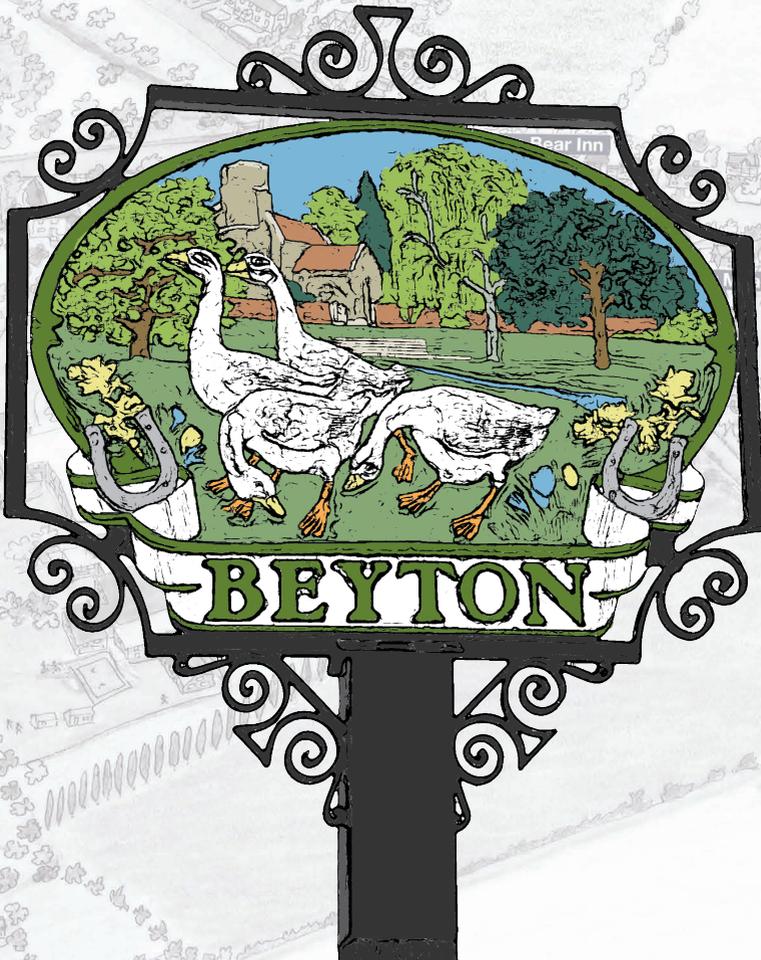


BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



APRIL - MAY 2023



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2023

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2023

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.

Village Walk

Sunday 2nd April 10am, Old Bus Shelter

Coronation Celebrations

Saturday 6th May evening 7:30pm – 11pm, The Green

Big Lunch & Games on the Green 1pm – 4pm, 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 25th May 2023 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

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

EDITOR'S WELCOME

Following various requests for volunteers to help with a number of village tasks in the last BVN some valuable help has been offered, not least with magazine deliveries, for which we are very grateful.

It's good to see that plans are coming along for the King's Coronation events and for the Fayre later in the year, it's always good to have an excuse to get together on the Green.

If you are able to lend a hand at any of these events please do get in touch.

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am sure that you all know we do not own the Village Green, nor do we have a current lease. This situation has given councillors a longstanding concern regarding insurance. In short, if we don't own the land or have an official lease we cannot insure it.

The play equipment, seats etc are covered by the Parish Council's insurance as they belong to the village but our insurance policy does not cover the land itself which means that if a tree were to fall on someone, then that person would not be covered under Beyton Parish Council's policy. Our understanding is that the owners do not have insurance to cover the land. This situation does not sit well with the council members and is the primary reason why we have, for several years, been pursuing either to buy the land or have an official lease.

About one year ago the owners, known as the "Ladies of the Manor" offered to sell the freehold to the people of Beyton. The vast majority of parishioners supported the acquisition. The Parish Council obtained the appropriate funds and the two parties proceeded to agree a sale/purchase contract.

We were informed in February that the landowners had changed their mind and preferred to offer a lease rather than sell. This decision was apparently due to concern over their retention of the Manorial Title, should they no longer own the land.

At the beginning of March, we received notice from the land agents acting on behalf of the ladies that the owners had withdrawn both their offer to sell or to lease. **This means that at the present time we believe there is no insurance in place to cover potential injuries to people using The Green, the only exception being the equipment owned by the village, the children's play toys, goal posts etc.**

The council members are attempting to contact the owners; however, this is proving difficult as they have apparently cancelled formal arrangements with both their solicitor and their land agent. We shall attempt to open a direct line of communication with the landowners and have requested assistance from Suffolk County Council as to how we can move forward. The Parish Council's objective is still to purchase and if this is not possible then to lease but, in any case, the issue of insurance has to be solved as the first priority.

Geese

According to DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) there is at present no confirmation of when the geese may be released from the pen. The pen is clearly mucky, and we would like to relocate it to an area of grass. DEFRA has agreed that we can do this, however, the new location must be protected with plastic sheeting for 56 days prior to moving to ensure the animals are not going to a contaminated area. The best solution we believe was to maintain the current site and to place wood chippings to reduce the level of mud.

The country has been troubled by Avian Flu in the last few years more than in former times which is concerning for what the future may bring. Parish Council members will engage with authorities such as DEFRA, local breeders and of course parishioners to decide the future of the geese in our village. All options should be on the table.

Flooding

I am happy to report that the famous trouble spots have been flood free this winter – so far! The preventative maintenance carried out in the last few years has certainly done its job.

Magazine Delivery

Following the appeal for volunteers in the last BVN, I'm pleased to say we have two new helpers.

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

COLLEGE SEEKING FRIENDS

The Friends of Thurston College (FoTC) group is looking for new members. The group is open to everyone, not just parents of students at the College. Any contribution is welcome, whether that be regularly attending meetings or helping out at events.

The FoTC supports both campuses in Beyton and Thurston and aim to assist the college and students through fundraising events and ideas.

Previous such activities have included designing and refurbishing student friendly courtyard spaces, bingo nights, quiz nights and most recently a Christmas wreath making workshop.

The Friends also facilitate a pre-loved uniform shop so families can access affordable uniform. To enquire email Tracey at tward@thurstoncollege.org

The Friends vision for the future is to grow the group with new members so they can work with students to improve the college in ways that represent their needs best.

Follow FoTC on Facebook – search 'Friends of Thurston College' and email – friendsofthurstoncollege@gmail.com for more information on how you can get involved.

Rachael Offord

Chair of FoTC



Wreath making

THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

Dear Residents

I thought you would appreciate reading this article written by Wendy Lewis, Teacher of History at Thurston Community College. The content is very current and makes for an interesting view into the challenging subjects covered and explored by our history students as part of their Advanced Level studies:



Thurston Sixth, History & Politics Department was delighted to welcome the Beyton resident, John Foreman CBE to Wendy Lewis's A Level Russian History classes to talk about his time as a Captain in the Royal Navy, and as UK Defence Attaché to Moscow and UK Defence Attaché to Kyiv.

Since he was in Moscow and responsible for advising the British Government at the outbreak of, and during, the Ukraine war he gave the students a fascinating insight into diplomacy at the highest levels. It was wonderful to hear about life in the British Embassy in Moscow. One of our A Level students said: "His viewpoint was a unique opportunity for students as Captain Foreman has had access to world leaders and ministers in several of the involved countries, having had meetings with Ben Wallace, Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, General Gerasimov and Sergei Shoigu. His career in the role as Defence Attaché has highlighted to me as a future Army Officer the potential career avenues available in the Armed Forces."

I would like to extend my thanks to John for giving us his time and preparing such an interesting experience for my classes. It was a great privilege to welcome such an eminent visitor.

This visit from John Foreman CBE certainly gave our student the opportunity to ask about the modern Russian state and the invasion of Ukraine.

Kindest regards

Dr Jean Wheeler

Thurston Community College –
Community Voice



DAVID HALL

TENNIS

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Four group coaching sessions for 5-10 year olds new to tennis, including a racket, t-shirt and more for only **£29.99** (+£5 P&P).
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Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April
9:30 – 11:00am (Outdoors)

PLEASE NOTE: The course is run over 4 days of 1.5 hours each day rather than 6 days of 1 hour each day. See 'notes from the coach' when accessing the course details on our website.

MINI TENNIS/TENNIS CAMPS

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April

2:00 – 3:30pm (ages 5-8) 3:45 – 5:15pm (ages 9-14)

£12 per day or **£40** for 4 days.

(Sibling and member discounts available).

Book for individual days or full 4 day camps.

The camps are held outdoors and are suitable for beginners & improvers.

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King's Coronation Celebrations

Saturday 6th May 2023

7:30pm – 11:00pm

In the Marquee on the Green

- 7:30pm Recorded music from the Palace's Coronation Playlist
- 8:00pm Live music from The Larks
- 9:00pm Live music from The Kitchenettes
- 9:50pm Lighting of fireworks on the Green
- 10:10pm Live music from The Kitchenettes

The first 100 adults to arrive will receive a free glass of sparkling wine (or non-alcoholic equivalent) and a piece of cake.

Available from the Marquee from 7:30pm

The White Horse have kindly agreed to run a bar during this event and hot snacks will be available to buy





King's Coronation Celebrations

Sunday 7th May 2023

1:00pm – 4:00pm

On the Green

1:00pm – 2:00pm **“Big Lunch”**

Bring food to share, no nuts please. If you do have allergies please bring your own food. We will sit at long tables on the Green or in the Marquee, depending on the weather with recorded music playing from the Palace’s Coronation Playlist

2:00pm Rounders on the Green

2:50pm Children’s Races

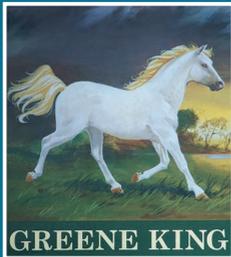
3:40pm – 4:00pm Tug-O-War

The first 75 children to arrive will receive a free commemorative mug.
Available from the Marquee from 1:00pm

A bar will be open and hot drinks will be available to buy throughout the afternoon



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BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

A winter of hedge planting

This winter, BEG has planted two new hedges. One along Thurston Road, just before the flyover, and the other along Bury Road west from Field Close. In addition, we have added more plants to existing hedges between the church and Drinkstone Road and around Oak Tree Pond. As the plants grow (hopefully!) they will provide shelter from the winds for walkers and a valuable habitat for wildlife. By joining up existing hedges and patches of scrub, we are creating wildlife corridors along which a whole range of animal species can safely move.

All this has been possible due to generous grants/donations from Mid-Suffolk District Council, Councillor Penny Otton and the vision and determination of one of our members, Roy Crosby. MSDC also provided us with four trees, two of which (crab apples) have been planted near the village pond.

There has been further extensive hedge planting by private landowners and the lines of spirals, (or tree guards) glinting in the sun have become a feature of the landscape this winter. Young trees need protection from the elements and from the nibbling of rabbits and muntjac. The idea is to remove tree guards after 2-3 years so that the plants can bush up and not look like lollipops. Unfortunately, our well established hedging that survived last year's drought is now falling victim to rabbits and it might mean spirals back on until there is something tastier to munch.

Tree spirals raise some environmental concerns in that, until recently, most have been made of plastic. There are biodegradable ones available now, but they are more expensive. What will happen to all this year's spirals when they are no longer needed? Ideally they should be collected and recycled before they crumble too much. If you walk along the footpath from the Green that goes parallel with the A14 there are still a large number lying around and slowly disintegrating.

BEG have finished with hedging until the autumn, with the exception of a little weeding if absolutely necessary. The RSPB recommends that hedge cutting should be avoided between March and late August (or later) and, outside this time, you should always check for active nests. It is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy nests, eggs and birds.

As we have been working, some of you have commented on the good work we are doing. You would be very welcome to join us. This spring/summer we have more practical work to do and we will also be carrying out wildlife surveys to monitor the impact of our management.

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

BVN NEWS & EVENTS

Village Walk

Next walks:

- **Sunday 2nd April 10am**
- **Friday 7th July 6:30pm**

The last village walk was held on 22nd January, and was enjoyed by 15 people and 3 dogs. We went through Chevins Wood, Melfield Wood and Hessem, and it was a lovely frosty morning as you can see in the photo.

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.

The following walk will be on Friday 7th July, starting at 6.30pm, again from the old bus shelter on The Green, and will be a circular route with a stop off at a pub in a neighbouring village for a drink about half way round. Allowing for the stop we expect to be back about 9.00pm. Come and join us!



*As you can see everyone is welcome
on a village walk - two legs or four!*



Kings Coronation Celebrations

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May

We are holding celebrations for the Coronation over two days of the Bank Holiday weekend and would love you to join us – please see details in the centre of this magazine.



Summer Fayre

Plans are now starting to come together for the Summer Fayre, which will include an Open Mic night on Friday 25th August 8.00 – 11.00pm and a Fayre on The Green on Saturday 26th August 2.00 – 5.00pm. The afternoon will include live folk music, a barbecue, children's races and a wide range of stalls and activities, finishing with the traditional Beyton egg throwing competition!

Put the dates in your diary now and look out for further information in future editions of the magazine.

Anselm Gurney Chair, BVA

If you would be interested and able to help at any
of the forthcoming events please contact:

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