

Beyton Village News

JUNE – JULY 2025



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Dates for your Diaries 2025

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2025

1st July 2025
2nd September 2025
7th October 2025

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

Monday 2nd June	10am-12	Church Vestry
Monday 16th June	2-4pm	*a trial afternoon session*
Monday 7th July		
Thursday 17th July		

Village Walk

Friday 25th July	6pm	Meet at Old Bus Shelter
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Ceilidh on the Green

Friday 22nd August	7:30pm	The Marquee
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Beyton Fayre

Saturday 23rd August	2-5pm	The Green
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Deadline for next edition:

Friday

18th July 2025

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
Letters welcome.

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Editor's Welcome

Welcome to the June-July edition of the magazine.

As always there is lots going on and I do think that we are very fortunate to have plenty of opportunities to socialise and have fun in Beyton. Thanks to the teams involved in putting these things together.

I know that the dry weather brings its challenges for gardeners, farmers and wildlife but the warm spring has been lovely and the village is as pretty as a picture.

More activities are in their planning stages. Looking forward to seeing many of you out and about during the next few weeks.

Editor

Beyton Parish Council

Chairman's report

I have really struggled to find what to report on for this edition of the BVN, all I could come up with was a few lines about the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 6th May.

There were very interesting presentations from various organisation such as the Beyton Village Association, The Parish Churches of Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke, the Beyton Website, Beyton Environmental Group, Beyton and Hessett Village Hall and Thurston Community College. Every one of the representatives spoke with great enthusiasm about what they had achieved and their future plans. Unfortunately, there was only a handful of people in the audience to hear the good messages. I would certainly recommend attending next year.

So, having still not decided what to include in my report, I took my dog for a walk round Chevins Wood, maybe his company and the fine countryside would give me inspiration?

The dog was more interested in sniffing out rabbits but luckily, I happened to bump into Ann Alderton, our Vice-Chair, and her husband Paul. While chatting she reminded me that we have several thousand pounds of Community Infrastructure money which could be used to buy more play equipment for The Green but she made the following suggestion: "Why not use your report to ask villagers what they would like to see?"

A great idea and hence, here is the invitation.

Do you have any thoughts on how this money could be spent to benefit the community? If so, please send your suggestions to our Clerk, Claire Usher parishclerk@beyton-pc.gov.uk

We very much look forward to hearing your ideas

Spring Clean Up

It would be easy to imagine that a second-hand car tyre business had opened in Beyton!

Not the case, just the number of car parts we found during our Spring village Clean Up. As usual most of the rubbish our twenty volunteers collected was found on the key roads leading into Beyton.



The successful morning was celebrated with tasty refreshments at the White Horse. Many thanks to all who came out to help.

Fire Danger

This spring is fast becoming one of the driest and warmest on record. Whilst we enjoy the sunshine and the high temperatures, we need to remember the accompanying dangers.

Beyton boasts several beautiful thatched cottages which are particularly vulnerable at this time. Please be extra careful if you need to have bonfires and make sure there is no subsequent damage to neighbouring properties.

Yours **Graham Jones** *Chairman, Beyton Parish Council*

Nature Notes



Following on from the idea sent to the last magazine that it would be interesting to have a 'Nature Notes' section in the magazine I have received the following submission. If you have any similar observations, please feel free to send them in.

The Simple Joys of Nature in Beyton

We are lucky to live in a lovely village surrounded by the countryside where simple things are important to our wellbeing.

Last week, for the first time ever, I saw a weasel in our garden. Long and thin like a light brown furry sausage it busily scampered back and forth at great speed, occasionally diving under the summer house but hasn't been seen since.

Recent tree trimming in our garden revealed a pleasant surprise. Out of nearly 100 mistletoe berries rubbed onto the bark of different trees a few years ago, two have taken and sprigs of growth have appeared.

We have a pair of pied wagtails in our garden, they must have a nest nearby. I wonder where?

Cuckoos have a dubious lifestyle but such a wonderful call. I heard one a day or so ago and knew that spring was well and truly here.

When I hear a song thrush I stop and listen. Three or four renditions of a song, stop, a new song, stop, change again and again and again. It makes me smile.

Roger Brand



Village Walk

The last walk was held on Sunday 13th April and went on footpaths from Felsham to Bradfield Woods and then criss crossed this way and that through the woods using the different paths before returning to Felsham. Some walkers then headed into The Six Bells for Sunday lunch and a well earned drink!

The next walk is on Friday 25 July leaving the old bus shelter on The Green at 6.00pm and will include a stop part way round at a local pub. The walk will be approx 5 to 6 miles and we will aim to be back in the village by 8.30 at the latest.

The village walks are very social as people tend to chat as they walk, and it is a great way of getting to know other villages. Everyone welcome, including new walkers, children and dogs (on leads). Hope to see you there.



Beyton Quiz

The annual Beyton Quiz was held at the Beyton Sixth Form on Friday 28th March, and we had a record entry of 25 teams. The Beyton Bad Baristas did a great job of setting the questions. The winning team in a tightly contested event were The Cardigans who won not only the Golden Egg trophy but also the honour of setting the questions next year.

Thanks to all the teams who entered and apologies to anyone who had problems with their food not being delivered. We have taken this up with our suppliers to ensure that this doesn't happen in future, and we would like to thank all those people who were affected for being so understanding.

May was a busy month for the BVA with two quite significant events held in quick succession.

VE Day

The VE day celebration event on Saturday 3rd May was a great success. Seventy Five people enjoyed a 1940s style hot meal at The White Horse, including some who adventurously chose traditional spam fritters, followed by a piece of VE day decorated cake. After the meal a tribute was read by Graham Jones, Chair of the Parish Council and our Vicar, the Rev'd Canon Julia Lall to commemorate VE day and celebrate peace. Then the beacon was lit followed by some enthusiastic swing dancing to 1940s music.

Thanks to Beyton Parish Council, whose grant supported the cost of the event, and to the White Horse for hosting the event and being able to feed 75 people in one sitting. Well done to the kitchen staff for doing such a great job! Also thanks to those villagers who truly got into the spirit of it and dressed up in 1940s style clothes as there were some fantastic outfits on display!

Open Gardens

Car event on the Green and Open Gardens took place on Saturday 24th May.

10am saw the BBQ fired up, bacon butties and sausage rolls starting to roll off the grill, cars arriving onto the green and the plant stall attracting plenty of attention.

There were 11 gardens on display all very different and equally beautiful. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day keen to see the gardens. The damp start didn't seem to put anyone off and the as the BBQ finished the afternoon teas proved to be very popular.

A huge thank you to everyone who opened their gardens, for all of the hard work that went into it, we have had lovely feedback and much appreciation for them all.

Thanks too to everyone involved in organising the cars, the plant stall, Beyton Environmental Group stall and the catering team and all of the people who baked and donated scones for our afternoon teas.

Beyton Fayre Weekend

Our next big event is Beyton Fayre, please see the centre spread of the magazine for more detail.

We have made a change to our usual Open Mic event in the Marquee on the Friday night and this year we are holding a Barn Dance and have booked a Ceilidh Band.

Details of how to book are in the centre pages of the magazine. Drinks and hot snacks will be available to buy on the night.

We will be making our usual requests for donations such as bric-a-brac, bottles, cakes, books and also help. If you feel that you would be able to spare any time to help in any way, we would be very grateful. Please email beytonvillageassociation@gmail.com

Hope to see you there.



80TH ANNIVERSARY

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS





BEYTON FAYRE

on the village green

2pm-5pm



Saturday

23rd

August 2025

BEYTON FAYRE 2025

Friday 22nd August

7.30-11.00pm Barn Dance with Skylarking Ceilidh Band.
ONLY £5.00 per person.

Book + pay for tickets in advance by emailing:
beytonvillageassociation@gmail.com with name/number of tickets.

Bar and hot snacks available to purchase.

Saturday 23rd August – THE BEYTON FAYRE!

Arrangements are still being finalised but are likely to include the following:

2pm

The Fayre begins with a large assortment of traditional stalls:

Tombolas
Coconut shy
Bowling
Dog scurry
Splat the Rat
Hook the Duck

3pm

Children's races, including sack race and egg & spoon race

4pm

Dog Show

4.45pm

Tug of War for adults

... Finishing with the traditional Beyton water bomb throwing competition'

*Live Music and
Bar and Barbecue
Throughout The Day*

Plus

Produce tent for competition entries • Auction of promises
Classic Cars • face painting • birds of prey • bounce fitness
petting animals • tea tent • and cake, plant and book stalls

The Fayre can't run without your support. If you are willing to help out with running a stall on the day, please ring Anselm on 01359 270176.

Watch out for further details and finalised arrangements in the next edition of the Beyton Village News coming out in early August!

Beyton Open Gardens



Mobile Signal Strength in Beyton

Results of Survey Feb-Mar 2025

A survey of mobile signal strengths in Beyton was carried out via the village website during the months of February and March 2025. The outcome indicated the overall service is poor with a high level of dissatisfaction.

Main Points

- A total of 31 replies were received spread equally across the village.
- The average score was 3.4 (see note below)
- Only 3 replies (10% of repondents) reported a score above 5
- 11 replies (35%) scored just 1.
- The majority of comments were along the lines; poor, very poor, nothing at times, rubbish, a disgrace, doesn't work
- One report commented 'works well'
- A popular suggestion was the use of Wi-Fi Calling to improve a connection.

Network Providers, Users and Scores were as follows:

Network	Number of Users	Average Score
EE	10	5.3
Three	4	3.3
Vodafone	6	3.0
O2	11	1.9
'Network' includes virtual operators; Smarty (1 report) Lebara (1) Tesco (2) Giffgaff (3) and iD Mobile (1) all used		

Note: the scoring system in this survey is 1 (low) to 10 (high)

Conclusion

It is concluded that the mobile signal strength in Beyton is poor with no single provider significantly better than another anywhere in the village. A popular facility is Wi-Fi Calling used by several to obtain a noticeable improvement. This is available on most phones and is supported by most network operators. It uses any Wi-Fi system available at the time to make a call when network strength is poor. However, the facility needs to be switched on, typically by going to Settings, Connections, Wi-Fi Calling.

Many thanks to all who took part.

Roger Brand



Thurston Sixth's Challenges Abroad Visit to Panama

In February a group of twenty students from the Sixth Form embarked on a five-thousand-mile trip; all the way from our small Suffolk villages, to the beautiful country of Panama. None of us were truly aware of what to expect but we were pleasantly surprised by the natural beauty in addition to its shipping industries.

Panama City

We flew in to Panama City; a vibrant metropolis, united by both old and new. We were surrounded by an incredible skyline of towering skyscrapers together with the beautiful colonial buildings of the Casco Viejo district.

We had time to explore the 'New City', as well as the 'Old City', allowing us to further our knowledge of the economic and architectural developments of the country. We stood next to the Panama Canal, deemed to be one of the most fundamental engineering achievements in history, linking the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, which changed global trade routes forever. We were taught about the past, the present and the future expansions and evolution of the canal and were lucky enough to experience the ten-minute process of a cargo ship entering and exiting one of the canal's twelve locks.



We visited the 'Old City'; a historical district which truly captures the country's vibrant community culture and its affluent heritage. Wandering down the cobbled streets, we were welcomed by warm rays of sun and a joyous atmosphere created by the locals, providing a strong sense of safety. We all bought Panamanian sweet treats from the street vendors. Those studying Spanish at A level practised their language skills whilst the rest of us practised our non-verbal interact with locals to make ourselves understood!

Pedasi

After our first weekend exploring Panama City, we travelled south of the country to a small coastal town called Pedasi. Our mornings consisted of voluntary work at a small conservation project; whereby we helped with the reforestation of jungles planting seeds and saplings. Our afternoons involved litter pick walks to the local beach and supporting community projects



El Valle De Anton

Our final week in Panama was spent in the town of El Valle, situated in the crater of an extinct volcano. We climbed La India Dormida Mountain, which stood at an altitude of a whopping 3150 ft! The final view was so worth the hike we had endured and an experience we will collectively treasure together forever. Our mornings here were spent leading a summer camp for school children aged six to eleven, teaching them about the process of recycling. This was an amazing experience for both us as students, as well as the school children, seeing their confidence grow along with their English skills.



Home

Now back home in England, our trip has come to an end, however each one of us has returned with our own stories to tell, along with memories and bonds that are bound to last a lifetime.



HESSETT OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY
7th JUNE 2025

13:00 to 17:00

**Tickets sold
at the Village Hall**

IP30 9AX

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 2nd June

Monday 16th June 2-4pm *trial afternoon session*

Monday 7th July

Thursday 17th July

For more information, please contact:

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Sunday 8am-9pm

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Opening hrs: Mon-Sat 6:30am-
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