

BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



DECEMBER - JANUARY 2019



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - 2018-19



Beyton Parish Council

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| Monday 7 January | Monday 1 July |
| Monday 4 February | August – No Meeting |
| Monday 4 March | Monday 2 September |
| Monday 8 April | Monday 7 October |
| Monday 13 May | Monday 25 November |
| Monday 3 June | December – 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.

BEG Hedge Planting

Thursday 13th December Meet 9.30am Beyton Church

Carol Singing

Tuesday 18th December Meet 6:30pm Old Bus Shelter

Open Stage with The Larks

Thursday 27th December 8pm The White Horse

Village Walk

Sunday 6th January Meet 10am Old Bus Shelter

Theatre Supper

Monday 21st January



DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Friday 25th January 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

The focus of activities over the last couple of months was on the anniversary of the end of World War One and the excellent events put on by the BVA but also a very productive litter pick and a lovely village walk all designed to bring people of all ages together in the village. There's plenty more to keep us all busy in the coming months. If you have some spare time that you feel you could commit to helping within the village, the Parish Council still have a vacancy -

Wishing everyone a very *Happy Christmas and a great start to 2019!*

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have just looked at my report for the October/November edition of the BVN and noted that I praised the summer weather. The praise just goes on and on, Autumn has been so beautiful – who cares about all the leaves we have had to sweep up when the colours are so magnificent. I wonder what the Winter will have in store, plenty of white stuff, I hope.

The village highlight for November was of course the magnificent tribute to the men of Beyton who gave their lives in the two World Wars. The BVA and their helpers should feel very proud of the organisation of the "Battle's Over" celebration on the eleventh of November. Young and old joined together to remember those who fought in unimaginable conditions to secure our today. The morning started with Andrew Nimmons playing his bagpipes on The Green at 6:00am, followed by the Remembrance Service and finally the splendid evening event on the field at Grange Farm. Special thanks must go Marie and Colin Kennedy for hosting the event – by the way this was the 25th year the bonfire had been held there.

Beyton Parish Council

We are still one member down. We need help to achieve better things for Beyton, if any one would like to join this happy bunch, please contact Pat Lamb. 01359 233288

Flooding and Highways Maintenance:

Unfortunately, our main contact, Anthony Smith at Suffolk Highways has left the organisation. We have a new partner, Francesca Clarke, I hope to meet with her in the coming week to make sure that the agreed plans continue.

Following is a short update:

- 1. Clearing and Maintenance of the Culvert under the A14 on Thurston Road:** A strange situation here, Highways England and Suffolk Environmental Services advise that the Culvert is clear, however, an engineer from MSDC

disagrees. We, the Parish Council have no way of telling so it is a question of wait and see.

2. **Responsibility for maintaining the ditch adjacent to the school on Drinkstone Road.** Thurston Community College has agreed that the ditch is their responsibility and have agreed to clear it.
3. **Grip (ditch gullies) Maintenance:** SCC Highways are currently compiling their programme for Beyton, however, no action has been taken so far.
4. **Thurston Road maintenance programme.** The culvert under Thurston Road at the north end of The Green has been completely cleared by the Highways Department. Andy Rollett has prepared a lagoon in the flow of the stream on the green which should collect silt from the flowing water and reduce blockage in the culvert. The ditch alongside Thurston Rd has not been cleared as it is subject to discussion of responsibility. If it is not cleared soon, I fear that adjacent flooding is likely again this winter.
5. **Quaker Lane.** All road drains have been identified for clearing.
6. **Overall:** Clearly, we still have a lot to do and a long way to go, however, the meeting and follow up so far is encouraging.
7. **Grass Verge Cutting:** Verge cutting by SCC Highways has been excellent this year, visibility at junctions is much improved – we hope that this standard will be maintained.
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Affordable Housing & Neighbourhood Plan.

Adele Pope is targeting early next year to issue a Housing Needs Survey which will cover Affordable Housing. Meanwhile the PC on the recommendations of Jo Churchill will in parallel consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Six volunteers have expressed an interest to join such a team, we will hold an exploratory meeting on 29 November to decide whether to recommend going-ahead. To help our decision we have invited Daphne Youngs from Drinkstone Parish Council to share her experience in producing the plan for her village.

Pond-Dredging.

The pond was almost empty during the hot spell, which raised the question of dredging the silt which had not been done for over 30 years. Mike Bauley from Tostock has offered to attend to this. The time frame and charge are yet to be agreed.

Bridge of the Stream on The Green.

The new bridge has been completed and the two broken benches near to the play area have been repaired.

Village Green Lease.

The Ladies of the Manor have appointed a solicitor to handle this subject. We are awaiting their input.

Now it's time to think about Christmas, the Turkey is ordered, the Brussel Sprouts are in the field and the Pantomime tickets have arrived.

Happy Christmas and good fortune in the New Year

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The mental health of students is very topical at the moment and a number of research papers have been published recently which highlight concerns about the rise in mental health difficulties in the youth generation and the lack of services to support them.

Beth Mosley, our very own Mental Health Practitioner at Thurston Community College has been in post now for nearly two years and we are in a great position to showcase our innovative way of allowing students to access support more easily. We also have robust clinical outcome data to evidence the impact of employing a full time Clinical Psychologist at the College. Consequently, we are getting significant recognition across Suffolk which is now becoming of national interest, in terms of how to develop local services.

Recently we had two news stories in the media. The first was with Radio Suffolk on Mark Murphy's programme, during which Bethan Rees spoke very eloquently and honestly about her difficulties and the help she has received.

The second coverage was by Channel 4, who sent a news team, led by Victoria MacDonald, to the College to film for a news story screened on Channel 4 News. Along with Beth, Victoria interviewed 6 students who have received mental health support at the College. They all spoke beautifully about their experiences.

At this time of year we remind our students to be mindful of the darker mornings and evenings, and would ask that you also impress on children the need for greater awareness on their journeys to and from the College and when they are out and about playing in the local area. In the interests of safety we highly recommend the use of cycle helmets, lights and reflectors as appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Helen Wilson

Principal



BATTLES O'ER REPORT

Beyton Remembers 11.11.2018

Of the 60 men who went off to fight in the Great War of 1914-18, 12 did not survive. On Sunday November 11th, the village remembered them.

The Commemoration began at dawn when Andrew Nimmons, joined by a large crowd, played on bagpipes 'Battle's O'er' all around the village green. This late 19th century tune, composed by William Robb of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was traditionally played for soldiers when returning to camp at the end of the day.

At 6pm the gates opened at Grange Farmhouse Field and a crowd of some 800 collected to join in the village act of remembrance.

Members of the Bury Friendly Orchestra, a community orchestra made up of enthusiastic amateurs, conducted by Chris Parsons provided a musical accompaniment of tunes from the era.

4 students representing Thurston College, and 8 members of Thurston Air Cadets read out the names and short biographies of the 12 who died for their country. Their names can be found in Beyton Church. Their ages, so far as we know, ranged from 23 to 42. All died either in France or Belgium, with 3 exceptions: Hugh Bridges who made it back from France injured, but died of his wounds in Beyton, Sergeant Major Arthur Hatton who died at Gallipoli in Turkey and Private William Newport who was torpedoed in the North Sea whilst on board HMS Hawke. 6 were members of the Suffolk Regiment and the rest had joined either the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the Royal West Kents, the Royal Flying Corps, the Lancashire Fusiliers or the Royal Marine Light Infantry. More details about these men can be found in last month's BVN which is located at Beyton.Suffolk.Cloud.

James Crispe acted as master of ceremonies for the evening and he also remembered the 6 Beyton men out of 35 who failed to return from the 2nd World War of 1939-45. Graham Rendle read part of Laurence Binyon's 'Ode of Remembrance' of 1914.

'...They shall grow not old, as we that 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 ...'

The Last Post was then movingly performed by Harry MacGillivray, one of the younger members of the village. This tune originates in the 17th century, when, at the close of battle, it signalled to those who were still out on the battlefield that the fighting was done and to follow the sound of the call home.

Like well over 1,000 other venues, throughout the British Isles the bonfire beacon was lit at 7pm. Jo Churchill, our MP very kindly attended and performed the task of lighting it. The beacons were an allusion to a comment of the time made by the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey,

'The lamps are going out all over Europe. We shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'

It would be 4 long years before peace returned.

There then followed a brief but spectacular firework display.

Many thanks go to Rodney Scott for very kindly providing a fascinating display of WW1 uniforms and weaponry which was on show at the entrance to the field. All proceeds of the bucket collection, a sum of £888.98 were donated to the Royal British Legion.

The BVA would like to say a huge thank you to the very many people who gave freely of their time and energy to make this special event happen.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

In this special Centenary Year of the end of the First World War, thanks to the generous people of Beyton we have collected record donations for this worthy cause. As usual there were collection boxes in key places in the village and of course our intrepid door to door volunteer collectors were again out in force. I would like to thank them for their great efforts. Street collectors were Rod Scott, Jon Rapley, Sheila Mole, Paris Wicks and myself. For the future it would be nice to have more helpers, if anyone would like to join us please give me a call. The static boxes were at The Bear, The White Horse, Beyton Garage and at Beyton Sixth, so thanks also are extended to Hannah & Gary, Jane & Barry, Dave & Andy and Mandy for their support.

The total collected in Beyton was £842.91 significantly up on last years total of £701. But this is not all, friends from Thurston donated the £287.79 collected from a recent clay pigeon shoot to Beyton's collection. Thank you, Beryl and John Barber and the Bury Clay Target Club. The total donated was £1130.70 (This figure does not include donations received at the Battle's Over Event at Grange Farm)

Graham Jones.

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator



WHATS ON AT THE BEAR



CHRISTMAS DRAW

A one woman stand up show by Jemima Foxtroot -
Kiss Me! Help, I Hate you. £15 each and includes Lasagne
We will be launching a Christmas draw at the beginning of December.
500 squares at £1, with 5 fab prizes. All money raised will be donated
to our Charity My WiSH Every Heart Matters Campaign. We are hoping
this will bring the total fundraising for the year to over £2000.

DECEMBER MENU

Please see our website for December menus
2 or 3 courses for parties and family get-togethers throughout
December. No need to pre-order which takes away the hassle!
We are serving lunch on Christmas Day from 12pm – 2pm
and the bar will be open from 12pm to 5pm.

ON BURN'S NIGHT

Saturday 19th January 2019 the Specials Board will feature haggis.

THEATRE SUPPER

Monday 21st January Theatre Supper at The Bear
Following Jemima Foxtroot's one woman show in October, the
second of our Theatre Supper Performances will feature
Down the Pub with Luke Wright
Luke Wright is a spit and sawdust wordsmith. He tells inventive and
engaging stories, documenting 21st century British life with wit,
humanity and panache. He'll make you laugh, he'll make you cry,
and he might even get a round in.
Ticket price is £15 per person which includes a guaranteed seat for
the performance plus a supper plate of homemade moussaka.
Details on the website.

BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

A date for your diary

Hedge planting and infilling. A joint project with the Parish Council.

Thursday 13th December at 9.30 am. Meet: Beyton Church

Please bring a spade if you can. **All help very welcome.**

Beyton Environmental Group has been conducting a monthly survey of birds around the village over the past year. The numbers of birds and the variety of species we have been seen has been somewhat disappointing and provides further evidence of our diminishing wildlife although there have been some success stories. It is clear, from our surveys that the greatest densities of birds occur where there is a mixture of shrubs and trees providing cover and sources of food. These are our "shrubby corners" or wildlife havens.

We aim to create wildlife corridors that will enable birds and other animals to move safely between these havens and to do this we need hedges.

This purpose of this project is to fill the gaps in the hedge beside the public footpath that links Drinkstone Road with the churchyard. This hedgerow is frequented by birds such as yellowhammers and long-tailed tits, but the cover is declining as trees are dying due to disease-notably Dutch-elm disease.

We will infill the gaps with a mixture of native hedgerow plants and use guards to protect them from hungry rabbits and deer. Hopefully in a few years' time, we will have a hedge that is rich in wildlife and provides pleasant shelter from the northerly winds for those who enjoy walking along this footpath.

Please come and help if you can, even for half an hour or so. It will make a change from Christmas shopping!

HESSETT & BEYTON VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

The draw for the **November** and **December** Lottery were made recently and the winners are:

November 1st prize Janice Gibson
2nd prize C Galione
3rd prize E Maffey

December 1st prize (£22.00) Barbara Garnish
2nd prize (£16.00) John Selley
3rd prize (£10.50) Muriel Clarke



Village Walk

The last village walk was held on a beautifully sunny day after a long period of rain. We went along the cycle path towards Thurston and then on the small back roads to Tostock, taking in the long straight path leading to Hesselton Church and then back down the hill into Beyton. By staying on the minor roads and the footpaths on higher ground we managed to avoid getting too muddy!

The next walk is taking place on **Sunday 6th Jan starting at 10.00am** from the old bus shelter. The route will be about 5 miles long and will probably last about 2 hours, so everyone should be back in time for Sunday lunch. Everyone welcome, including dogs and accompanied children. Hope to see you there.

Carol Singing

We will be carol singing around the village once again this year on Tuesday 18th December.

We will meet at 6.30pm at the Old Bus Shelter, please bring torches if you have them.

The charity that we will be supporting is a very deserving local cause, Sunday Suppers. They are a charity who provide hot food and essentials on three evenings per week to the homeless and disadvantaged in Bury St Edmunds. More details about them and their work can be found on Facebook www.facebook.com/SundaySuppersUK

Do come and join us for a lovely Christmas Sing-a-long, the more the merrier . . . and louder!

Safari Supper

We are planning another Safari Supper – these suppers are always hugely enjoyable and a great way to make new friends and meet new people. If you are interested and would like to attend or would like to act as host for one of the courses or would simply like some more information please contact 01359 271971.

Village Quiz

Our ever popular Village Quiz will take place on Friday March 8th at Beyton Sixth. Teams of 6 will compete to win the much prized Golden Egg. As in previous years there will be a fish and chip supper but you are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks. More details to come in the next edition of the BVN.

NEW BRIDGE

Have you seen the New Bridge?

The bridge over the stream on The Green had started to get a little bit tired, actually it was downright dangerous. There was trip or slip risk hazard from the wobbly boards to anyone crossing the stream. Unsuspecting walkers may have thought that they could use the hand rails for support, but no, these were completely rotten. The result could well have been a fall into the ditch. The only firm structure was the main metal frame. Local craftsman Joel Redwood (07788 884085) from Quaker Lane made a wonderful job of rebuilding the wooden structure on top of the existing foundation. Please take a look at the workmanship.

The attached picture of Andrew Nimmons in full piper's attire crossing the bridge on Armistices morning is a fitting tribute to the history of the bridge and who better than Rod Scott BEM to recall some of the folk law and personal memories as follows:

"I did try to get permission to build a flint bridge over the river as a memorial to all those who served, in any capacity, during WW1-WW2 and since.

I ran out of time!

We now have a superbly restored bridge built on a steel raft, that raft came from Rougham airfield after the war and we were told it was the superstructure from an American bomber. However, that's unlikely as it would have been too heavy to fly. Most likely it came from a World War 2 bomb transporter which carried very large bombs from the magazine to the aircraft.

As a child I saw it put in place and I remember it had a lever that would clank loudly when pulled over, the dip in the riverbank between the bridge and the oak tree was the result of cows being led from the farm to the lush green grass at the edge of the school yard. The adjacent oak served as our climbing frame and rope hanging from an overhanging bough, our swing. .

At 7-8 years old I used to go after school and lead one cow, which had a bell around its neck, over the green through the dip to that lush grass, all the others just followed like sheep! Or even cows.

The green in those days was very undulating with tracks between trees and bushes with just a small area for those who wanted to kick a pig's bladder about. I enjoyed playing soldiers or cowboys & Indians,

NOW I bet *that* surprised you! "



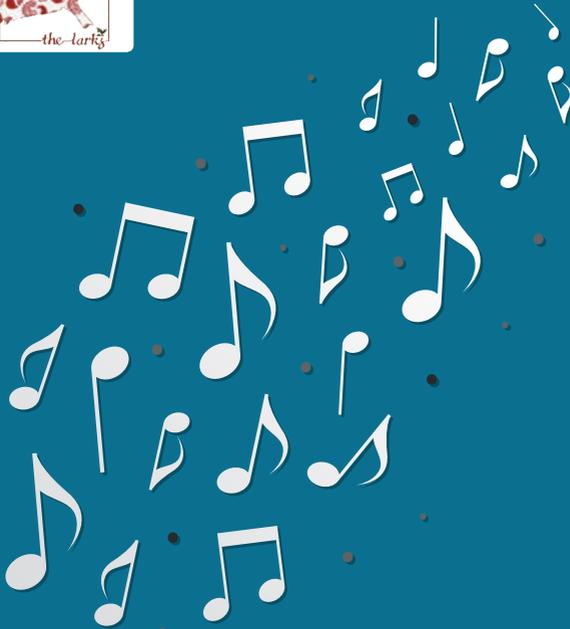


AT
THE WHITE HORSE
BEYTON

CHRISTMAS OPEN STAGE



HOSTED BY THE LARKS



Thursday 27 December - 8pm til late

Come sing and play, or ask our
resident guitarist to accompany you.

See Barry or Jane for more information

CLEAN-UP BEYTON

Clean-up Beyton

If you think there is nothing as boring as a pile of old sacks filled with rubbish, well you may be wrong! Our clean-up Beyton volunteers found all sorts of strange objects dumped in the village during our Autumn adventure ranging from beer cans, paint tins to an unopened home cook meal and of course endless fast food containers, even a fairly new car tyre.

The worst areas were as usual the entrance and exit roads of Beyton, what a shame motorists could not take their garbage home instead of donating it to us.

However, now the nice bit, with every cloud there is a silver lining as the fifteen volunteers enjoyed a very social time and of course the fine lunch and drinks at The Bear as reward for their efforts.

The weather treated us better than the miserable fly tippers & we were able to sit in the pub garden for our sustenance. More like Summer than Autumn!



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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

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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

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One last photo from the
Battle's Over Event

