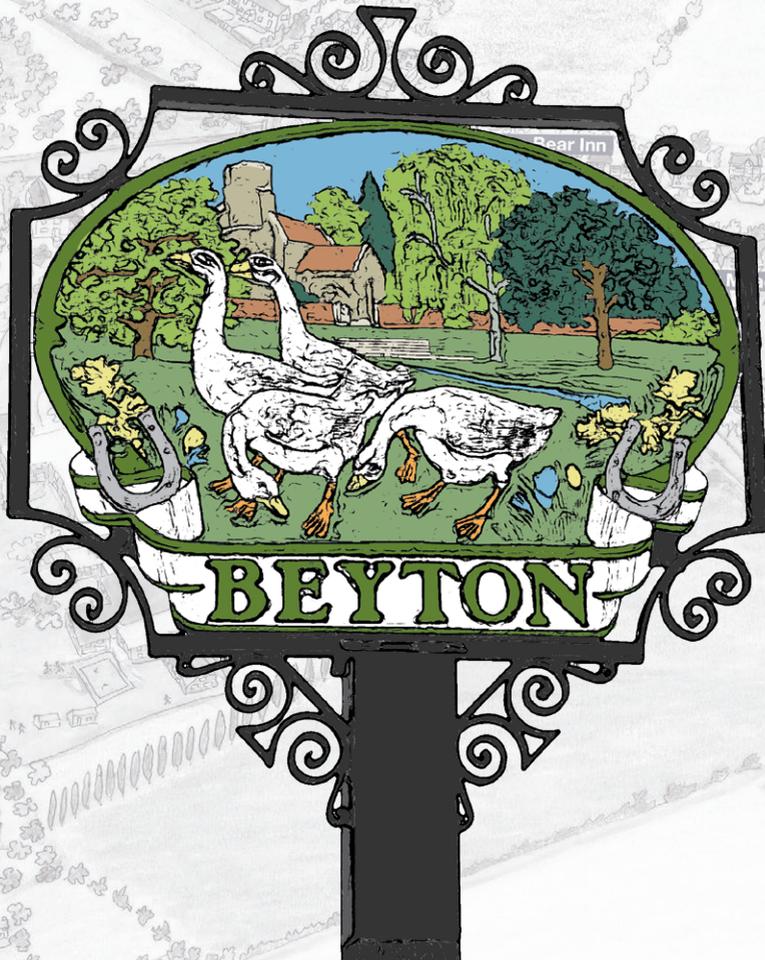


BEYTON VILLAGE NEWS



JUNE - JULY 2022



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2022



Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2022

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 8th November

Tuesday 12th July

Tuesday 13th December

Tuesday 13th September

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Beyton Vestry and will commence at 7.30pm unless notified otherwise. Please see the website or parish noticeboards to view the agendas and supporting documents.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June

2:00 – 5:00pm

Fancy Dress Competition, Games on the Green, Children's afternoon tea

8:00 – 11:00pm

National Jubilee Celebration Bonfire & Beacon with live music. Bar & Hot snacks

Village Walk

Sunday 26th June

Meet at the Old Bus Shelter 10am

Please note that all councillors now have dedicated email addresses

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION

Please let us have any contributions by **Wednesday 20th July 2022 at the latest** for consideration for the next edition.

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

EDITOR'S WELCOME

June starts with a weekend of Jubilee Celebrations, not just our own events of Thursday 2nd June but plenty of other picnics, walks and parties in our neighbouring villages.

We have a village walk of our own to look forward to in June, more details in the magazine.

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended and gave a good overview of the activities within the village.

I'd like to say thank you to all of the regular contributors to this magazine. If you have anything that you'd like to know more about or have something you'd like to share then please do get in touch.

editor@beytonvillage.news

Editor

BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The next couple of months belongs to summer activities and of course the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – so reporting on Parish Council activities can be kept to a minimum.

The Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May was extremely well attended, in all 26 parishioners came along to hear updates from our local clubs and community groups.

Presentations from the Speed Watch Team, Beyton Village Association, All Saints Church, Beyton Environmental Group, Beyton Village News, Neighbourhood Plan and Thurston Community College were well received.

Thanks to all for their fine efforts.

Enjoy the Celebrations!

Yours

Graham Jones

Chairman, Beyton Parish Council

BEYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Beyton Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion. As the BVN went to press, the revised and final Plan was due to be submitted to Beyton Parish Council for its meeting on Tuesday 14 June.

The council is expected to pass the Plan which must then be sent to MidSuffolk District Council.

They'll check that all the correct procedures and that all required documents have been submitted. The local authority will then carry out a further 6 weeks public consultation on the Plan before an independent examiner checks that the plan meets what are known as "the basic conditions".

Once the plan passes these tests, the local authority will organise a public referendum in Beyton, so that everyone of voting age who lives in the village can decide whether they support it.

If more than 50% of the voters are in favour of the plan, the local authority must bring it into force.

This means that it will form part of the statutory development plan for Beyton area, so any decisions about whether or not to grant planning permission in the future must be made by taking your our plan into consideration. Based on current experience the vote is likely to take place in Beyton around the end of the year or early in 2023.

Jonathan Wilson

Chair, Beyton Neighbourhood Plan Team

BEYTON SPEEDWATCH

The regular efforts of the Speedwatch team continue and the latest statistics show that 54 speeding vehicles were recorded during the sessions in April.

The small but hardworking team of volunteers would welcome new volunteers in order to keep the frequency of the roadside monitoring sessions.

The rota system we employ ensures that you will only be required to devote **1 hour per week** and that will be at a time convenient to you. All schemes are actively supported and encouraged by local Councils and the Police. Training is provided on use of the equipment and administration.

If you support the idea of making our village safer and would like more information on joining us, please contact your local CSW co-ordinator:

Kerry Mason

Email: speedwatchbeytonvillage@gmail.com



NEWS FROM THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Numerous College events have taken place over the past couple of months, however I thought for this edition of the newsletter I would focus on the Performing Arts. Where to start is the question!



The Dance Primary Schools Workshop

"We are A Level Dance students and we had to create a dance project which involved the local community. We decided to go to Thurston Primary School to work with a range of students from various years and perform an Easter dance for them along with getting them involved in a workshop. This workshop gave the children the opportunity to learn the basic movements in dance and gain the confidence to perform whilst having fun. It also allowed children who don't have access to dance classes outside of school to experience what we get to do everyday"

Asha, Elsie and Lucy, 17 years of age

Matilda: The Musical Jr

The Performing Arts Department was thrilled to present our production of "Matilda: The Musical Jr" at the start of this term. Some of our brilliant cast and crew have written about their experiences rehearsing for and performing the show.

"I really enjoyed being part of the Matilda production at Thurston because the experience gave me the opportunity to meet new people, learn many great skills and gain more knowledge on performing. Everyone was so encouraging and supportive, and the whole cast worked together as one. The tech crew and staff were amazing and helped every second along the way! It was so exciting to see the show come together and finishing it off with a fantastic show week! I loved every second!"

Lydia 'Matilda', 13 years of age

"In Matilda, I was the Escapologist. This was my first show and it was so cool, everything we did was so well done. When I was playing the Escapologist I had to go to certain rehearsals and it was really interesting to see how well all the parts we practiced came together so well. I enjoyed being able to come together as a Matilda cast and work with other year groups. We created a great show, great memories and great friends. This was the best show I have ever done!"

Teddy 'The Escapologist', 15 years of age

"I'm in Tech Crew and for the show I was chosen to be Radio Mic Tech 1. Being part of the crew and getting to know the cast was incredible, I have definitely made some cherished memories and new friends! The atmosphere of the show is unforgettable, so many laughs and smiles as well as some nerves and tears. Working with such an awesome team in a realistic theatre environment was a great experience. I hope to do this for my career. I can't wait for next year!"

Hannah 'Radio Mic Tech 1, Tech Crew' 14 years of age

Sing Inside

The Performing Arts Department was thrilled to welcome Maisie Hulbert, Chief Executive of Sing Inside, to deliver workshops and talks to Thurston students. Maisie gave an insight into the incredible work Sing Inside do as a charity delivering singing workshops in prisons across England and Wales. She helped our students consider the ways that music can help those that are isolated in our society, as well as giving them an insight into routes into the music charity job sector. What follows is a flavour of the students' experience in their own words.

"It was a really good workshop and I really enjoyed it! Firstly, we did some work on isolated communities (which I didn't know there were so many) and Maisie told us a bit about herself and what she does. Secondly, we did some singing and listening games that consisted of pass the beat around the room and clapping games. Thirdly, we did two songs, like a ping pong ball and Bella Mama. And finally, we learnt more about the prison and then we left. It was really good and I would definitely do it again!"

Thomas, 11 years of age

"Maisie Hulbert came for our seminar and told us about her charity, 'Sing Inside'. It is an organisation that provides free singing lessons for people in prisons in the UK. Finding out about what she did was both inspiring and very interesting. I was very proud to be a part of it."

Lola, 12 years of age

We were so proud of our students for engaging brilliantly in all these opportunities and we have lots more planned for the future!

Jean Wheeler

Assistant Principal

FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK 2022

The Festival of Suffolk is shining a spotlight on all aspects of Suffolk life to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Between Friday 13th May - Wednesday 1st June the Festival Torch Relay is making a 588-mile journey around Suffolk. Starting in Brandon on Friday 13th May, ending at the Suffolk Show on Wednesday 1st June, to be a centre-piece for the big Jubilee Pageant at the Showground (starting at 4.00pm).

On Monday 23rd May the Torch Relay came through Beyton, carried from the Beyton Hasset village boundary at the Cangles Lane & Quaker Lane junction down Church Road to the Green by Roger Brand.



*Jubilee
Torch Relay*

ATTACKED BY A BUZZARD

As a regular runner I love to see the wildlife but welcome the fact that it does not normally live up to its name. On the contrary it's generally timid and disappears if anyone approaches, though I understand helicopters are used in Kenya to keep lions away from marathon courses. Here the threats are somewhat different. Jogging on a hot summer's day across an open meadow in Cornwall last year I stopped to marvel at a buzzard that was flying high above and being mobbed by two large birds, probably crows. As it wheeled, soared and rolled over to show its talons it was like being in Springwatch. When the crows left it went into a steep dive from about 500 ft. That was even more exciting, until I realised it was coming towards me. When it got too close for comfort I waved it off. It got the message, went up and away but came straight back. This time it got closer still, within about 6ft and I could see its bright eyes and hooked beak very clearly. I shouted and waved and to my relief it flew off again, but not far before coming back twice more.

By now things were getting a bit scary, what do you do when you're in an open space, alone and being attacked by a large bird of prey? I stumbled back into the undergrowth and when I considered the bird to be at a safe distance legged it, keeping a watchful eye above and around. Back in a position of safety I could breath again as it returned to a high orbit, circling once more with its characteristic 'meewing' call. I can only think all that aggression was the result of me being close to its nest or perhaps the only thing that was moving on a sultry day and it was hungry.

Now I've always given cattle with calves, and loose dogs a wide berth but was this experience with a buzzard a one-off? Apparently not, a quick Google search revealed multiple accounts of similar experiences leaving people with bleeding heads and cyclists being chased. As a word of warning I can but say beware, Beyton has buzzards.

Roger Brand



A buzzard

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A WASP?



Thinking about the natural world is something most of us do quite a lot. We like to see the birds in the garden, the butterflies and the bees. We listen out for the bird-song in spring. We enjoy the day at the seaside, or out for a walk in the fields or woodlands. We smell the lilac, the honeysuckle and the roses.

But nature is not always so appealing, such as when the flies bother us, when the gulls make a mess on the car, or worst of all, when the wasps decide that our picnic is really for them! How many times have I heard it said, "Bees are good because they pollinate the crops, but what use are wasps? They are just a nuisance."

This is when we need to use our imagination and curiosity.

What is it actually like to be a wasp? How does the queen wasp manage to establish her nest, made exquisitely like a great paper lantern? What do wasps eat, apart from your picnic of course? They actually perform many environmental services, as do flies, cleaning up all the debris, the rotting corpses of other animals and quite a lot of poo! We would be knee-deep in detritus if we had no wasps, flies and other insects to help clear up.

How does it feel to be a dragonfly? What is it like to fly at such break-neck speed? How do they feel when they are mating and still manage to fly around looking like a flying loop and laying eggs on the pond vegetation?

What is it like to be a swift, eating, sleeping and mating in mid-air? What triggers them to migrate huge distances every year to grace our skies with their wondrous aerobatics? How does a kestrel feel when it hovers stationary above a field mouse? How does a peregrine falcon feel as it hurtles towards its prey at unbelievable speed? Is it scared?



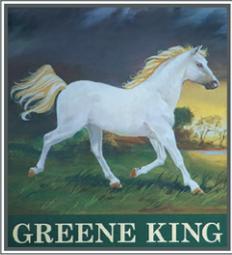
So very many questions to ask! So much information to find out!

It is exhilarating and mind-blowing to imagine the lives of other creatures from their perspective instead of from our own. It changes everything and helps us to understand the many different ways of living and surviving that there are on this planet. Other life forms are not here to serve us; they are here to live their own lives in their own way.

Go on . . . next time you have a wasp at your picnic, try to imagine the situation from its point of view!

Cathy Cass





THE WHITE HORSE

*Thursday 2nd June
Beyton Jubilee Celebrations*

Providing Children's afternoon tea on the Green
plus Bar & Refreshments in the evening

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VEGAN MENU

Vegan Lasagne, Salad & Chips	£12.50 (gf)
Spinach & Mushroom Pie	£12.50
Vegan Sausage, Mash & Onion Gravy	£12.50 (gf)
Vegan Chilli & Rice	£11.50 (gf)
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have received this letter from Rod Scott thanking Graham Rendle and his team at All Saints Church Beyton for their hard work and commitment during the current period without a Rector.



At the beginning of January our much loved, very dry humoured priest, Nick Cutler, moved away.

Prior to Nick retiring he had the stalwart help from Rev Graham Rendle and our church wardens and families.

Our wonderful church ran to every parishioner's delight, but now there is a gap! A very big gap, but you would hardly notice because the team of helpers along with Graham and his wife Diane are working doubly hard to keep us spiritually guided.

Don't forget there are four wonderful churches in our Benefice and a little help at each will make life a little easier for everyone.

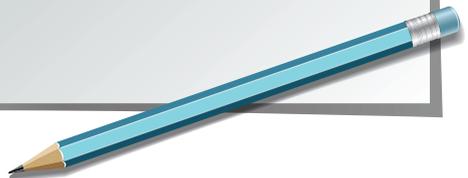
For example, I am willing and able to do building repairs and will get over to help at Rushbrooke Church ASAP.

The team that has stood in to help during this time are very good people for whom a helping hand could make life a little easier, in return they are willing to help you!

We all should be prepared to help by not adding to the load and perhaps offering to help in any way that we can.

Kind regards

Rod Scott BEM



BEYTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

Spring into Summer

As I write this article we are heading rapidly towards Summer and Beyton is looking lovely. The recent rain has helped and most importantly, the swifts arrived in the second week of May. They can now be seen soaring high overhead to feed on insects, or screaming low in groups around the houses. Make the most of them. They leave again in early August with the adults going first and the young following some days later. Swifts are in serious decline and they need our help. Look out for the nest boxes on the church and the White Horse. Do you have a suitable site for a beatbox ready for next year?

As there seem to be a number of people who have recently moved the village, I thought I would take you for a short walk round the village to explain what BEG does and to highlight some of the key points we have noted in our wildlife surveys. Apologies to those who know all this already.

I won't dwell too much on the Village Green as this is well known to visitors to Beyton but BEG maintains the nest boxes and some of our group help with other maintenance work such as managing the vegetation along the stream. Cutting the fringing plants is carefully managed to maintain the water flow, but also to continue to provide cover for wildlife. This spring, the area around the green has been enhanced by patches of wildflowers such as the champions by the village sign and the blue alkanet near the bus shelter. These create diversity both aesthetically and environmentally and this is what we need for us as humans and for wildlife.

Head down Church Road. BEG manages the old orchard at Thurston Sixth. The orchard developed when the school was a secondary modern and pupils were taught horticulture. We aim to maintain the orchard status and have planted some additional traditional fruit trees. The inner section is managed more as a "wildwood" in which insects are flourishing. Steve, our site warden, has recorded over 200 species of invertebrates and the number is growing rapidly. There is no public access to this site. The school is keen to support Beyton wildlife and we are hoping that we can arrange an open event in the future so that local people can appreciate the value of the orchard project.

Continue down Church Road. There is a surprising number of wildflowers making use of the diverse habitats. This includes bare soil, uncut verges, flint walls and pavement edges. The hedge to the west is a favourite place for our local house sparrow colony. Look out for the resident kestrel over the "set aside" and there is also the possibility of buzzard and red kite (distinguished by the forked tail).

On to the church and the churchyard. This is an example of what can happen if you mow less and let the wildflowers flourish. In the 1990s BEG persuaded the church to leave some areas uncut. The result is that we now have almost 100 species of flowering plants that provide a beautiful display during the spring

and summer. All of the plants arrived naturally and some, such as meadow saxifrage, lesser stitchwort and quaking grass, are quite unusual for this area. There is relatively little maintenance involved. We cut the wildflower areas after the plants have shed their seed and rake off the cuttings. This is important because, if the cuttings were allowed to rot down, they would add nutrients to the soil and grasses would dominate. We also scarify the plots in March to remove excessive moss and we keep an eye on the ground elder, cutting as needed. This is an easy way to develop a wildflower plot in the garden. Just leave a section unmown and see what comes up. Keep taking away the cuttings in late summer and the poorer soil should support more wildflowers.

Proceed along the public footpath through the “wood” towards Drinkstone Road. As you emerge into the fields you will see a hedge to your left. BEG has been involved in “gapping up” which means filling in gaps in the hedge to create a complete wildlife corridor and windbreak. We planted a mixture of deciduous shrubs about three years ago and they have done well. Young trees have a tough time surviving drought, wind and browsing by deer and rabbit, not to mention being shaded out by nettles. This spring, we have removed the spirals and canes so that the saplings can have space to grow. Further down the hedge line is a newer planting that will need longer and has a had a very dry spring to contend with. The fields on either side of the hedge are planted with beans-probably for animal feed. This crop is good in rotations because beans, like all legumes, have nodules on their roots that fix nitrogen in the soil, thereby reducing the need for expensive nitrate fertilisers. The flowers are also attractive to bees. I am not sure if field beans are susceptible to black fly, but the flowers should be good for bees.

From the end of the footpath, it is possible to walk along Drinkstone Road to Cangles Lane to make a circular route. However, this is probably not to be recommended as Drinkstone Road is narrow and some drivers do not expect to see pedestrians. Best to retrace your tracks to the churchyard, cross the road towards the garage and take the only official public footpath across the “set aside” back towards Church Road and the Green.

In the next edition we will look at the “set aside’ and head down Quaker Lane to BEG’s other site at Oak Tree Pond.

BEG is always seeking to involve more people in the village. Whether you would like to join work parties, be involved in surveys, share your sightings or just show your support, you would be very welcome. Please contact me on 07557 989592.

OR come along to a **walk around some of our sites on Wednesday 20 July. Meet at the old bus shelter on the Green at 7pm.**

Val Conanboy

Chair, Beyton Environmental Group

Roger Brand
with the
Jubilee torch



GEORGE HAS RETIRED

You may have heard that our regular newspaper delivery service carried out for many years by George Whitton has now ended as George has retired. Many thanks from us all, we wish you a very happy retirement.

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The Green

The Gardens

You are here

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The White Horse

The Birches

Church Road