

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 45th Year

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BEAN'S TALK

Issued free to every
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.

**The Bean Residents Association wish all our readers
A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.**

BEAN COMMUNITY BUS FUND RAISER FAIR and RAFFLE

LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES

**Including - A Child's ride-on electric car,
Hamper, shopping vouchers, electric appliances and bottles etc.**

**Please support us in our efforts to raise funds
for a replacement mini-bus.**

**Draw will take place during our Fair at the Community Centre on
Monday 20th December from 3 - 8pm.**

**Teas, Coffee, Cakes including Aunty Joan's Famous Bread Pudding, and
Monica's cakes and biscuits.**

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

**Please note that Elaine Coombs is the new Hall Bookings Manager who
can be contacted on 01474 703 239**

The School Quiz 3rd December page 18

The Salvation Army Band at the School 14th December Page 18

The Church Toy Service 5th December and the
Carol Service 12th December page 13

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Bill (editor)

**THE COPY DATE FOR THE MARCH
BEAN'S TALK IS TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY.**

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 August to October 2010 meetings.

Planning Matters - Vision Homes - Residents Consultations.

Vision Homes had made a revised application for 10 X 3 bedroom houses between Beacon Drive and Drudgeon Way. Questions were raised on why the proposal was for 10 houses and not less, concern about security and child safety of the new road, inaccuracies on drawings, noise and mud problems during construction. Doubts were also raised about Vision Homes cost estimates. Dartford Borough Council required 50% new affordable homes but Vision Homes said it was not viable to provide any.

Councillors held an on site inspection on Saturday 30th October.

The Development Control Board are to consider the outcome at the Council Offices on 4th November. Residents were urged to attend.

(At the Development Control Meeting the Application was REFUSED).

Secretary's Report:

The rubbish behind the Beacon Drive flats has been removed several times, but funding is required for any further removals.

The hole in the fence alongside the A2 had not yet been mended, the Highways Agency are to carry out the repairs.

The hole in the pavement in Foxwood Road has been made safe.

Excessive ground water may have caused structural defects to some Stonewood Flats. DBC say rectification could cost about £1m and are discussing options with the occupants.

With regards to the new footpath, from Bean to Darenth Woods, Kent Highways have begun to notify landowners of the route.

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 transfer of private drains to water companies

A letter was sent to the MP to ask why the item had been removed from the DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) web site. Consultation was re-started on the 26th August 2010.

Cherwell Farm lorries have gone but the Westwood Farm traffic is ongoing.

The Community Bus.

The bus passed the MOT. The trips to the supermarkets were still on but the proposed visit to Leeds Castle was cancelled due to lack of interest. A trip to Canterbury is planned before Christmas.

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

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch: (See page 10).

Other Village issues and any other business mentioned were:

The pavement area outside the school has been repaired and the yellow lines painted in Southfleet Road.

A 30mph sign and the village sign are obscured by foliage. Kent Highway Services advise they be trimmed prior to bird nesting in 2011.

The barrier across the Bean Farm footpath has been placed to stop travellers taking over the fields.

A letter from Sandra Brown, a former teacher at Bean School, was received with a photograph taken around 1906 of staff and pupils. (See page 17).

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

Thanks were given to Colin Smith, the former Treasurer for all his work over many years.

**The next Residents Association Meeting will be
held at the Community Centre,
On Monday 6th December starting at 8.15pm.**

The meeting will follow a PACT meeting starting at 7.15pm.

All Bean residents are invited to attend both meetings.

YOUR NEW TREASURER.

Following the resignation of Colin Smith the Residents Association welcomes Irene Luker who bravely volunteered to take on the task.

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Keep up the good work.



Dear Editor,

5th November 2010

I have learnt today that the organiser for Meopham Community Bus, phoned to ask if we wished to purchase their Mini-Bus, a five year old Iveco 16 seater, for £5,000 and the the lady he spoke to said that we have not got that amount of money.

Well in fact we have !! But we do not have any Ladies dealing with our Bus finances.

So who ever this lady was she has lost us a bargain replacement Mini-Bus.
Colin

We are still appealing for drivers for the bus. Colin is very disappointed in the fact that in the past year he has given out several sets of forms that we need to register drivers for insurance, but no one has returned them.

We are making a lot of effort to raise funds for a replacement vehicle,
BUT WE MAY NOT HAVE ANYBODY TO DRIVE IT !!!

BEAN COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS SCHEDULE

If you are interested in any of the trips below please contact Colin on 01474 832 793 as soon as possible to save being disappointed.

Date	Venue	Bus Fare	Depart Bean
Tuesday 23rd Nov.	Lakeside	£6	
Tuesday 30th Nov.	Tent City - Ashford	£9	
Tuesday 7th Dec.	Polhill Garden Centre	£5	
Tuesday 14th Dec.	Canterbury	£10	
Tuesday 21st Dec.	Polhill Garden Centre	£5	

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 to 70 years old. Training as necessary will be given.

If you can spend just a few hours,
either regularly or occasionally, during the daytime or evenings

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The Dartford Core Strategy Proposal.

The Dartford Core Strategy Proposal document (178 pages) sets out the council's long term Spatial Strategy for the Borough to the year 2026 covering all development in the area including housing.

At present it is in the Pre-Submission Stage with the Submission expected in November 2010 and the Final Adoption in September 2011.

During this Pre-Submission stage the Residents Association was asked to comment, at very short notice, on this lengthy document. During the perusal of the document it was noticed that in the Evidence Base section maps, from the July 2010 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (72) pages, of five sites in Bean "with a potential capacity for development" of a total of 880 houses, either in the next 5 years or a plan period ending in 2026.

The areas concerned are:

1. 10 homes identified as being in "Beacon Road", the site drawing Shows them between Beacon Drive and Drudgeon Way.
2. 385 homes in three areas adjacent to Bean Farm, and
3. 485 homes on the Bean Triangle.

Consultation on the proposals appear to have been carried out with landowners and agents to the exclusion of residents.

If you wish to read more on the Core Strategy or Strategic Housing Availability Draft go to;

[dartford.gov.uk/planning/documents/Draft SHLAAR.pdf](http://dartford.gov.uk/planning/documents/Draft%20SHLAAR.pdf)

Within the document there is also reference to The Bean Junction Development in 2016 to 2026 and the Water Reservoir 2016 to 2021.

The Christmas period can be a busy time, for the con-men.

A Message from Trading Standards.

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THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS

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We will draw the winning tickets at the Community Centre, during our Fund Raising Fair, on the 20th of December from 3 - 8pm where we will have various stalls, teas, coffee, cakes and biscuits for sale.

Please support us in our fund raising efforts for this essential service by buying raffle tickets and calling in to the Community Centre on Monday 20th of December to see if you have won any of the fantastic prizes.

The Bus Committee.

The PACT Meeting - 6th September - Notes of Points Raised.

Police Sergeant Paul Squire was in attendance. The following matters were discussed:

Parking / Yellow lines remains a priority. The lines have been painted but residents said that the initial effect was not encouraging. The police will monitor the situation.

Vehicle speeds - speed Indicators may be used by residents. Sgt. Squire forewarned that locals may be caught. The police are arranging an "Average Speed" check to confirm that there is a problem.

Darenth Fruit Depot Lorries in the High Street - Although there had been some improvement since PCSO's had spoken to the Manager there were still lorries getting to Beacon Drive and seeking directions. It was pointed out that the B255 was the current main route from the A2 to Longfield. It was suggested that the signs be metric as the main problem was foreign drivers.

There had been an alert that potential Travellers might be heading for Beacon Wood Country Park but they eventually located to Gravesend.

Residents wanted to fill Neighbourhood Watch gaps but need to know the locations to be covered.

Sgt. Squire said that residents should be informed of the results of reported incidents.

Asked about the future of PACT meetings Sgt. Squire said that where they were as successful when well attended (33 members present) as this one was we should assume they will continue Quarterly. The next will be in December although the name may change.

Bean Parish Fair

For the third year the weather kept fine for us and if the number of people visiting can be a guide, I think it should be deemed a success.

Thanks are due to a number of people who made the Fair possible. First must go to Alison Sakellariou who did all the running around and organising which I'm sure on times was a real headache. She did this with a mix of gentle persuasion and on times a more forceful approach which made me glad I was on her side. Our continued thanks must go to Frank and Zan from the Post Office for their donations for the raffle.

Bluewater got really involved this year and we're grateful for the use of a large marquee and the donation of two barbeques. For those who didn't know, the people serving your burgers were from Bluewater management.

Each year we learn a bit more to make the next one better, but let's remember it's your Fair so any suggestions for improvement would be welcomed.



The Mayor Councillor Pat Coleman opening the Fair

P.C. Gemma Pawley and PCSO Dave Davies Report.

Both Gemma and myself visited the Fruit Distribution Depot Manager, he reported that the problems seem to be with the Sat Nav. navigation and lorries coming from the continent. He has contacted the suppliers in an effort to solve this problem who have given new directions requesting that the drivers keep away from the villages.

Over the last month there have been two incidents of an off-road motor bike being ridden in Stonewood and Page Close. Resulting in the parents being warned that further incidents will result in the bikes being taken.

The Kings Ferry car park is still having problems. High Visibility patrols are being carried out 7 days a week between 14.00 to 24.00. Direct contact with the patrol vehicle can be made on 07807 340082.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Neighbourhood Watch is getting stronger in Bean, new watches are still needed, so please if you are interested in joining contact Jill Mendham on 01474 366 360 or contact myself on 07969 584 129.

Thanks to the vigilance of residents in Stonewood a stolen vehicle has been recovered and removed.

As we near Christmas festivities I would ask all residents not to place packages or presents in full view of any walkway or windows. Lock all doors and close all windows when the house is empty.

On another note PC Pawley is leaving us and going to another area. I am sure you will all wish her well in the new area.

On behalf of my team I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A shed door was smashed in Foxwood Road , keys were stolen together with two vans and equipment.

Vehicles have been broken into in the village and some catalytic converters removed other have sustained mechanical damage.

Etching. Your vehicles registration or VIN number etched on all glass surfaces (including headlights) is a useful way of putting off thieves.

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St Nicholas at Bean



Exciting things are happening in the Village this month. Christmas is a time when many families and friends get together and this year we are sure will be no exception. The Shoe Boxes, which so many people in Bean filled will be distributed by Mustardseed in the coming weeks, which as always, will give a deal of pleasure for those children in the poorer parts of Eastern Europe.

Our Annual Toy Service will take place at 10 o'clock on Sunday 5th of December when we ask that you bring a toy, and some wrapping paper, so that it can be given to an appropriate child who is desperately ill, or a member of their family is suffering. The toys will be given to the Ellenor Lions Hospice who will distribute them.

Our Christmas Carol Service will be on 12th December at 6.30pm. This has been a very popular service over the last 20 years so please come early to make sure of getting a seat. If you have not visited the Youth and Community Centre since its refurbishment then this would be a good time to do so. The transformation is unbelievable.

Sunday 19th December will be the Christmas Communion Service for the the Village of Bean at 10 o'clock. All are welcome.

The Fellowship of Bean Church wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. If you have not worshipped with us on a Sunday Morning at 10 o'clock then give us a try in the New Year. You would find a very warm and friendly welcome. The Cubs and Brownies parade there on the first Sunday of the month.

Look out for the Carol Singers round the Village this year!

Police phone numbers

The telephone number for the North Kent Police Station has been discontinued. **The single number to make contact with the Kent Police is 01622 690690**

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A regular check on light bulb condition is important because as they age the glass turns black and although they appear to be working their output is reduced.

I am sure that you are all aware of the importance of keeping the windscreen, particularly the inside, and windows clear, making sure that the washer bottle is filled with proper screen-wash, keeping the wiper blades clean etc. These items are well publicised.

However have you thought of the condition of the driver?

Alcohol. If you are going to drink at a party, plan ahead and take a taxi, public transport or a dedicated driver. Watch out for pedestrians and cyclists who may be under the influence.

Medication. If you take medication for coughs, colds or flu always read the instructions, they could affect you if mixed with alcohol.

Weather Conditions. Rain, heavy mist, snow and a low sun can all affect visibility and your reaction when driving. Always carry a pair of sun glasses even though it is winter. Wind, rain, leaves ice and snow affect the drivers visibility, stability and control of the vehicle. Be prepared.

Your safety on the road is important to your family and friends, so please give a thought to those small things which can distract your attention when on the road.

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Reporting damaged pavements

Pavements or footways may become damaged due to a utility company, such as a gas or telecoms company, carrying out works.

These companies are responsible for providing a safe route for pedestrians and other traffic to pass. They are also responsible for making sure the pavement is left in good condition after the work is completed.

You can report damaged pavements or broken or missing pavement slabs to Kent Highway Service son 08458 247 800, if urgent, or on-line

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/faults>

Dartford Borough Council - JOINT TRANSPORT BOARD.

Items from the Minutes of a meeting of the Joint transport Board held on Tuesday 14th September 2010.

Bean Interchange

Councillor D. Hammock advised that he had been told that the Fruit Distribution Unit had offered to pay for signage on the A2 to prevent confusion for delivery drivers.

This offer had been declined by the Highways Agency. He sought the Boards support to pursue this matter, which was granted.

Ightham Cottages.

Councillor D. Hammock asked when the emergency gate would be replaced in this area. Following an accident with a car the gate was removed and was now causing a problem with people using it as an exit when the area was congested.

Lorry Route Survey

Parish Councillor N Pearson-Coffey advised that KCC were to review the problems caused by Heavy Goods Vehicles and review its lorry route map which directs lorries onto the most appropriate roads. Unfortunately Parish Councils had been advised that the officers were "experts" and their assistance was not required.

The Community Delivery Manager advised that this was not the case and he would raise the subject at the Network meeting and ask that local members be consulted.

A view of the past in Bean



A letter from Sandra Brown

The photograph is of Bean School Children in about 1906, I think, since Albert Ledger (top row 2nd from the right, next to the teacher) was born in 1898.

Albert was my great uncle - my grandmothers youngest brother. He lived in the cottages in Bean which were then called Archer Cottages.

The Ledger family moved to Darenth where Albert was a farm worker before he joined the army at Woolwich.

Albert joined the Royal Field Artillery in the First World War. He was gassed in the war when he went to rescue his men and subsequently died in 1928 as a result this. He is buried at Darenth Church.

My grandparents never got over their loss.

My great grand mother was 48 years old when she had Albert, her youngest.

Does anyone recognise any of the other children there?

Some are dressed alike - sisters maybe?

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We hope regular users of the community centre are pleased with the results of the summer refurbishment. We appreciate that from the inside it just looks like we have newly painted walls and doors. Users may have noticed the new ceiling tiles and lighting, radiators and window sills but behind the new walls is an enormous amount of insulation. This insulation means that the hall space now maintains an even ambient temperature with the space warming up more quickly and holding the heat for much longer. This work was funded from our savings together with grants totalling £19,500 from KCC Small Community Capital Projects and The BIG Lottery Awards for All Fund. Receiving the two grants meant that we were able to tackle this huge project in one go rather than the piecemeal approach we usually have to take. Without these grants it would have taken at least another 10 years to deliver this refurbishment. We now have a Community Centre, which at least from the inside is a warm, modern, bright space the village can be proud of.

Our thanks primarily go to the builder, Paul Marchant of PJM Developments, who spent an enormous amount of hours working late into the evening to deliver this project on time for us. The Management Committee would also like to thank their families and the painting volunteers, those who came willingly, Don White, and those who had their arms just a little twisted, Mick Trembling of Stonewood and Colin Stannard of West Dartford. Collectively the committee, their families and the volunteers gave over 300 hours of their time in the final 10 days to get the hall cleaned and painted ready to reopen on Monday 6th September.

There is still work to do and fundraising continues as there are still external doors to upgrade and the outside of the building could certainly do with a re-vamp. With fundraising in mind we would like to thank all those who came to the hastily arranged quiz night in October raising just under £200.

We would now like to invite you our next fundraising event on the evening of the 11th December, when we will be having a pre-xmas celebration to formally acknowledge the significant refurbishments to the community centre. Music will be provided by the Cover Notes and the festivities will start at 8.00 pm through to 11.00. Tickets are available at £5.00 per adult and £3.00 for children with a family ticket for

2 adults and 2 children at £15.00. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are available from Phil who can be contacted by e-mail on: garnhamlynnphil@aol.com or by phone on 01474 704180. Do come along and have a great night.

We have been asked on several occasions to offer a fitness class at the centre. We've had requests for both a full aerobics session and a lighter, less physical type of session for the older members of our community. We would like to be able to do this but have failed to find someone to fit in with our vacant time-slots. If you are a fitness instructor or know of someone able to run a session whether that be aerobics, yoga, tai chi etc then please do call Elaine on 01474 703239 to discuss this.

As always web users can support us through Easy Fundraising, if you're booking a holiday or renewing insurances and plenty more, just click through the Easy Fundraising site, full details on our website www.beancommunitycentre.co.uk. Some of these companies happily donate £10-£20 on holiday bookings and insurances and even using Amazon and Ebay brings in small regular amounts, it's just a case of remembering to click through the Easy Fundraising site.

We are always looking for new Committee members with a sense of community spirit. There is no obligation just come along to a meeting and see what you think. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm.

Property Marking Kits.

Richard Myers, Chairman of North Kent Neighbourhood Watch has secured Selecta DNA property marking kits for £15.00.

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A note from the Editor.

Why not make a new Years resolution to send in a contribution to the Bean's Talk? It is your village newsletter and it requires feeding regularly with input to make it interesting and to advise other villagers about what activities are available or planned. Please give it some thought.

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The law on clearing snow and ice from public spaces

Last winter many people helped keep pavements and public spaces around their homes clear of snow. However, many people were put off doing so because of fears of being sued. Read on for advice on your rights and responsibilities when clearing snow and ice from public areas.

Reporting problems with pavements and maintenance of private streets

There is no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces. If an accident did happen, it's highly unlikely that you would be sued as long as you:

- are careful
- use common sense to make sure that you don't make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before
People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

Tips and advice on clearing snow and ice

- start early - it's much easier to clear fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice that has been compressed by people walking on it
- don't use hot water - this will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury
- be a good neighbour - some people may be unable to clear snow and ice on paths from their property
- if shovelling snow, think where you are going to put it so that it doesn't block people's paths or drainage channels
- spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help stop ice forming - table salt or dishwasher salt will work, but avoid spreading on plants or grass as they may be damaged by it
pay particular care and attention to steps and steep gradients
- use the sun to your advantage - removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice beneath; however you will need to cover any ice with salt to stop it refreezing overnight
- if there's no salt available, sand or ash are good alternatives

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(See page 26 for information on salting of the roads).

Road Salting

Roads which are salted

The primary salting routes cover about 30% of roads in Kent, these include:
All A and B class roads, busy commuter routes and other danger spots.

We review the salting routes every summer with our winter policy and plan.

We are not responsible for schools, offices or car parks. The Highways Agency are responsible for motorways and trunk roads and councils other roads.

Footpaths

We do not generally treat pavements and footpaths as a preventative measure. You may sometimes see salt on a pavement if it is alongside a road on a salting route where some of the spray from the lorry has reached the pavement.

If there is prolonged ice or snow, we will treat footpaths and pavements in priority order starting with heavy use areas around:

- shopping centres
- schools
- railway stations
- bus stops
- medical centres and doctors' surgeries
- residential homes
- industrial and commercial centres
- steep gradients.

If there is a salt bin, you can use the salt on icy pavements and footpaths.

Salt bins at the side of the road

The salt bins are there to help all road users, including pedestrians. You may use the salt to treat ice and snow on small areas of the road or pathways.

It is not for use on private drives or paths.

If you need to buy salt to treat ice on your driveway or business premises, you can buy it from builders' merchants and DIY stores.

If a salt bin is empty or has been damaged, please tell us about it using our [online fault reporting form](#) or call us on 08458 247 800.

Important: If the issue is a hazard to public safety or anything else urgent, then call us immediately

If you would like to know more about our winter policy, please look at our [Winter Service Policy document \(PDF, 150k\)](#).

54 winter service vehicles are used to treat the primary salting routes.

Kent County Council

The routine litter picks will take place, starting at 10 am.
and lasting approximately 1½ hours on:

Thursday 30th December

Meeting outside the Royal Oak

Thursday 27th January.

Meeting outside the Black Horse

Thursday 24th February.

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.

**Check the notice board outside the Post Office
for notice of guest speakers.**

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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

Bean Village web site **www.beanvillage.org.uk**

E-mail address **beanra@waitrose.com**

Phone Numbers 01474 unless shown otherwise.

POLICE Maidstone 01622 690690

Gemma Pawley - Neighbourhood Police Officer.

Mobile 07870252526

Dave Davies - Police Community Support Officer.

Mobile 07969584192

Community Warden.

Mobile 07811271252

Community Warden (Control Centre)

 **01732 885712**

Crime Stoppers

 **0800 555 111**

Bean Youth and Community Centre

Hall Bookings

Tuesday 1.00 - 2.45pm.

Mother and Toddler

Elaine Coombs  703239

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.

The service is on a Monday at the

Beacon Drive (Lower end) 4.30 to 4.45pm.

stopping points and times shown.

Doctors

Dr. Somasegaram

Bean Surgery, High St. Bean.

 707236

Dr. Langley

Beacon Drive, Bean

 708672

Churches

St. Nicholas at Bean.

Bean Youth and Community Centre.

Sundays 10 am.

St. Nicholas at Southfleet

Rector is David Houston

 833252

For special services - see the church notice board located at the front of the car park at the Youth and Community Centre.

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

Bean Parish Council meet on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. In the Bean Youth and Community Centre. All Bean residents are welcome to attend.

 832402

Oasis Counselling Centre

 01322 294430

Free counselling for bereavement and help for those affected by suicide, pregnancy, crisis and post abortion, support for ex-offenders, advice and support for job-seekers, those affected by domestic violence, those in distress, befriending scheme, and parenting classes

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