

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 45th Year

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BEAN'S TALK

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Household in Bean.

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We welcome new residents to the village and to the Residents Association's quarterly Newsletter. Please feel free to contribute your thoughts, ideas and comments.

BEAN PARISH FAIR

**SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
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12 UNTIL 4

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Bill (editor)

**THE COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER
BEAN'S TALK IS TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER.**

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

Cllr.	Councillor	KCC	Kent County Council
DATPC	Dartford Association of Town and Parish Councils	KHS	Kent Highway Services
DBC	Dartford Borough Council	PACT	Partners And Community Together
		PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
		RA	Residents Association.

Information from the monthly meetings of

The Bean Residents Association.

The following notes are updates from the June and July 2010 meetings.

Planning Matters - *Vision Homes - Residents Consultations.*

Ian Coward for Vision Homes, gave a presentation of the proposal for 10 homes in Beacon Drive / Drudgeon Way. Applications for 12 and 14 units had been rejected. The Japanese knotweed would have to be removed and the sewer diverted.

There was also concern about the blocking of light to adjacent properties as well as boundary Issues. Affordable housing would also be a problem given the smaller number of houses. Following the presentation Mr. Coward accepted an invitation to come to the August residents meeting.

{Note: Councillors take no part in Pre-submission, Residents Consultation}.

Secretary's Report:

The rubbish behind the Beacon Drive flats has been removed several times but DBC will not touch it as it is on private land. The Refuse Department to be approached

The hole in the fence alongside the A2 had not yet been mended, but red and white tape had been placed to mark the location.

The hole in the pavement in Foxwood Road has been fenced off by KCC.

Some residents attended the Speed Indicator Device Training (SID) at Police Headquarters. It was suggested that lamp post speed logging equipment, offered by the police, be used first to confirm there is a problem, in which case we would use the equipment and suggest locations for the police safety audit.

The Parish Council's request to KCC about progress on more lighting for School Lane is still to be addressed. (See page 21).

DISCLAIMER: The Editor and Association Officers of the Bean Residents Association do not necessarily agree with all the views and advice expressed within this newsletter and whilst every care has been taken to ensure accuracy of the information cannot accept liability from erroneous information published herein.

The Parish Council is to investigate whether 6 probationers could be used on Community Projects in Bean.

The Community Bus.

Work has been carried out on the brakes. The Parish Council had donated £500 towards the repair of the tail-lift. Applications for grants towards the cost of a new bus have been made.

Volunteer drivers are urgently required , particularly for the Thursday shopping trip to Dartford - please help if you can.

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch: (See page 18)

The Bean's Talk.

The editor requested more local news, club or group information and items of interest for inclusion in the newsletter.

Community Warden's report. (See page 8).

Other Village issues and any other business mentioned were:

The Annual Parish Fair will be held on Sunday 12th September - all stalls have now been taken.

The Parish Council have written to local firms about the fete. Bluewater had been supportive.

The Parish Council have a right to raise recommendations to any planning applications or transport matters.

The planning application for a flat roofed bungalow in the garden of "Los Alamos" has been approved with strict conditions.

The manhole cover in School Lane behind the school was leaking and the water running down the Lane.

The Scouts request for an allotment was passed to Stella Nichols.

The Parish await a reply reference metric version of the 6'-6" width restriction road sign.

Dropped kerbs still awaited outside the school,

A large number of foxes have been seen around the village.

The contract for installing the recreational equipment in the recreation ground has now been signed and work is in hand.

For the date of the next meeting see next page.

**The next Residents Association Meeting will be
The Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Community Centre,
On Monday 6th September starting at 8.15.
Mr. Coward of Vision Homes will be inattendance.
The meeting will follow a PACT meeting starting at 7.15pm.
All Bean residents are invited to attend both meetings.**

The Sponsored walk in support of the Bean Bus

The proposed organised sponsored walk to assist our fund raising towards the purchase a new community bus, as our present one is fast approaching it's use-by date, is due to take place early in September. At the time of writing this the date and a suitable route have yet to be finalised.

The route will not be a long or arduous walk and if you are able to climb over a stile you would be helping the village and even have a fun day out.

Fancy dress is optional.

If you are able to take part please phone Neil on 01474 832115, If I'm not in just leave a message and I'll get back to you when I know the final details.

A TREASURER IS WANTED.

The Residents Association requires the sevicees of a Treasurer to replace Colin who is standing down at the Annual General Meeting.

If you feel that you can help the Association and would like more information on the duties etc. Please contact the Secretary, (Contact details on page 28) or Colin Smith on 01474 832 793.

Keep your motorcycle safe.

Kent police advice is to:

Lock the bike and set the alarm,

Lock it to something secure, special fittings are available,

Use a **motorbike cover** and

Have the bike marked with its **vehicle identification number (VIN)**.

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS information.

We wish to let all villagers know that the bus is "Hail and Ride" on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For a return fare of £2 we go to Morrisons every Wednesday and Dartford on Thursday, except the last Thursday of each month when we go to Gravesend.

The bus starts out from the Black Horse at 10am, goes up the hill and turns left into School Lane through to Page Close where it turns round at the bottom, goes back to Beacon Drive and turns into Stonewood At the post box it turns back along Stonewood and at Beacon Drive turns right and through to the mini roundabout where it turns right out of the village.

If you live in a road not on this route go to the nearest point on the route where you can hail the bus. On the return journey we will go into your road and and drop you off as close to your home as possible.

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BEAN COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS SCHEDULE

**If you are interested in any of the trips below please contact
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Date	Venue	Bus Fare	Depart Bean
Tuesday 31st August	Hastings	£10	9.30am
Tuesday 7th Sept.	Tenterten	£9	
Friday 24th Sept.	Canterbury - Food Fair	£10	
Friday 8th October	Leeds Castle - entry £17-50, Seniors £15, <i>English Heritage</i> . Autumn Glory Flower Festival inc.	£8	10am
Tuesday 23rd Nov.	Lakeside	£6	
Tuesday 14th Dec.	Canterbury	£10	

**The Bus Team is still in desperate need of volunteer drivers to
cover day trips, weekends, evenings and the shopping trips
Particularly the Thursday morning trip to Dartford/Gravesend.**

**An ordinary clean driving licence is required and volunteers need to be 25
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The ANNUAL PARISH FAIR Sunday 12th September 2010.

I am pleased to say that all of the stalls have been booked.
If anyone else is interested let me know and we will try to fit you in.
We are still keen to hear from anyone who might like to volunteer a little bit of their time on the day and from any business in the village who would like to donate a prize for the raffle.

For any information call Alison on 01474 707 206, or e - mail the clerk at BeanPC@dsl.pipex.com

The PACT Meeting - 7th June - Points raised.

The following matters were discussed:

Parking on Southfleet Road hill by parents picking up their children, and the proposed yellow lines in Southfleet Road - referred to the transport meeting.

A Transport Plan for the school which will require funding,
Many parents do not live in Bean so are not concerned about the effect on the village and a suggestion that a questionnaire be given out to find out where parent drivers live,

Anti-social behaviour in Foxwood Road,

Juggernauts still trying to go through the village - PCSOs to speak to the Fruit Depot,

Speed Checks by village volunteers with equipment lent by the police.
Police to have a meeting with volunteers.

Temporary Community Warden Aaron Kaye's Report.

The following items have been / are being investigated :

Flytipping in Shellbank Lane,

Motorbikes being ridden in the woods behind the flats,

Brambles overhanging the footpaths are to be cut back,

Parking and obstruction on the grass verges by the school,

Details of The **ROYAL OAK** Childrens Christmas Party which will be held in the village hall, Father Christmas deliveries and the Old Folks Christmas Dinner will be in the next edition of the Bean's Talk Newsletter.

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Many Thanks to all who helped Bean Scout Group to collect vouchers this year. We broke our own record by collecting 4,050 vouchers. We have traded these in for a 5 man tent and a camp airer which we will use on our next camp. In addition we banked the leftover vouchers ready for next years campaign. Once again many thanks to you all for shopping at Sainsbury's. Next year if you would like to donate your vouchers, you can do so by dropping them in to Bean Community Centre on Wednesday evenings.

Wild Fire Cub Pack, Bean

CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 24th February, Wild Fire Cubs saw 7 of our older children awarded with their Chief Scout Silver Awards. The ceremony was held within The Mayor's Chamber at Dartford Civic Centre, where the Cubs met The Worshipful Mayor of Dartford, Councillor Mrs Jennifer Rickwood. The Mayor presented 33 of Dartford District Cubs with their certificates and thanked them all for their hard work and enthusiasm and wished them all luck for their future achievements. The children also met with Kent County Commissioner for Cubs, Bunty Ridgway.

The Chief Scout Silver Award is the highest award possible for a Cub Scout to achieve, and to obtain it requires the Cub to complete all 6 challenge badges, each of which has up to 4 subject areas to finish.

The Cubs in question have worked very hard over the past six weeks to complete several areas of 2 challenge badges, which required them to do "homework / research" and make presentations to their fellow Cubs. Quite often Cubs don't realise they are taking part in the challenges as we incorporate a lot of the work within other areas of our meetings, day trips and camps, taking the pressure off the children.

We would like to say a very heartfelt Well Done to Chloe, Niall, Alice, Thorin, Ian, Jack and Thomas.

Wild Fire Cubs have had a rather fun filled summer term. They have enjoyed finishing off their Naturalist badges, which we initially started in October 2009, but with our inclement weather it has been difficult trying to find fair weather to go and identify trees, flowers and animals.

The pack had a wonderful Chocolate night, where they learnt about how it is made and enjoyed chocolate related games and tasting various chocolate bars.

Another evening was all about Fair Trade. The cubs had their own trading post and had to buy, make and re-sell products to earn the most Scout Pounds. We saw some rather interesting items that night.

Our World Cup theme night saw the Cubs learning facts about Spain, Germany, Uruguay, and Norway as part of the Global challenge.

The Cubs spent a meeting pretending to be spys, breaking codes to find hidden messages and on July 14th they enjoyed a Bastille Day Olympic event, in the park with the Beavers, with French Stick Javelins, Onion Shot Puts and Garlic tossing.

Wild Fire Cubs spent a wonderful hot weekend on camp at Buckmore Park with the rest of Dartford District. Taking part in activities such as caving, orienteering, fire lighting and many more. Wild Fire won the district Scavenger Hunt, completing it in a record time of 32 minutes. As there were no showers on site our cubs helped Andy to design and build one for our Cubs to try out. They had a lot of fun.

The pack ended the term with a swimming evening at our local pool, not to earn a badge, just to have fun after all the hard work they have put in.

We will return on Wednesday 8th September 2010. Have a great summer break. If your child is interested in Cubs (boy or girl) then please come along on Wednesday evenings between 18:00 - 19:30 during term time, or contact us through our website www.beanscouting.org.uk *Faye.*



BEAN SCHOOL

PAMPER EVENING

Friday 24th September, 7pm - 10pm

Friends of Bean School are hosting an evening of indulgence and pampering at the School to raise funds for the children of Bean School.

These evenings have always been a success and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets go on sale at the start of the new term outside the school gates at 3pm, alternatively, purchase them on the night.

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The Bean Youth and Community Centre.

Scheduled to re-open on the 6th September requires volunteers to help paint the walls new plaster and the new woodwork during the period 31st August to 5th September. If you are able to help please ring 01474 708916 or contact a committee member.

Please help on this last phase of the work.

St. Nicholas at Bean

By the time you read this the Village Hall will have been refurbished. We as a Church are most grateful for the hospitality that has been afforded to us each week by Scott and Emma at the 'Black Horse Public House'. It has meant that our regular Sunday service has been maintained throughout the refurbishment. Thank you very much.

From Sunday 13th September we shall be back at the 'Hall'. If you have any 'Woollen' items for the Mustard Seed appeal this year, we would be happy to receive them on Sunday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am up until the 26th September.

We will also be able to receive any 'Shoe Boxes' you may have between the same hours each week right up until **21st November** when there will be a **Thanksgiving service at 3.00pm**. As has been the custom over many years All are welcome to join us and also help load the boxes into the van for transportation to Mustard Seed headquarters in Eastbourne. With your help we could make it 1000 boxes this year.

Harvest Festival takes place on Sunday 3rd October at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. We collect not only gifts of food for distribution around the Parish but also Shoe boxes.

Sunday 5th December is St. Nicholas day and on this occasion, it would be nice if you could bring a toy, together with a piece of wrapping paper. The toys will be given to the Ellenor Lion's Hospice and will be distributed to very sick children.

Our annual CAROL SERVICE will be at 6.30pm on 12th December this year. Come early to make sure of seat. This is always a popular service and you will be most welcome.

The Church Fellowship in Bean is made up of all ages. The first Sunday each month is when our Beavers, Cubs and Brownies parade. We are always pleased to welcome their parents too.

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Bean Walking Group

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This is a view from one of our walks. Can anyone guess where it is?

We never make it hard work and members decide themselves where they want to go and for how long. Apart from walking you can catch up with the latest rumours in the village so anyone interested, weather permitting; we start off at 10 am on Mondays outside the entrance to Drudgeon Farm in School Lane.



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The book contains over 140 outstanding photographs of Kent - many of which are instantly recognised as being taken in this area. What a refreshing change from the "chocolate box" pictures usually featured extolling our County.

Published by Halsgrove with the ISBN number 978 1 84114 760 4 the book would make an ideal gift.

Some of the photographs are featured on a calendar by Salmon Publishing - Kent Calendar 2011- which will soon be in the shops.

A new book, "Kent in Winter" is due to be published just before Christmas which Andreas Byrne has told us contains many photographs of Longfield and the surrounding area so we await that with interest.

Sally & Alan Weeks

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Beware of uninvited callers.

Please be careful not to allow someone to enter your home without first checking their identity is correct, if necessary by telephoning their employer. Any legitimate business employee should be happy for you to do this, will carry proper identification, and will allow you to ask them to return at a later date.

Always use a door chain when answering to an unknown caller, and do not accept any goods or services that you do not require. Note that any goods or services priced above £35 require a written cancellation notice to be issued allowing you seven days within which to change your mind and cancel the contract.

Incidents of cold calling recently include:

Roofers offering to do work which may not be necessary,
Garden clearance and tree trimming, etc.

If you or someone you know receives a visit from any trader in this manner, please report it to Consumer Direct on 08454 040506, and if concerned about your security or personal safety, please also inform Kent Police on 01622 690690.

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BEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Street Lighting in School Lane

The Parish Council has received requests from concerned parents of children attending Bean Primary School to assist them in securing street lighting for the section of road between the junction with Southfleet Road and the end of the school property, around the bend, in School Lane.

This is a proposal that the Parish Council has been pursuing with Kent County Council for many years but to no avail. Kent Highways have advised us that: *The request has been considered in the past and unfortunately it would be a low priority for inclusion in the County Council's programme of Integrated Transport schemes (Small Improvements). There are many similar requests Countywide and funding is only available for those schemes that score highly against agreed objectives relating to casualty reduction, congestion relief, improved accessibility by non car modes and air quality improvements.*

The improvement programme for 2010/11 is already fully committed, budgets in future years are likely to be even tighter and the reality is that a lighting scheme for School Lane is unlikely to be a priority for funding from this programme in the foreseeable future.

The Ward's County Councillor, Jeremy Kite, has offered the school the sum of £1,000 to install lighting within their perimeter and it is our understanding that during the school holidays a lamp-post will be installed adjacent to the gate of the main pedestrian access which will illuminate the approach to the school.

The Parish Council has investigated the costs of installing footpath lighting along this section of School Lane and the indications of cost are in the region of £30,000. If the Parish Council was to proceed with this it would need to increase its Precept (an order to collect money under a rate) by this amount. This would mean an increase in the Parish portion of your Council tax of £47-70 per household for the year 2011-12 and a proportion in subsequent years to cover maintenance and supply charges.

The Parish Council is mindful of the needs of the Community as a whole and would therefore welcome your comments on the above suggestion, in writing, either to the Parish Office or by email to Beanpc@dsl.pipex.com

Jan Becket Clerk to Bean Parish Council

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Foxes in Bean

In the last few weeks even more foxes than usual have been patrolling the village.

Some years ago a fox decapitated our pet rabbit. When discussing this later with a farmer he said how foxes had done the same to twenty of his chickens in a coop – not to eat them but merely for 'sport or thuggery'. We have a pair of young marauding foxes that roam our garden, day and night and, having no fear, are very difficult to shoo.

We are concerned about the well being of our geriatric cat. One fox even entered the house through the open back door and turned a bit nasty when evicted. With hindsight we now realise we might have been inadvertently encouraging them with food left out for the birds.

Our milk bottles have been rolled down the slope of the front garden and then broke in the road causing a serious puncture hazard. Other village residents have had some pet birds killed; another has lost trainer shoes whilst others have had charity clothes bags ripped open. Coupled with their smell, faeces and noise foxes are not always good neighbours.

If we want to discourage foxes then we need to undertake a number of steps. The most likely reason foxes are in the vicinity is because the living is easy and so the first step is to remove any likely food they would fancy. Other vital actions include keeping all domestic refuse in wheelie bins, not leaving food out for other animals and birds and removing overgrown vegetation which might provide safe shelter for them.

Some residents may be feeding the foxes deliberately and this is their choice to enjoy. However, it needs to be understood that making the foxes reliant on a food source like this, needs to be kept up forever - particularly in the winter. Likewise, if the fox is injured or contracts mange (which can be passed on to dogs, cats and rabbits) then this becomes their responsibility.

For those who decide the presence of foxes in their garden is not acceptable there are ways of discouraging them, although none are foolproof or permanent. Humane, cheap and harmless repellents are generally recommended. These are scented materials that make the foxes nervous and encourage them to move on to another territory. 'Scoot', 'Get-off' and 'Cat-off' are three such deterrents that work in different ways and are available at many garden centres. These will encourage foxes to go elsewhere but they may return in two to three weeks, at which stage the repellent is re-applied. The law does not permit the use of products such as creosote and diesel oil.

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Notes from the Parish Council Chairman's Report for 2009/10

In September we were saddened to receive Cllr. Betty Martin's resignation due to ill health. Cllr. Martin has been a stalwart member of this Council since 1995 and Chairman since 1998 and will be a great loss to the Council. We are pleased that she has agreed to continue to assist the Council as a consultant and I know that our clerk refers to her as 'the font of all knowledge'.

Back in December 2008 the governors of Bean School were considering installing solar lighting to illuminate the footpath outside the school.

Unfortunately nothing came from that suggestion and since then we have lobbying KHS to provide lighting. We even got as far as meeting with a Lighting Inspector who drew up a set of plans for us but KHS advised us that the scheme was a low priority and unlikely to be considered for funding in the foreseeable future. Recently we met with parent representatives of the school and Jeremy Kite, leader of DBC and Kent County Councillor for Bean and the proposal has been put forward to governors that they install lighting on their site and approach the County and Parish for some funding towards it. We hope that the governors will consider this proposal and that we may be able to assist them with funding.

The parking in School Lane at school drop-off and pick-up continues to be a huge problem. We have met on many occasions with the school, police, KHS and the local bus company to endeavour to find a solution. The installation of yellow lines on the brow of Bean Hill seems to be only effective during the presence of the police and we are all extremely concerned that it will only be a matter of time until a child is injured crossing either Bean Hill or School Lane.

The 2009 Parish Fair, despite the chilly weather, was again a successful event and the small profit that was made by the Council will be put towards this year's fair. Our aim has always been that the Fair be an event to bring the community together and to raise funds for local charities not a profit making event for the Parish Council.

There have been two major controversial planning applications in the Village and the Parish Council have been active in supporting the views of the local residents. Both applications and appeals have been turned down but we expect further applications to be submitted in the near future and will again work with residents to prevent developments that would be detrimental to the village.

The Village Hall Committee has been very active in making improvements to the hall and its facilities and as the landowner we have been active in taking responsibility for the boundaries and grounds. We are currently sourcing

funds to erect new fencing at the rear of the property and are pleased to report that the treatment of the pernicious Japanese Knotweed which has crept through from Beacon Woods is finally taking place.

We are currently awaiting the installation of new equipment in the recreation ground designed for teenagers which is scheduled to be installed this month and are currently sourcing funding to proceed with refurbishment of the toddler area.

Unfortunately we still have a problem with irresponsible dog owners taking their dogs into the recreation area, although it is a dog free area, and allowing them to foul. We are not alone in this problem as it would seem that all parishes have a minority of selfish inconsiderate dog owners.

As a Parish Council we have also represented the interests of the Parish with respect to:

- Air quality adjacent to the A2
- The condition of Stonewood Flats
- Environmental issues at Ightham Cottages
- Maintenance of footpaths
- Anti-social behaviour issues

We send representatives to KALC, DATPC, Joint Transportation Board, Bluewater Forum, KCC Highways and when possible the Local Board Meetings. At least one member of the Council regularly attends the Bean Residents Association Meeting with whom we enjoy a good relationship working together for the benefit of the community.

Now that the PACT meetings have been scheduled to take place just before the RA meetings we hope that they will be better attended. We would like to thank our PC, Gemma Pawley and our PCSO Dave Davies for the work they do in the Parish.

Our thanks go to the management team of the allotment society for keeping the allotments in such good order and also to the team of litter pickers who help to keep the village looking tidy.

I would like to thank the Councillors who elected me Chairman and for their help and support since September.

Cllr. Bill Cook

May 2010

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Meeting outside the School



**BEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS are
held on the FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(Excluding Bank Holidays).**

The meetings start at 8.15 pm.

In the Youth and Community Centre.

All residents of Bean are welcome to attend.

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E-mail address beanra@waitrose.com

Phone Numbers 01474 unless shown otherwise.

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Gemma Pawley - Neighbourhood Police Officer.
Dave Davies - Police Community Support Officer.
Community Warden.

Mobile 07870252526

Mobile 07969584192

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Community Warden (Control Centre)

 **01732 885712**

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Bean Youth and Community Centre

Hall Bookings

Tuesday 1.00 - 2.45pm.	Mother and Toddler	Betty Martin	 706347
Wednesday 2.30 pm.	Young at Heart	Carrie	 700291
Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm.	Beavers	Betty Martin	 706347
Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm.	Cubs	Adam Boucher	 07931 733862
Wednesday 7.45 - 9.30pm.	Scouts	Faye Brown	 07971 011928
Thursday 5.15 - 6.45pm.	Brownies	Neil Warburton	 707382
Sunday 10.00 - 11.00am.	St. Nicholas at Bean,	Mrs. E. Barrett	 703429
Mon - Fri 9.15 - 12.00 noon.	Play School	Don White	 705430
		Allison Barrass	 07771864937

Mobile Library

Black Horse 4.05 to 4.25pm.

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The service is on a Monday at the
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Doctors

Dr. Somasegaram

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 707236

Dr. Langley

Beacon Drive, Bean

 708672

Churches

St. Nicholas at Bean. Bean Youth and Community Centre. Sundays 10 am.

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For special services - see the church notice board located at the front of the car park at
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Bean Residents Association

Bean Residents Association meets on the First Monday of the month at 8.15pm. in the
Bean Youth and Community Centre. All Bean residents are welcome to attend.

Bean Parish Council.

E-mail Beanpc@dsl.pipex.com

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