Beyton Village News

APRIL-MAY 2020

Dates For Your Diaries – 2020

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2020

Monday 6th January
Monday 3rd February
Monday 2nd March
Monday 6th April
Monday 11 May
(Ordinary, Annual & Annual Parish Meetings)
Monday 1st June
August – No Meeting
Monday 7th September
Monday 5th October
Monday 23rd November

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.

SADLY ALL PLANNED EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

Deadline For Next Edition

Please let us have any contributions by **Monday 18th May 2020 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition. A bit earlier than usual to allow for the Bank Holiday. Copy received after the deadline will not be included in that issue.

Send to: **editor@beytonvillage.news – Letters welcome**

Editor's Welcome

Well isn't it incredible how quickly things can change in the space of two months?

Due to the huge changes that we have all had to make to the way we run our lives this edition is appearing in digital format on the website only. It has been compiled over several weeks and some of the information may have changed but we have tried to keep it as up to date as possible.

There are no Dates for your Diaries this time, Parish Council meeting dates are published as an annual calendar but the April meeting has been cancelled and public meetings will not take place for the foreseeable future.

The Parish Council have published a list of contact numbers for people to use if they are in difficulties and a number of streets and collections of houses are running WhatsApp groups for people to use if they are having to self-isolate, are unwell or need help with collecting shopping, prescriptions and the like.

Here's hoping that we all manage to stay well and that we are able to look after each other.

I look forward to delivering the next edition as a hard copy through your door full of lovely things for us all to do together!

Editor

Coronavirus

Beyton Parish Council offers help to those who feel isolated and vulnerable. If you need help for shopping, collecting medicine and other important supplies, the following people will do their best to assist you:

Graham Jones: **01359 271266**
Adele Newberry: **01359 270196**
Ann Alderton: **01359 271171**
Jane Gurney: **01359 270176**

Volunteers: No one knows what exactly will be required or how long the emergency will last, but certainly we need as many volunteers as possible to help our community get through this very difficult time. If you feel that you can offer your services, please contact either Adele or Graham as soon as possible.

Suffolk Social Services is also available to help you, their phone number is: 08088004005

Beyton Neighbourhood Plan

Scores of villagers attended the latest Beyton Neighbourhood Plan drop-in day at the Vestry, Beyton Church, on Saturday 14 March.

The Plan team had prepared more than a dozen boards explaining what progress had been made so far. Subjects covered included the history of the village, facts and figures from the Beyton Speedwatch group, a report from the Environment team and details of seven potential housing sites in the village.

Villagers had the opportunity to leave comments but also proactively 'vote' in two key areas. First on the seven sites that have been identified as possibly suitable for housing development. Second, on the heavy traffic in the village. Statistics gathered by the Speedwatch group show that the village has some 11,500 vehicle trips every weekday. That is not a misprint. 11,500 trips EVERY weekday – even though we have a population of around 700 (and not everyone drives). Beyton is, of course, a traffic hub for so many keen to join the A14.

Even more disturbing is that around half those trips are ABOVE the 30mph speed limit.

Next steps is for all evidence and opinions gathered to feed into the first Draft of the plan. And there will of course be further opportunities for all villagers to comment.

All the boards from the event can now be found on the Beyton website.

Jonathan Wilson
Chair, Beyton Neighbourhood Plan Group

Beyton Village Association

Dates for your diary

ALL BVA EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

This includes the **village walk**, the **Open Mic on The Green**, the **Fayre**, the **Fun Quiz**, the **Strawberry Fayre music concert** and the **open air Church service in the Marquee**.

The White Horse

Beyton

01359 270342

We are providing a Take Away Food Service
Lunchtimes Daily 12pm-2pm
Evenings Thurs Fri & Sat Only 6pm – 8pm

Roast Rib of Beef (gf)	£10.75
Roast Pork (gf)	£10.50
Toad in the Hole	£10.50
Vegetarian Toad in Hole	£ 10.50
Beef & Abbot Ale Pie	£10.75
Honey Roast Duck Leg with Cointreau Sauce (gf)	£11.75
Lasagne, Salad & New Potatoes (gf)	£10.25
Tipsy Lamb Casserole (gf)	£12.75
Steak & Kidney Pudding	£10.75
Chilli Con Carne & Rice (gf)	£9.75
Grilled Plaice topped with cheese & tomato (gf)	£12.75
Leek & Aubergine Bake	£10.25
Chicken Korma & Rice	£10.25
Scampi, Chips &peas	£10.25
Beer Battered Haddock, Chips & peas	£10.50

Sandwiches, Baguettes, Salads & Ploughmans also available.

Freshly Baked French Sticks £1

We can deliver in Beyton,
Tostock & Rougham if you cannot collect.

If you have any concerns about allergies or have special dietary requirements, please speak to one of our members of staff who will be happy to help.
(gf Gluten Free option available)

Beyton Housing Needs Survey

Beyton Parish Council carried out a Housing Survey to determine the level of need for housing across all tenure types in the parish.

The aim of this survey was to understand the existing and future housing needs for Beyton residents including family members (not necessarily living in Beyton) and other members of the household. The study was also designed to understand Beyton current housing stock and whether this is affordable to local people.

This survey will be used alongside the Neighbourhood Plan survey that you also may have filled out.

This study included:

- General information about the current housing in Beyton including 2011 Census data
- A Housing Survey to determine the housing needs of current households
- Contextual information about Beyton
- Information from the Gateway to HomeChoice register to cross check the findings

Data analysis and the writing of this report have been undertaken by Community Action Suffolk.

Key Findings

	Number	%
Surveys Returned Completed (full or partial)	95	31.67
Surveys Not Completed or Returned or Blank	205	68.33
Total Surveys Distributed	300	100

The Beyton Housing Survey 2019 achieved a 31.67% return rate, with respondents in favour of homes for older people, small family homes and homes for couples.

From the 95 surveys returned, 20 households responded that the current households have identified a current need totalling 38 people.

From the 95 surveys returned, 6 of those households responded identifying a need for 9 family members (people with a local connection) wishing to live in or return to Beyton.

In total, the response from 26 households identified a housing need for 47 people in Beyton.

This report has been compiled based solely on the data from the responses received.

How to make a Bee Hotel

Most of us are familiar with Honey Bees and Bumblebees. There are, however, over 270 species of bees in Britain the vast majority of which are solitary bees. This means they build their nests individually, often in tunnels in old timbers excavated by beetles. With the loss of such habitat many of these species are suffering decline. All is not lost though, and bee hotels can provide great nesting sites for such species. They are also non aggressive and in fact most either have no sting or have a sting which cannot puncture human skin and so can be safely encouraged into the garden.

Bee hotels can now be bought in most garden centres but they do vary greatly in quality, and unless sited correctly will not be taken up by bees. They can be easy to make (or complicated should you wish). Here's a few tips.

You need a piece of untreated timber. Drill varying diameter holes, 8 and 10mm seem to work best but a few smaller holes may give a wider range of species. The deeper the hole the better but do not drill all the way through as this will create a wind tunnel which the bees will not use. Leave a gap between holes and ensure holes are drilled so that when the hotel is in position they don't fill with water. A roof needs to be fitted to overhang the front face of the hotel by an inch or two to keep the worst of the wind and rain off. This can simply be a flat piece of wood.

For a more major project you can make a box and fill with bamboo pieces and other suitable material. Cut, (or ideally use a fine toothed saw), the bamboo into pieces of a similar length. Do not use pieces in which the hole is over 10mm. Position the cuts so the node creates a naturally closed end, and insert into the box with the node towards the back. Some glueing or wedging other materials may be needed to hold canes in place. It may be necessary to fit chicken wire over the front to deter birds. Fit a roof to overhang the front if necessary to keep the worst of the rain off.

Important

Ensure all drilled holes are cleaned out with no sharp edges which can damage the bees' delicate wings. If using or buying bamboo ensure cuts are clean or use sandpaper to remove sharp edges.

The hotel will need to be positioned so that it receives maximum sunlight and ideally be more than a metre off the ground. The south facing side of a shed often makes a good position.

Many species of solitary bee may use your bee hotel. The two you are most likely to see are the Red Mason bee (Osmia bicornis), who build their nests from mud and the Leafcutter bee (Megachile willughbiella) who cut semi-circular holes in leaves to make their nests.

For more information many resources can be found online. A good place to start is nurturing-nature.co.uk who also have designs of wild bee observation boxes for the most ambitious.

In the words of Blue Peter, here's one I made earlier.

Steve Robinson

Suffolk County Council

Opt-in for school or Post-16 travel

Who needs to opt-in?

(You must opt-in each school year)

- New pupils
- Returning pupils
- Post-16 students

Opt-in deadline

Applications must be received by 31 May 2020

Opt-in now at **www.suffolkonboard.com/optin**

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suffolk passenger transport

School Travel Message to Families

Message to families

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel? If they are, you will need to opt-in by **31 May 2020** to receive travel for the start of the 2020/2021 school term.

If your child already receives SCC funded travel you still need to opt-in every year.

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2020 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel you will be contacted by the 30 March 2020. You will need to opt-in if you would like your child to use this service.

If your child is starting primary school in September 2020 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel you will be contacted by the 15 May. You will need to opt in if you would like your child to use this service.

For more information on the SCC school travel policy and getting your child to school please visit; www.suffolkonboard.com/optin

GUIDE TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S (SCC'S)

Funded School Travel Policy:

Who does it apply to?

SCC's funded school travel policy provides children aged 5-16 years old with funded school travel to their nearest suitable school with an available place. This applies to children starting a new school from September 2020 or moving home. To be eligible for SCC funded school travel children would have to be.

- Under 8 years old and living over 2 miles from their nearest suitable school with an available place.
- Between 8 – 16 years old and living over 3 miles from their nearest suitable school which an available place.

SCC's policy on school transport changed in September 2019. From this date there are no Transport Priority Areas (areas where children would receive funded school travel to a particular school over and above the statutory minimum distance).

Safe route to walk to school

SCC will also provide funded school travel where there is no safe route to walk to school:

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- SCC funded school travel will be provided for children attending their nearest suitable school, which is less than the statutory walking distance, if it is considered unsafe for the child, accompanied as necessary, to walk to school.
- This entitlement will continue as long as the route remains unsafe.

Low income extended rights

Children will qualify for SCC funded school travel if their parents are in receipt of the maximum Working Tax Credit or the child is entitled to Free School Meals due to low income, if:

- Aged 8 to 10 and the school is at least 2 miles away.
- The school is between 2 and 6 miles (if aged 11-16 and there are not three or more suitable nearer schools).
- The school is between 2 and 15 miles and is the nearest school preferred on the grounds of religion or belief (aged 11-16).

Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disabilities and mobility difficulties (including temporary medical conditions)

- Children are entitled to SCC funded school travel however far they live from their school if they cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school or their education setting, accompanied as necessary, because of their SEN, a disability or mobility problem.
- The entitlement for children with special educational needs and disabilities or mobility difficulties is assessed against the statutory School Travel Policy except where a child's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) expressly states that travel should be provided.

Measuring nearest suitable school

- We include Public Rights of Way when measuring the distance from home to school for eligibility purposes.
- Public Rights of Way are usually available all year round; but if they are not accessible, parents can appeal.
- Distances are measured by the shortest available route along which a child, accompanied as necessary, may walk with reasonable safety.
- Distances are measured from the point of the network that is closest to the address point of the child's home to the gate or access to the school or college.
- Routes are calculated using a network comprised of the Ordnance Survey Mastermap Highways Network which includes all roads and urban paths, plus Public Rights of Way.

Opting in for SCC funded school travel

All parents whose children are eligible for SCC funded school travel must opt in by the **31 May each year** for transport to be provided in the following school year. This will not be provided automatically.

This is because some families, although eligible for SCC funded school travel, do not use their seat(s) which means is paying for unused seats. Therefore, we are asking families to opt-in.

New pupils:

For those starting at secondary/upper schools in September 2020 parents will be informed if their child is eligible by 30 March 2020.

For those starting at primary/middle schools in September 2020, parents will be informed if their child is eligible for SCC funded travel by 15 May 2020.

If their child is eligible parents must opt-in by **31 May 2020** for SCC funded school travel to ensure it is in place for September 2020.

Returning pupils:

Pupils that have used SCC funded school travel before must opt-in every year by 31 May if they wish to continue to use it in September 2020. If they have moved house or changed schools they will be re-assessed under the 2020/2021 school travel policy.

Spare Seats

SCC will offer 'spare seats' on school buses for students to buy on a first come, first served basis. Spare seats can be applied for from **1 July 2020**.

The cost of a spare seat for the year will be £780 in September 2020 with phased in increases of £30 per term (£90 per year). This is to reduce the public subsidy Suffolk County Council provides.

Post-16

SCC will provide Post-16 travel to those students who are attending their nearest school sixth form or Post-16 centre, irrespective of the county boundary, and:

- are full-time learners aged 16-18, or aged 19 and over and continuing to attend the same course started before they were 19; or relevant adult learners with Education, Health and Care Plans aged 19-25
- are undertaking an approved full-time course of further education study
- are normally resident in Suffolk
- live at least three miles away from either their nearest school sixth form or Post-16 centre

For students wishing to study more specialist subjects or courses which are not available at their nearest school sixth form or nearest Post-16 centre, applications will be considered on an individual exceptional basis. Applications will be offered only to the nearest centre offering this programme where this is needed to enable the student to progress.

The policy does not apply to young people who are planning to take part in a traineeship, an apprenticeship or a supported internship.

The cost of travel for 2020/2021 for post 16 students will be £840 for mainstream students and £720 for a student with special educational needs.

Beyton Field Names

Beyton is a small parish with a rich history, and lots to see as you walk around the village and footpaths.

A few months ago I mentioned the beautiful maps of the village that are held in the record office in Bury. Unfortunately, it's not possible to share photos of them in the magazine due to copyright. However I used the maps to help with my research about the history of the landscape around the village, and made my own maps which I'm pleased to share with you.

In past centuries most people in the parish worked in agriculture – either directly or indirectly (the smith, the wheelwright etc servicing farming). Until the 19th century most people were illiterate – but they had a deep knowledge and understanding of the land that they lived and worked on. Fields were given names, and I have been able to make a map of the fieldnames from the 1829 map of 'Bayton' and the 1838 tithe map. What is the name of the field where you live?

I have done some research about what the field names mean, what the size and shape of the field boundaries can tell us about their age, and who owned and rented the fields – all things for another day.

Feel free to print out a copy of the map from the version of the magazine on the website so that you can use it when you are having a walk. I have made some A3 copies and am happy to share them – I just need to work out how!

There are plans to continue the good work of Barbara Jones and her team to research more about the village history – something to look forward to in the future. If you're interested in getting involved in some way please do get in touch.

Judith Roberts
01359 271571

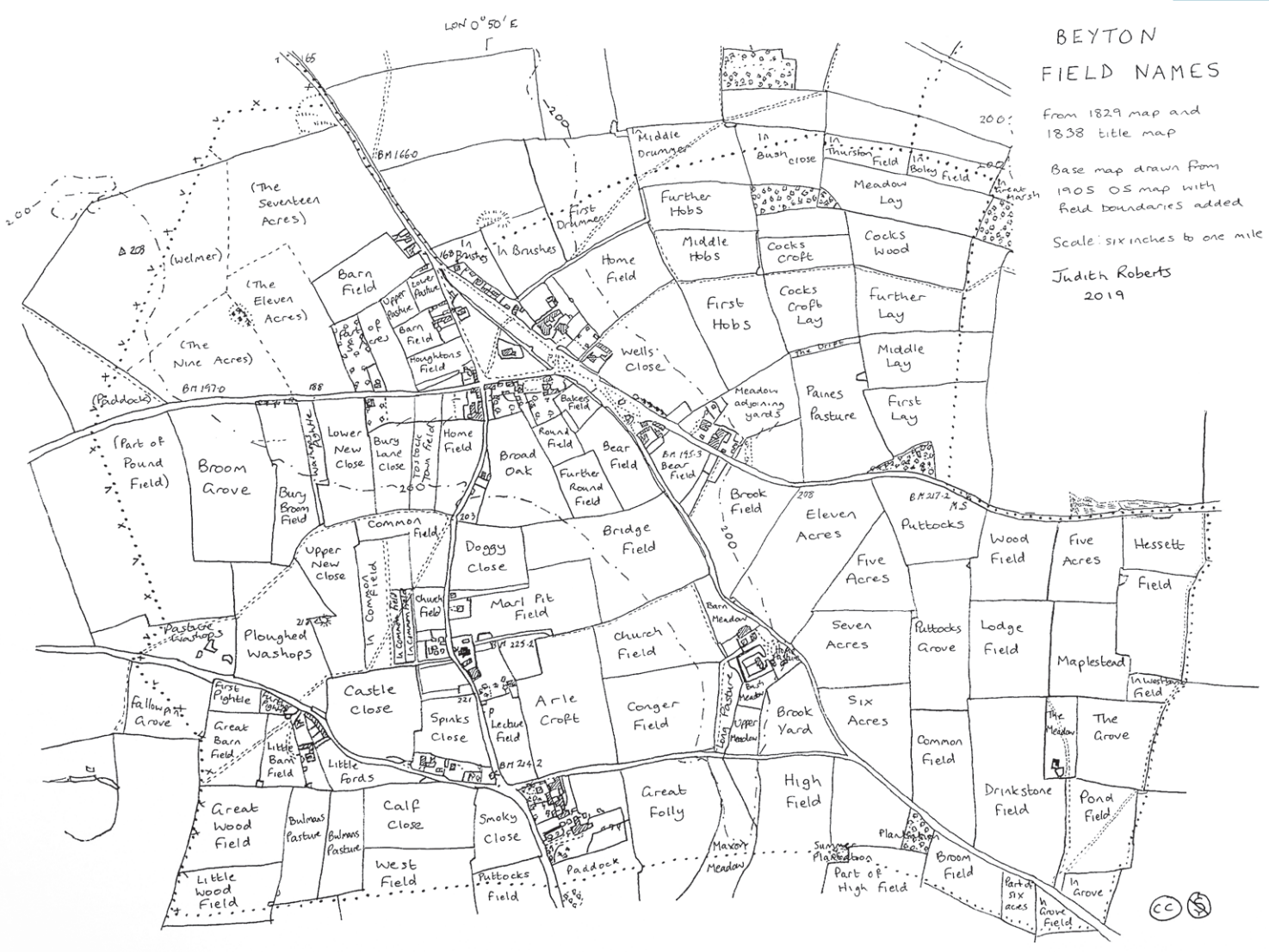
BEYTON FIELD NAMES

From 1829 map and 1838 title map

Base map drawn from 1905 OS map with field boundaries added

Scale: six inches to one mile

Judith Roberts
2019



News From Thurston Community College

As a College we consider both the physical and mental well-being of our staff and students to be of the highest priority. To address in particular the mental well-being of our students, Thurston Community College recently participated in the Children's Mental Health Week. In tutor time, students were asked to consider what they had done recently where they had stepped out of their comfort zone and "found their brave". They were encouraged to write this down and all Houses created a 'Find Your Brave' display in their House areas.

The Students took part in various activities throughout the week during break times, including a session with the College Psychologists Dr Mosley and Dr Sculley on Stress and the Brain; how to calm a stressed mind. They also introduced the students to the use of the 'stress bucket' theory; using a bucket and water as a way to explore how to look after ourselves and deal with stressful times.

One member of our Associate Staff, Mrs Holmes gave an introduction to Chair Yoga; to reduce stress, improve concentration and learn to be present in the moment and practice mindfulness as well as relaxation techniques. She also held a 'Plant a Plant' session showing how plants can help you concentrate, reduce tension, boost your mood and make you feel happy. This may be something you have come across in your own life, as many individuals find the hobby of gardening a very relaxing and fulfilling activity. For some of our student it is a new and original experience for them to take part in, to help them in coping with today's busy world.

Another technique the students were made aware of is how to make a mini paper goblet to display in a special place. On a 'good day' the individual writes inspirational messages to put into the goblet; messages of support, encouragement and reassurance. These messages can then be read on a day that is not going quite to plan, to act as a boost on those challenging days that we all experience at times. The goblet of messages can be for the individual or placed where anyone in the family can pick from, simply to give a little burst of inspiration for the day ahead. Students also took part in making vision and aspiration boards, using doodles, notes, expressions of feelings and prompt cards. The boards offer a place to record freedoms of thought and ideas for making this year bloom!

Our LGBTQi group encouraged students to make 'Find Your Brave' bunting, which will be displayed around the school. When the school first opened in 1973, students who were lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex would probably never have openly discussed or voiced their deliberations about their own sexuality; the world is changing and we encourage students to be proud of their individualities. College Prefects and Ambassadors were available all week to talk with students and their peers to raise awareness about where to get support, as well as handing out wellbeing information leaflets and stickers.

Helen Wilson

Principal

Dear All

It is not uncommon with a student who is studying modern foreign languages to ask their teacher the question *"why am I learning a language when everyone speaks English?"* You may well have asked this same question of your teacher if you were required to study a language at school!

I would like to share with you an article written by Kate Richardson about her *"journey with languages"*; she is quite a remarkable young lady who is now 17 years of age and shortly will sit her final A Level examinations.

Best wishes to you all

Helen Wilson, Principal

My Journey with Languages

by Kate Richardson

Being confident in my language learning ability is something I have consistently struggled with throughout my school career, whether that is confidence in small things such as practising speaking in front of my peers, or confidence in the larger things such as my ability to achieve my goals in the final exams. However what I hope you will understand by the end of the article is that I do not regret my decision to learn Spanish, and I would not change it for the world.

I decided to take GCSE Spanish as a way of opening doors in the future; I never assumed I would choose it as an A-level but here we are. I believe that the ability to speak another language is one of the most useful tools anyone can possess, it opens job opportunities whether that is within the UK or even deciding to work or study abroad; it expands the number of people you can meet and broadens your appreciation for other cultures and enables you to empathise in a way that is not possible for someone who has closed that door.

At just 14 years of age, I took part in my first Spanish exchange. Meeting and spending time with native speakers gave me a new perspective on the world. I decided to continue Spanish at A Level, alongside History and Maths. Although at the time I thought Spanish did not go with my other subjects, on reflection I believe I am a better Historian having studied Spanish. The research I do into historical topics, as well as my deeper understanding of European history, has developed as a result of learning about a culture separate from my own. I know this will help me in the future as I am hoping to study History at university.

Learning Spanish, the connections I have made whilst doing so, widening the scope of my historical research and improving my confidence has made Spanish the subject in which I have experienced the most personal growth. If I was speaking to my past self I would tell her not to underestimate the power of language, to take every opportunity that is on offer and to recognise the value of the fact that I have met some of the most incredible people throughout this journey.

Beyton Village Association

We have just learnt that Suffolk Libraries are cancelling all meetings, talks, group gatherings etc for the next few months – due to the corona virus situation. Unfortunately this means that the Stowmarket Library – **'Skulduggery in Stowmarket'** event will no longer be going ahead this April. It has been rescheduled for the equivalent date next year – the last weekend of April 2021.

Skulduggery in Stowmarket

CANCELLED

Stowmarket library is pleased to announce that it will be running the third 'Skulduggery in Stowmarket' crime festival during the last weekend in April.

Last year's festival was hugely successful with more than 250 people attending the various events and this year's festival promises to be even bigger and better. We received great feedback from the event including "Brilliant – wish I had done both days", "lovely atmosphere", "exceptionally well run" and "sparkling!".

The weekend starts on Friday 24th April with a live music event by local band Skiffuffle playing a mixture of skiffle, Americana, novelty and other songs from the 20's to the 70's. There will be a licenced bar and the ticket price includes a pizza supper.

On Saturday 25th April and Sunday 26th April, we play host to five authors on each day giving talks and Q&A sessions about their books and styles of writing. The authors on Saturday are Rebecca Tope, Harry Brett, Louise Millar, Jim Kelly and Rory Clements. Sunday's authors are Michael Jecks, JM Hewitt, Ruth Dugdall, Laura Purcell and Simon Brett. Tickets can be purchased to attend a single talk or all-day or weekend tickets are also available.

Tickets can be purchased now from Stowmarket Library or online by visiting www.skulduggeryinstowmarket.co.uk

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LOCAL SHOP OPENING TIMES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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**

Beyton Quiz Night

Nearly a hundred people met together at the Beyton Campus for a fish and chip supper and to try and win the much coveted Beyton Quiz Golden Egg. This turned out to be a hard fought battle that was eventually won by The Cardigans, who got an astonishing 109 points. Helen Geake, representing the team accepted the trophy from Simon Ellsworth, who did the challenging job of asking the questions to the, as ever, noisy and unruly audience. Many thanks go to Richard and Jill Carter, Simon and Margo Ellsworth and Graham and Klair Bauly for all their hard work and care in producing an excellent, fair and highly entertaining quiz. Many thanks also go to Peyton Plaice for supplying the splendid fish supper and to Nik Mayhew, Beyton Campus site manager, for all his help in ensuring the smooth running of the event.