



# Beyton



# Village News

DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026



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# Dates for your Diaries 2025

## Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2026

6th January 2026  
3rd February 2026  
3rd March 2026  
7th April 2026



### Parish Council meetings

Will usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month, starting at **7.30pm** unless stated otherwise.

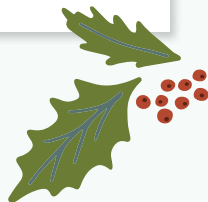
If you would like to make written representation rather than attending in person, please send an email or write to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 7 days from the date of the meeting.

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.

### Knit & Natter 10am – 12 Church Vestry

Monday 1st December  
Thursday 18th December

Monday 5th January  
Thursday 15th January



### Carol Singing

Monday 22nd December 6:30pm The Green

### Village Walk

Sunday 11th January 10am Blackthorpe Barn Overflow Car Park

### BVA AGM

Wednesday 11th February 7:30pm The White Horse



### Deadline for next edition:

Friday

16th January 2026

Please let us have any contributions by the above date at the latest for consideration for the next edition. Please send to: [editor@beytonvillage.news](mailto:editor@beytonvillage.news)  
Letters welcome.

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# Editor's Welcome

As we come to the end of another year, I'd just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazine.

A special thank you to the team at Precision who print the magazine for us and especially Chris Alderton for her marvellous design work.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

## Editor

## Beyton Parish Council Chairman's report



With Christmas rapidly approaching I hope that your preparations are well under way.

I trust that you have been keeping up with the activities of your Parish Council but just in case you haven't, here are a few of the topics we have covered this year and a few that will continue into next year and probably beyond.

By far the most significant subjects are the future of Beyton Sixth Campus and Mid Suffolk Council's desire to support more house building in this part of the county.

Firstly, Suffolk County Council Department for Education has given the go-ahead for a replacement senior school to be built in Thurston. Designs are expected to be available in January, with a target to start construction next year in late spring/early summer, and occupancy around 2027-28. The 6th form provision currently in Beyton will relocate to Thurston. The question that we are most interested in answering is, what will happen to the current site in Beyton?

Next is Mid Suffolk's stated housing need of an extra 15,000 homes to cover the period up to 2044.

This roughly translates to the need for an extra 71 houses in our village beyond our Neighbourhood Plan.

You can see that, with these issues alone, the Parish Council has a lot of work ahead and I am sure you can appreciate that we could do with extra help in boosting our numbers.

If you are willing to volunteer, please do contact me or our Parish Clerk, Claire Usher. Our contact details are at the front of this magazine.

Other matters: Suffolk Highways has finally agreed to repaint the white road markings at the junction of Thurston and Bury Roads at the southern end of the green. Following vehicle damage to the green early in November we are considering placing posts along the one-way roadside to keep cars off the playing area.

The City Fibre company should finish cable laying in our roads by Christmas and individual house connections are due for completion in the spring ready to go live around the middle of next year.

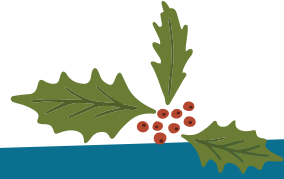
That is probably enough news for now, so it just leaves me to thank my Parish Council colleagues and the many unsung volunteers in the village who give their time to make Beyton such a great place to live.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Yours

**Graham Jones**

*Chairman, Beyton Parish Council*



## Knit and Natter

**Do you fancy spending a sociable morning with coffee, tea and a chat?**

Our friendly Knit & Natter mornings take place in **Beyton Church Vestry** from **10am to 12** midday normally on the first Monday of each month. However, by popular request, we are trialling additional midweek meetings.

No need to book, just come along. Bring any yarn or craft project along with you or just come for a chat!

### **Knit & Natter mornings coming up on:**

Monday 1st December      Thursday 18th December  
Monday 5th January      Thursday 15th January

**For more information, please contact:**

**Debbie on 01359 271314**





## Safari Supper

This year's Safari Supper took place on 15th November and true to form the weather was wet and drizzly and not really ideal for a safari around the village but this did not seem to put anyone off!

We had 39 people taking part, travelling to all corners of the village.

We began with drinks and canapes at The White Horse where instructions were handed out and everyone set off to their various destinations.

Everyone met back up again at the pub for coffee and Jane's amazing mince pies.

Many thanks to everyone who took part and entered into the fun, especially to the hosts for some amazing meals and a special thank you to Jane at The White Horse and her team for the canapes and mince pies and for looking after us so well.

## Carol Singing

**Monday 22nd December 6:30pm**

Once again, we will be gathering together to sing in a group on The Green and we invite you all to join us for a lovely pre-Christmas sing-a-long. Christmas hats and decorations are encouraged but please do wrap up well.

The carol sheets will be put onto the Beyton village website in advance of the event so we encourage you to download them onto your phone in advance as the connection on the Green isn't that good. There will also be paper copies available on the night.

We will have recorded music as backing to help keep us in time and in the same key! We will be collecting donations on the night in aid of the Still Good Food food bank so please bring change and give generously.

After the singing The White Horse are kindly providing complimentary mulled wine and mince pies so everyone is welcome to stroll across to the pub afterwards. Bar snacks will also be available to purchase.

If the weather is too bad to do the singing on The Green, The White Horse have agreed that we can sing inside the pub, so keep any eye on social media and on the noticeboard on the old bus shelter just in case.

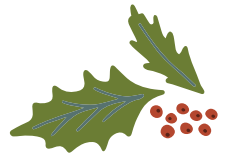
Come and have a sing!

## Village Walk

**Sunday 11th January**

10am Meet at **Blackthorpe Barn** in the overflow car park at the end of the drive, after passing the the barn on the right.

Anyone unable to make their own way there who would like a lift please ring Anselm on 01359 270176 or Val on 07557 989592 and if you were to have





any problems locating the group at the start of the walk, please ring Anselm on his mobile 07920 454145 before the start time of 10.00am.

This is a healthy and social activity, and a great opportunity to get to know other villagers.

So why not come along and work off a few of those Christmas pounds, as well as banishing those January blues!

The route will be about 5 miles long and will last about 2 hours and there will be the option of going for brunch or tea and cake in the cafe afterwards for those who want to!

Everyone welcome, including accompanied children and dogs (on leads).

Looking forward to seeing you.

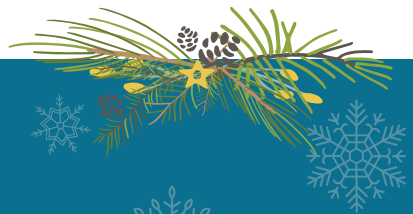
### **BVA AGM**

The AGM of the Beyton Village Association will be held on Wednesday 11th February in The White Horse, starting at 7.30pm.

All Beyton residents are welcome to attend and anyone who attends will receive a free drink.

The agenda and previous minutes will be displayed on the Beyton Village website for a month before the meeting so everyone has a chance to read it beforehand.

We hope to see you there on the night.



## **Beyton Village Association Charitable Donations**



The BVA constitution allows us to make donations to local charities if we accumulate a surplus.

If you know of any local charitable organisations who would like to request a donation from the BVA please email our chairman, Anselm Gurney [anselmgurney@sky.com](mailto:anselmgurney@sky.com) stating:

- The charity name
- Address
- Charity number
- A short paragraph describing what you do



# Thurston Community College News



In September, the Art Department launched a whole school art competition, for students to create a piece of artwork with a wintery scene or Christmas theme of their choosing. We were delighted that so many students entered the competition and it was fantastic to see students producing work in a range of media, from paintings on canvas to digital art works. The six winning designs were made into Thurston Community College Christmas cards with one design selected as the overall winner for additional coverage! We were delighted to have entries from a range of year groups and to celebrate the artistic talents of our students. When we returned after the summer holiday it did feel a little early to be thinking about Christmas, however we needed time to launch the competition, receive the entries, do the really difficult job of selecting the winners, getting the final chosen designs off to the printers all in time for the festive period!

We will be offering sets of Christmas cards for purchase; if you are interested in buying some of these please contact the College to ask about availability: [admin@thurstoncollege.org](mailto:admin@thurstoncollege.org) or 01359 230885.

**Everyone at Thurston Community College would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.**



# Remembrance Sunday



On an unseasonably warm November morning we gathered on the Green for our Community Act of Remembrance. Against a backdrop of sunshine, poppies and gently drifting leaves it was a poignant moment.

We were led by the beautiful, haunting melody of Andrew's bagpipes as we shared the opportunity to be still and remember.

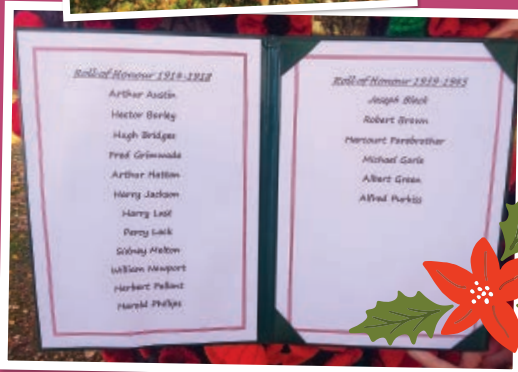
The names of those from Beyton who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars were read out from the Roll of Honour and we joined with the rest of the nation to observe the two-minute silence.

It was wonderful to see so many of you turn out for this special occasion, and hopefully it will signal the beginning of a new tradition in the village.

A huge thank you to Andrew for playing for us and to the White Horse for providing delicious coffee and biscuits afterwards.



Blessings, **Julia**



# Beyton Quiz Night

The 2026 quiz will take place on

Friday 13th March

in the

Main Hall, Beyton 6th Form Campus

Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Start getting your teams together now

Max of 6 in a team

Booking essential by Friday 6th March

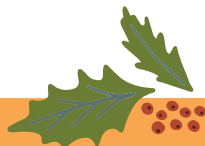
Arrangements for booking will be advertised in the next edition of the Beyton Village News coming out in the first week of February



Keep an eye out for it and book your team up quickly to have a chance of WINNING the coveted GOLDEN EGG TROPHY!



Spaces are limited!  
First come first served.



# CELEBRATE WITH US THIS Christmas Season

**WED 3RD DEC - CHRISTMAS QUIZ & RAFFLE**

7.30pm - in aid of Dementia UK

**SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC - CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT!**

6.30pm-late - 3 course meal and disco £35.00pp

**WED 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC - CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT**

7.30pm start - bingo and Christmas goodie draw

**THUR 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

From 6.30pm - wear your best christmas jumper in aid of save the children  
(The BEST jumper wins a prize!)

**WED 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC - CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW NIGHT**

7pm - Pop in to purchase your Christmas prize draw tickets and have a cheeky drink to be entered into the Christmas draw for this night!

**EVERY SATURDAY IN DEC - CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL HAPPY HOUR**

2 for 1 on all Christmas cocktails

**BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS MEALS ANY DAY OF THE WEEK**

2 courses - £25.50    3 Courses - £30.50

☎ 01359 270324





# Dogs and The Countryside Code

A lot of Beyton residents have dogs and love them as companions and pets. Others are a little less keen. However we all need to live happily together and that is the aim of the Countryside Code.

This statutory guidance contains a lot of common sense. Selected paragraphs state for example:

- The countryside, parks and the coast are great places to exercise your dog but you need to consider other users and wildlife.
- Keep your dog under effective control to make sure it stays away from wildlife, livestock, horses and other people unless invited.
- Always keep your dog on a lead or in sight
- Be confident your dog will return on command
- Make sure your dog does not stray from the path or area where you have right of access

Wise words I'm sure. For full details and other interesting information go to The Countryside Code: advice for countryside visitors – GOV.UK

**Roger Brand**



## Nature Notes

This has been the year of the acorn. Each and every oak tree in Beyton has seen a golden, crunchy carpet beneath its majestic boughs. More than enough for all the squirrels in the village to replenish their winter stores with the fruits of the hot, dry spring and summer.

Local mistletoe looks set to guarantee a merry Christmas. May yours be equally joyous.

**Roger Brand**



**EAT IN,  
HOME DELIVERY  
or TAKE AWAY**



*Saturday*  
**21st February**  
**5.30 to**  
**8.30pm**

RELAX AND LET US PREPARE FOR YOU . . .

Homecooked

*Casserole & Curry Evening*

*Martha's* **KITCHEN** at Beyton Church

**£13.00 per portion including dessert**

delivered to your door for £1.50  
(Beyton & Hessett only)



**PRE-ORDER ADVISABLE**

- Chicken Curry
- Vegan Curry (GF)
- Gammon & Barley Hotpot
- Chilli con Carne
- Chicken & Chorizo Casserole
- What time do you want to eat?

With Rice      With Jacket  
                         Potato


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# The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025



**“They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them”**

These poignant words were once again heard in churches and alongside war memorials throughout the country and in the case of Beyton the beautiful remembrance service on the green. We remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Our door-to-door Poppy sellers have again done the Royal British Legion proud and this year managed to collect £609 in cash; the final amount will be more when the electronic donations are added.

Many thanks to Sheila Mole, Eve & Mick Fenner, Wendy & Alan Lewis and Neil Higham, this year the team missed our usual top collector, Rod Scott BEM and we look forward to him joining us again next time. Additionally, there were static boxes at the White Horse, The Bear, Thurston Community College and Beyton Garage.

**Thank you**

**Graham Jones**  
Beyton Poppy Appeal Coordinator



# THE WHITE HORSE

## THE LARKS PRESENT

### *Open Music Night*

From 8pm

**Saturday 27th December**

Contact Chris on 07731 635302  
to book a slot to play & sing

**£2.00 per person entry**

All welcome to come and listen & watch



# Contact Information

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Mobile: 07543 824837:

The Rev'd Sarah Lock

Email: [revsarah23@gmail.com](mailto:revsarah23@gmail.com)

Mobile 07510 114359

## Shops

### Thurston – Co-Op

Tel 01359 230803

Opening hrs: Every Day 7am-10pm

### Thurston – Cracknells

Tel 01284 834145

Opening every day 6am-10pm

### Thurston – PO Londis

Tel 01359 230450

Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 6:30am-8:30pm, Sunday 8.00am-6pm

### Rougham – Meg's Farm Shop

Rougham Hall Nurseries

Tel 01359 270577

Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,  
Sunday 10am-4pm

### Rougham – PO

Tel 01359 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

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The Bear Chinese Takeaway Tel 01359 256788

The White Horse Tel 01359 270324





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