and visits to gardens around the area and it is an opportunity to share ideas and tips. It may also enable members to get a discount from nurseries.

If you are interested in either of these ideas please do get in touch.

Barbara Jones

gonetomygarden@gmail.com

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BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Chairman's report

The group has had an interesting year. We manage three sites for wildlife around Beyton as well as carrying out wildlife surveys and taking a more strategic view on the environmental future of Beyton.

Beyton Old Orchard project (BOOP)

The orchard was established when the school was a secondary modern and pupils were taught agricultural and horticultural skills. With the changing curriculum and the school now accommodating sixth form pupils, BEG is seeking to maintain and replenish the old orchard whilst combating nettles and rabbits. We have planted additional trees from traditional species, strengthened hedging, cut the nettles and mowed a network of paths. The snowdrops are spectacular in late winter, we are seeing a wider range of butterflies including the silver washed fritillary and the apple trees are bearing fruit that can be harvested in the traditional manner.

Oak Tree Pond

What can you do with a field corner that includes dried up and rubbish filled ponds, rough meadow and stands of trees and scrub? The answer is to clear the ponds and develop drainage channels to develop a pond ecosystem, scrape soil and rough grasses and manage nettles to create spaces for wildflower meadows, coppice scrub and lay hedges to provide more shelter and nesting sites for birds. We are still short of water in the ponds. Most recently, the farmer has agreed that we can manage an unproductive field corner for wildlife. We intend to plant a mix of plants to provide food and cover for birds and insects.

Churchyard

We manage part of the churchyard to encourage a diverse flora. Last year we counted 95 different species, To maintain the floral diversity we mow, rake and scarify to reduce competition from coarse grasses, moss and ground elder. In spring and summer the churchyard is truly beautiful.

To link our sites and allow wildlife to move between habitats we have begun to strengthen hedges to create better wildlife corridors to allow insects and birds such as long-tailed tits and yellow hammers to move between sites. We have gapped up the hedge between Drinkstone Road and the churchyard and added additional hedging around Oak Tree Pond.

Where are the richest sites for wildlife in Beyton and how do we know?

We now have over a year's worth of bird surveys, collected at monthly intervals, to enable us to identify which species can be seen in Beyton and which are the most favourable habitats. We have seen the greatest number of species and birds in gardens/corners where there is a diverse tree/ shrub cover. Silver birch trees are particularly attractive for birds in winter. The churchyard flora survey is well established, but we plan to extend our work to counting butterflies and flowers at our other sites.

We need to secure a sustainable future for the wildlife of Beyton. The group will be closely involved in the development of the new neighbourhood plan, but we need new members. If you would like to be involved in practical conservation at our monthly work parties, or in our survey work, please contact: Val Conaboy val_conaboy@hotmail.com

See also the BVA section of this website.

Working parties for anyone who wishes to come and join us during the year are shown right.

Please contact Sheila Mole for any further information sam@megamole42.plus.com

Sheila Mole, Secretary

sam@megamole42.plus.com

Work Parties 2019

Sun14th April

Sat 18th May (or outing in May)

Sun 16th June (or Fayre)

Sat 20th July

Sun18th August

Sat 15th September

Sun 13th October

Sat 16th November

Sun 8th December

THE FEBRUARY SAFARI SUPPER

For those not in the know, this is a meal in which each successive course is provided at a different house, and Beyton has been holding these annually over the last few years. Guests were charged £19 each which included unlimited amounts of wine. Everyone met up at The Bear and were treated to canapes before the 20 or so disappeared off in different directions for their main course. Everyone agreed it was a very jolly and sociable evening.

Many thanks go to The Bear for hosting the evening and to Val Conaboy for organising it.

BEYTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At a public meeting in February residents voted unanimously that a Neighbourhood Plan should be prepared for the village.

A Working Group of residents has now been established and we're starting to collect information that will guide the content of the Plan.



FIND OUT MORE AND CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS

Come to our first drop-in event at

The Church Vestry

Thursday 16th MAY

Anytime between 4pm and 9pm

to find out more and help to make it happen

Light Refreshments available

YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR PLAN

Quiz Night

The annual Beyton Village Quiz was held on 8th March. Questions were set by last year's winners, The Cardigans and included a round on identifying fizzy soft drinks by taste alone, which was harder than it sounds, and a potentially confrontational round on the EU, which we managed to complete without incident. There was controversy in the Popular TV round with the question 'Who shot Phil Mitchell' when it became apparent that he had been shot twice and the question setters had to hurriedly research and accept both answers.



Ten teams took part and the winning team was Between the Hedges, from Hessett, who scored 82 points. With one round to go they were lying in 4th place but a well judged decision to play their joker on the last round saw them leap into the top spot. Straight Outta Grimsby, who had been ahead for much of the night, took second spot, and Suffolk Mountain Rescue Team were 3rd. Between the Hedges won the much coveted Golden Egg trophy and the honour of setting the questions next year.



VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Applications keep coming in for the 2019 Village Hall Lottery and we shall be making the draw for **January**, **February** and **March** right at the end of March to include as many as possible.

After that date we will accept further applications and ensure they get 12 chances spread over the following months as we have done in the past.



FRIDAY JULY 5TH AT 6.30PM

THE HIDDEN WILDLIFE OF BEYTON

Take a summer evening's stroll around Beyton taking in the hidden wildlife areas managed by the environmental group where "experts" will provide a brief explanation of site management and the wildlife to be seen.

This will be followed by a visit to a local hostelry for much earned liquid refreshment. Dogs on leads welcome.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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<http://beyton.suffolk.cloud>
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Beyton Village Association
The Bear Inn Beyton
The White Horse Beyton



PC

Geese information

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Clerk

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Beyton All Saints Church

Rector Nick Cutler – 01359 270250 www.allsaintsbeyton.co.uk

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



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

Thurston Road (Close)



THE BEAR INN

2nd Easter Gin Festival

Friday 19th April to Monday 22nd April

"IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE GIN"

If 3/4 of your drink is the mixer, mix with the best

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*Pre booked tickets—£10 includes a Bear Inn branded gin balloon glass
and your first G&T! £12.50 on the day*

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