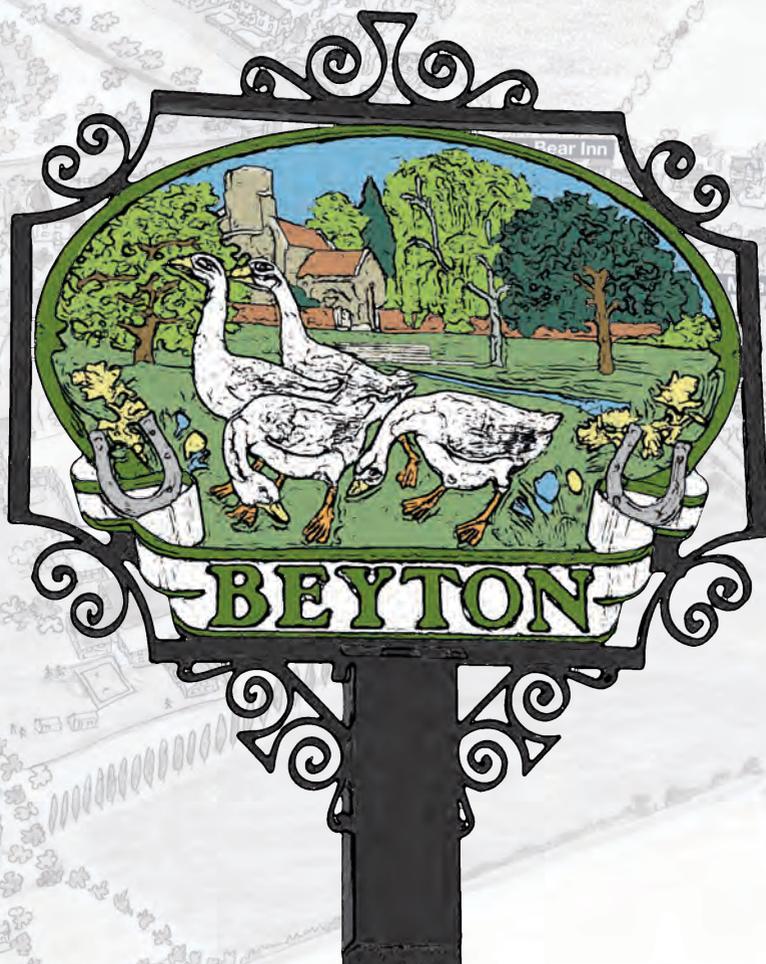


BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2020



Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2020

Monday 6th January	Monday 1st June
Monday 3rd February	August – No Meeting
Monday 2nd March	Monday 7th September
Monday 6th April	Monday 5th October
Monday 11 May	Monday 23rd November

(Ordinary, Annual & Annual Parish Meetings)

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.

Quiz – The Hub Beyton Campus

Friday 6th March 7pm for 7.30 start

BVA AGM – The Bear

Thursday 12th March

Beyton Neighbourhood Plan Drop in Event – Church Vestry

Saturday 14th March 10.00am -3.00pm

BOBs OIL Orders to be placed

April 1st week

Village Walk

Sunday 3rd May 2.30pm Old Bus Shelter



DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Friday 20th March 2020 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 start of February is a bit late for it I know but Happy New Year to everyone! What a difference a couple of months makes with evenings beginning to stretch out a bit and lovely things appearing in the gardens once again, it all starts to look very hopeful.

The change is noticeable in the magazine too with a packed diary of events and lots of great opportunities to get together, like pitting our wits against each other at the Quiz to fight for that Golden Egg!!

Don't forget this is your magazine so if there is anything you would like to have included please email editor@beytonvillage.news the more content, the better.

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Happy New Year from Beyton Parish Council. I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas – not too much of the sauce! We now head into the new decade with renewed vigour, actually it seems like only yesterday we entered the new millennium. There are still two open spaces on the Parish Council, should anyone want to join.

Village Green Lease:

The Parish Council has notified the agents acting on behalf of The Ladies of the Manor that we do not accept their offer to buy the freehold for £50,000 and instead felt that they should consider bequeathing The Green to the village or agreeing to a new lease. Our offer was rejected. This may not be the end to the matter as dialog continues.

Children's Play Area:

As reported in the October/November edition of the BVN, 19 villagers responded to the Parish Council's question of whether to fence off the children's play area. 17 supported low fencing. The PC will investigate possibilities in the New Year.

Roadside of The Green

The edge of The Green alongside the one-way street looks very untidy. Our remedy is to make the grass edge more robust by adding hardcore to the soil to

prevent erosion. Don't worry, the grass will grow. We would also like to remove the small extension of roadway to make a straight line to the green edge. This will require permission from Suffolk Highways. The target is to complete the work before spring 2020.

Flooding in Thurston Road and Drinkstone Road

The silt in the culvert under the A14 alongside Thurston Rd has still not been cleared, nor has the ditch either side of the culvert – resulting in significant flooding from 20th to 22nd December. Thurston Road was closed for 3 days. Drinkstone Road also flooded. Highways England and Suffolk Highways the responsible bodies continue to be unhelpful, in fact the message from Suffolk CC is that the responsible person is on leave until the end of January. We shall keep on pushing the authorities until the job is done.

Neighbourhood Plan/Housing Needs Survey

The results of the Housing Needs Survey are available and will be published once approved by Community Action Suffolk. The site inspection by AECOM has been issued to the Neighbourhood Plan Team, The next Drop-in day for the village to see the current progress is scheduled for Saturday 14th March in the Church Vestry, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Please keep an eye open for the event posters.

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY



It was agreed at the latest meeting of the Village Hall Committee that we would again run a monthly lottery draw this year.

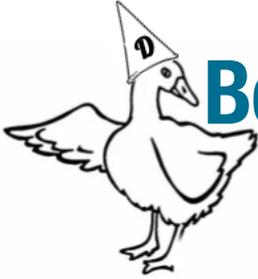
Application forms will be delivered to every house in both villages shortly and your support would be much appreciated.

The terms will be the same as previously with half of the ticket money being returned in prizes each month.

We look forward to your continued support.

Roger Wyartt – *Chairman*

The BVA presents the annual ...



Beyton Quiz Night &



Fish and Chip Supper!



Friday 6th March
In
The Hub, Beyton 6th Form Campus

Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Tickets: £9 a head
(Booking essential)

email: gillianpennellmartin@gmail.com
or text: 07523 348486

**Max Team
of 6**



Bring your own booze.

BEYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Drop-In Event #2

Saturday 14th March 2020 The Church Vestry.

Any time between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Discuss the results of the village surveys and make your comments

It is your Plan ...

Make sure your voice is heard.

Graham Jones



WATCH THIS SPACE...

Soon, Suffolk Artlink will be bringing the Make Do & Friends project to Beyton's Church vestry for a series of creative sessions tailored to your village!

Together with Rural Coffee Caravan and DanceEast, we are bringing creative social events for older people to villages and towns of Mid-Suffolk and Babergh throughout 2020.

Come along to one of our free get togethers whilst enjoying the company of friends and neighbours while exploring 'What is your village made of'. An opportunity to get creative juices flowing, share stories, knowledge and skills whilst enjoying a lovely cuppa!



Contact Carrie Phoenix for more details: carrie@suffolkartlink.org.uk or **01986 873955** and watch the Beyton website for updates.

More info on the project and Suffolk Artlink can be found here:

<https://www.suffolkartlink.org.uk/our-work/mdandf/>

BVA NEWS & EVENTS

Quiz at Beyton 6th Form Campus.

FRIDAY 6th MARCH

7pm for a prompt 7.30 start.

£9 a ticket. Includes a fish and chip supper.

Booking essential (as the fish and chips have to be ordered well in advance).

BVA AGM

THURSDAY 12th MARCH

8pm at The Bear.

All welcome, do come along to hear about all that the BVA throughout the year and if you are new to Beyton it is an excellent way to meet people and get involved in village life.

There will be a free glass of wine and nibbles.

The next BOB's Oil order

APRIL (the 1st week).

Minimum order 500 litres. 16,000 litres of oil was delivered to 16 homes in January at a highly competitive price.

We simply request a £5 donation to the BVA for each delivery. Check out Bobsoil@hotmail.co.uk More details can be found in the magazine.

Village Walk

SUNDAY 3rd MAY

Begins 2.30pm at the old bus shelter.

FAYRE WEEKEND

FRIDAY 5th JUNE

Open Mic on Beyton Green 8pm.

SATURDAY 6th JUNE BEYTON FAYRE!

Please note new date

Letter from our local British Empire Medal holder

Dear Editors,

You may be interested in three discoveries I have had in 2019

As vice president of the Desert Rats Association, I have contact with former and current Royal Tank personnel.

Their motto is "fear naught" as on their cap badge, however, it is taken from their collet which is in full

Almighty God whose perfect love casteth out fear

Fear naught but to fall from Gods favour

Secondly, I was gifted a large collection of military books to add to my near 3 ton library, in one book, as a marker, a printed card,

'No God no love, know God know love'

I had never heard it before but, Amen

Lastly, I came across a WW11 union flag with a label in the left hand corner, "these colours do not run"

All three lifted my spirits.

Rod Scott

NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, and to tell you a little more about the College. This month, as we move forward into the new decade, I have made the focus of the article Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus.



2019 was another wonderful year at Thurston Sixth with much to applaud and celebrate.

Five years after being so warmly welcomed to our new campus and community in the village of Beyton, we have built a reputation for educational excellence and enjoyed outstanding results (placing us in the top 10% of sixth forms nationally). These results reflect the extremely hard-working, collegiate and inclusive ethos of our community. As you would expect, we are continuing to evolve and grow with many of our students exploring traditional and new career routes, embracing higher apprenticeships with local, national and international organisations. These projects are too many and diverse to describe in one article. However, there are two projects we are particularly keen to share with our local neighbours as we plan our developments for the next five years of Thurston Sixth at Beyton.

Firstly, we have begun to take our environmental consciousness to a whole new level. Staff and students have worked together with the local authority and VERTAS to create a plan to dramatically reduce our carbon footprint. This includes reducing energy use, sourcing greener energy, greater commitments to recycling, reduced and greener travel between campuses as well as travel to and from the College. We are keen to embrace any help anyone from the local community can offer as we explore our options of funding for an electric or hybrid minibus, EV charging points (for college and community use) and the introduction of photovoltaic cells.

Secondly, we have recently refurbished and converted our Gym/Exam Hall into a Dance Studio. As the Thurston Performing Arts Academy at Thurston Sixth has grown over recent years, we have improved our facilities to create one of the largest Dance Studios in Suffolk to accommodate our own classes and performances. We are looking to create opportunities for the local community to use the facility out of hours for dance, yoga or similar activities. Although the studio is operational for the students we need some support in developing it as a community facility.

If you are interested in supporting either of these projects, please contact Dr Jean Wheeler at the College on 01359 230885.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish members of our local community a happy new year and thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to working alongside you all with our plans going forward. This is an exciting time to be involved in education, and as we look to the future, we are full of hope and determination to continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities for future generations of children from Beyton, Thurston and beyond.

Best wishes to you all.

Helen Wilson Principal

BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Big Picture, Little Picture

Climate Change is top of the political agenda at last, and the heavy-weights of the Environmental movement are starting to be heard loud and clear. Such luminaries as Sir David Attenborough, George Monbiot, Chris Packham, John Gummer (who chairs the national Committee on Climate Change) and of course Greta Thunberg are giving us apocalyptic messages on a daily basis.

Sometimes, it's hard to find a way of coping with it all, which is where **Beyton Environmental Group** comes in! We operate at a very small and local level, defending our green spaces, and trying to improve the village for wildlife.

A letter in the latest RSPB magazine bemoans the loss of small wildlife areas: little ponds, areas of scrub, hedgerows, an old tree. This is 'death by a thousand cuts, and this scenario is being repeated across the UK, possibly every day'. Ponds become fishing lakes, meadows become golf courses, and of course, house-building can decimate large areas. Just because a small wildlife area is not an SSSI or a County Wildlife Site does **not** mean it has no value. A Sparrow just needs a scrubby hedge to live in; a Water-vole needs a ditch that is not scraped out or tidied up; a Barn Owl needs an uncut meadow to hunt over. When the hedges, ditches and meadows have gone, these species will be lost.

The **Neighbourhood Plan Group** is also determined to defend the small green spaces in Beyton. There are many tiny bits of green within the Parish, that we can designate as Local Green Spaces; so far, we have identified 34 of them. If these are adopted as part of the Beyton NP, they will have a measure of protection when development threatens. If you have a favourite small green space in the village, why not let us know? Just tell any BEG or NP member.

Better still . . . join us! BEG work parties are from 9.30 – 12 midday on Sundays: 16 Feb, 15 March, 19 April. We also do surveys if that is more your thing. Our secretary, Sheila can be contacted on 270559.

Cathy Cass

cathycass@uwclub.net



CAROL SINGING REPORT

The BVA carol singers raised **£140** which was donated to the Bury Drop In Centre which gives aid and advice to the homeless.

Many thanks to The White Horse for hosting this event.



VILLAGE WALK

The first village walk of the year took place in January. We were so lucky with the weather as it was a beautiful sunny and crisp day, perfect for walking. The route took us to High Rougham and then to Rougham, before looping across the fields to the church and back. We returned on footpaths around Rougham then alongside Chevin's Wood, where the photo was taken of some of the group relaxing by a fallen tree.

The next walk will be on **Sunday 3rd May**, starting at 2.30pm. Meet at the old bus shelter on the Green. As usual the walk should last about two hours. Everyone welcome – **hope to see you there!**

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Beyton Village Association
The Bear Inn Beyton
The White Horse Beyton



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parishclerk@beyton.suffolk.gov.uk

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

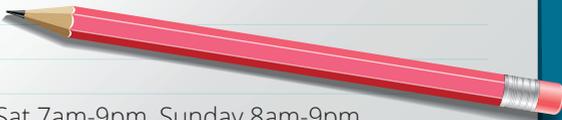
Beyton Garage Tel 01359 271166

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

BOBs OIL

Save money on your heating oil, and benefit the local community

Thank you to everyone who placed a heating oil order through the Beyton Oil Buying Syndicate (BOBs Oil) for the January delivery. We ordered 16,000 litres for delivery to 16 homes in Beyton and surrounding villages. As usual, all the main local suppliers were called for a price but Watsons was cheapest yet again and received the order. The approximate cost saving per litre by buying through the syndicate this time was 3p compared to a single 1,000-litre order, representing an average saving of £30 + vat per home delivery. For those who don't haggle when ordering oil, some prices quoted from suppliers were up to 6p more per litre, representing savings up to £60 + vat available through the syndicate.

As well as saving money on home heating oil; an additional advantage of joining in the group delivery is that tanker journeys through the village are reduced, benefitting everyone.

The BOBs Oil scheme is run voluntarily by members of the Beyton Village Association (BVA), entirely for the benefit of inhabitants of Beyton and local villages. There is no cost for membership and the BVA makes nothing from running the scheme. Oil is billed from the winning supply company direct to each householder for payment. All we ask is a voluntary £5 donation to the BVA for each order placed, which will be used by the charity to help fund events and good causes to benefit the local community.



If you use home heating oil and live in Beyton or the surrounding villages then please join us for the next order which will be placed in early April. The more members we can attract and the more oil is ordered; then the cheaper the price per litre we can achieve and the more we can reduce traffic through individual tanker journeys. The minimum delivery is 500 litres and orders are placed every three months.

If you would like to be reminded when the next oil order is being placed, simply e-mail bobsoil@hotmail.co.uk. There is no obligation to place an order or to remain a member, and those taking part are also free to order their own oil at any time.

David Williams – Beyton Oil Buying Syndicate (BOBs Oil)