

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 46th Year

March 2011

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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.

A selection of the interesting items in this edition.

A COMMUNITY CENTRE QUIZ in aid of refurbishment etc.

Saturday 5th March 7.30 for 8 pm start see page 9.

**The next BEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION meeting
will be held on**

Monday 7th March starting at 8.15 pm

A FREE "Taster Session" of dance activity
for children interested in dancing. See page 11.

The COMMUNITY BUS fundraising RAFFLE and FAYRE

Saturday 16th April See page 6.

Little Kickers is an activity group for children from 18 months to
7 years which recently started in the village. See page 15.

In addition to the above there are the bus trips, the church item, an
appeal for local cricketers, an important note from the shop, information
about the new community bus and of course our advertisers, some new
ones this time and other snippets of information.

There is more information on the school photograph in the December
edition and a further photo to identify. Please try to solve the mystery
behind the pictures to add to the Bean Archives.

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Bill (editor)

**THE COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE
BEAN'S TALK IS TUESDAY 3rd MAY.**

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 from the November 2010 and
February 2011 meetings.**

*Due to inclement weather conditions the December meeting was cancelled
and there was no meeting in January due to the Bank Holiday.*

Secretary's Report:

There has been correspondence with KCC re: lorry traffic through the High Street.

Planning Matters - Vision Homes .

Vision Homes 3rd planning application for houses on the hillside between Beacon Drive and Drudgeon Way (this time for 10 units) was REFUSED by DBC on 4th November 2010.

Vision Homes lodged an Appeal on 9th November 2010, which is in progress. The visit by Mr. D. Smith, the Planning Inspector, is at 10.00 on Tuesday 8th March.

The Appeal correspondence is on the DBC Planning Portal under application DA/10/01104/FUL.

Thames Water and DBC had concerns about drainage.

There is now a link to Bean Scout Group from the RA website.

Gareth Johnson (MP) has yet to reply on the Transfer of Private Drains to Water Companies, but we have commented on the consultation.

The DBC Core Strategy Report covered the proposal of an additional 800+ homes by developers in Bean between 2010 and 2026 (See also page 6 of the December 2010 Bean's Talk for more details). Objections to this have been sent to DBC as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Consultation.

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.

Signs have been erected on the approaches to Bean, from the A2 directing drivers to the Fruit Distribution Centre away from the village. Although some are still getting through.

The Proposed New Countryside Route from Bean to Bluewater.

A new right of way, for cyclists and walkers, linking Beacon Wood, Darenth Wood and Bluewater Parklands, via Wood Lane Bridge, will be part of a talk by KCC in Gravesend in April.

No news is available yet on the replacement of the emergency gate at Ightham Cottages,

The Community Bus. (See also pages 5 and 21)

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

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch, PACT and Community Warden's report. (See page 18).

Other Village issues and any other business mentioned were:

A 30mph sign and the village sign are obscured by foliage. Kent Highway services advised.

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

**The next Residents Association Meeting will be
held at the Community Centre,
On Monday 7th March starting at 8.15 pm.**

All Bean residents are invited to attend both meetings.

Dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

The meetings start at 8.15pm, PACT meetings start at 7.15pm

Monday 4th April

No meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday

Monday 6th June following a PACT meeting to be confirmed (TBC),

Monday 4th July

Monday 1st August

Monday 5th September The AGM following a PACT meeting (TBC),

Monday 3rd October

Monday 7th November, and

Monday 5th December following a PACT meeting. (TBC),

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Did we go short? No, of course we didn't, and why? Because we have the excellent service of our village store, Bean Post Office, run so cheerfully and well by Frank and Zanifer. What would we do without them? I'll tell you – when the chips are down, we would have to do without fresh milk, fresh bread, fresh eggs, pet food because we forgot to stock up, the odd drop of sherry to keep our spirits up... oh, and so much more.

So I for one will try to do more to support our Post Office. Remember, many other villages were not so lucky and lost theirs.

Thanks Frank and Zanifer for keeping us all going and for the friendly service that you and your staff give us, even though so many of us have thoughtlessly – perhaps even selfishly – chosen to shop elsewhere for our basics, often just because we can.

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 and 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 PLEASE contact Colin on 01474 832 793

ALSO required are volunteers to do routine oil and water checks, cleaning the interior and windows etc.

We have bus trips planned as follows, and by the time you read this, they should be in the NEW BUS thanks to a K.C.C. Grant and the wonderful fund raising efforts of a few of the ladies of the village

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.

FOR BUS FARES and times Contact Colin.

Date	Venue	Bus fare	Depart Bean
Friday February 25th	Polhill Garden Centre		
Tuesday March 8th	Battlebridge		
Tuesday March 29th	Chatham Outlet Centre and Dunelm Mill, Maidstone		
Tuesday April 12th	Canterbury. Note this will be the last time Alan will be driving the bus and we thank him for his services. But it means we require a replacement driver.		10am

Dear Editor,

In the last edition of Bean's Talk I wrote saying that we had lost the offer of a bargain priced replacement for the community Bus.

I now know that the lady concerned gave the man from Meopham my name and phone number but he did not phone me. He sold the mini-bus to one of the twelve regular drivers that Meopham have for their bus.

I have apologised personally to the lady concerned and promised to get this letter of correction published.

Colin.

Concerning the NEW COMMUNITY BUS.

Having acquired a new bus we now need to raise funds to keep it on the road, i.e. Insurance, Road Tax, MOT, the three-monthly Safety Inspections, required by law, routine Servicing, in addition to the consumables.

To raise funds for the NEW COMMUNITY BUS

we are holding a Raffle and Mini-Fayre

To be held in the Bean Community Centre
on Saturday 16th April from 1 to 7pm.

There will be teas, coffees, cakes and various stalls.

The raffle, will contain lots of Fantastic Prizes,
i.e. Easter Hamper, Giant Easter Eggs and Bottles galore

Please buy some tickets which are available
from the Post Office and regular bus users.

*Please help to keep this vital village resource going
by giving us your support.*

A personal message to parents.

At the shop we have recently had a spate of petty thefts, (shoplifting) mainly of sweets.

We have six cameras within the store and once suspicions are raised we are usually able to detect the guilty persons.

In almost every incidence it has been a school child within a group of other children.

We realise that the majority of them would not dream of stealing and are good kids. However, we do know that almost all of them are aware of who is offending.

It would be appreciated if you could make your child aware that even if they are not stealing themselves, being in the company of someone who is, makes them a party to the crime.

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Frank Miles.

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BEAN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

A big thank you to everyone who attended our December Music Night. This was a very successful fundraising event, raising £365 towards continued improvements on the Community Centre. The music was provided by The Cover Notes and a great time was had by all. Our next fundraiser is on Saturday 5th March when we are holding a quiz night, please see below for details.

Word seems to be getting around about the improvements to the Community Centre and private bookings are up. This is a very valuable source of additional income which helps our running costs and goes towards funding future improvements. If you are planning an event please think of using the Community Centre.

We are pleased to welcome "Little Kickers" who run sessions in soft ball play on Saturday morning. For more details please see their website at <http://www.littlekickers.co.uk> or call 0208 303 0211 or e-mail nrobinson@littlekickers.co.uk

As always web users can support us through Easy Fundraising, if you are 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 is just a case of remembering to click through the easy Fundraising site.

QUIZ NIGHT

BEAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

HIGH STREET, BEAN

SATURDAY 5th MARCH 2011

Come along from 7.30 for an 8 pm start

£ 4.00 per person

Teams of 6 - 8

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TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

A New year change in vehicle insurance law.

From January 2011 all motorists owning cars which do not appear on the national data base as having valid insurance could face fines, penalty points and, in the worst cases, could even have their vehicle seized and destroyed.

Beware if you usually renew at the last minute or after the policy expires.

New government rules, launched in January, called "Continuous Insurance Enforcement" which comes into force in the spring means a car must be insured for 365 days a year whether it is on the road, off road, in a driveway or garage. A new offence of keeping a vehicle without insurance has been created.

Under the scheme, drivers intending to keep a vehicle off the road must hold valid insurance, unless they arrange a statutory off road notification (SORN).

Ignoring the rules could lead to a £100 fixed penalty notice, £50 if paid early, but could see the uninsured vehicle towed away and crushed, as well as a £1,000 fine if the case goes to court.

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Many thanks Neil for so many happy Monday morning walks.

Many of the ladies are regulars and because the footpaths are cleared, by Neil, we can walk comfortably and enjoy the views and wildlife. Also the potted history of Bean is interesting, for example the train in Beacon Wood and the Bean Beacon.

These walks are not just for ladies, some in their 70's, men and children are invited, it is so easy. Make some new friends and find out about your village and the surrounding area.

If the weather is too bad we stay at home.

Why not join us, we meet at 10am on Monday at the entrance to the footpath by Drudgeon Farm, opposite the school. Suitable footwear is advised.

Jo Regan's Dance Academy.

The Jo Regan Dance Academy has been established for 15 years running dance classes and promoting dance events in Kent and London.

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Each pupil has the chance to do as much, or as little, as they like, enter competitions, dance away at weekend festivals, perform in demonstrations and dance on stage to gain confidence and make friends.

Come to Bean Community Centre and let's dance.
(For details of times see page 12)

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St Nicholas at Bean



The first month of the New Year has already passed before the news of your local Church lands on your doorstep. So far the weather has copied the outlook of the country's economy, cold, damp and miserable.

The one place where this is not so is at the Bean Community Centre on Sunday mornings. The welcome and friendliness of the Fellowship continues to be warm and comforting to those who attend.

Sadly we had to cancel our Carol singing round the Village just before Christmas. The snow and ice was far too dangerous, particularly on the footpaths and driveways. The first time this had happened since this venture began some fifteen years ago. However our Carol Service, at the Centre, was well attended.

The first Sunday in March will see our weekly service come of age. It was started on the 4th March 1990.

This year we shall be collecting Woollies for Mustard Seed up until the last Sunday in June the 26th, and Shoe Boxes from 4th September until Harvest 2nd October. Both items Sunday 9.30 until 11.30 am.

The next edition of the Bean's Talk will include further details of what is happening at YOUR church here in the Village.

The Lord said; *'Where two or three are gathered together in my name I will be in the midst'*. Come and find him each Sunday at 10 o'clock

OBITUARY – MRS ROSINA FOUNTAIN

Sadly, 90 year old, 'Rose' Fountain died in hospital at Christmas after a fall at her new home. She was long time resident of a bungalow in Stonewood until autumn 2010.

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WHAT PROGRESS MEANS TO A TINY VILLAGE IN RURAL KENT

I have no doubt that I am not the only one, who when confronted with the lack of anything worth watching on the television, tends to sit and fiddle with the button thing that changes the programmes.

I was idly doing this one evening when I came upon a rather old episode of the Antiques Road Show. A couple had presented the expert with a pair of, for want of a better description, large urn shaped pots. Their story it turned out was far more interesting than the pots themselves,

Apparently the pots had been in the family, who lived in Lewisham, for several generations. When commenting on the slight damage to one pot, the answer was that it was lucky that it was so minimal as their house had been bombed during the war. The expert's response was amazement at their survival. To which the couple said it was not so surprising as the pots had been removed for safety to the cellar of a pub, The Black Horse, in a tiny village in Rural Kent called Bean. The look on the expert's face implied that he had never heard of Bean.

Oh how a dual lane highway, and a shopping centre change things. I doubt if there is anybody living in the South of England who has not heard of Bean. "A vehicle has overturned on the A2 at the Bean Interchange all access roads to Bluewater are jammed solid"

BETSHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Are you interested in joining a Cricket Club?

Betsham Cricket Club are looking for new members and would welcome applications of any age.

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The September Parish Fair.

Although September seems a long way off, it is already time to start planning the Parish fair which will be held on Sunday September 11th.

It was great last year to see so many people getting involved, either running stalls or just coming along to enjoy the day. Last year many charities made money for themselves, as did our village scouts, cubs, brownies and the kids club. The school joined us and some stall holders made money to help keep the community bus running.

The competition to design a new toddler area on the recreation ground was won by a group of children in year 6 at Bean School. They each got a voucher for Bluewater, and we hope to get the work underway soon.

So this year we again want to go bigger and better because we can squeeze a few more stalls into the recreation ground.

If you want to join in by running a stall of your own, or if you know of a charity group that might like a space, or even if you have an idea of something that you have seen at another fair that might be good to include, **please contact Alison on 01474 707206.**

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PCSO Dave Davies Report.

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Direct contact with the patrol vehicle, between 14.00 to 24.00, can be made on 07807 340082.

P.C. Gemma Pawley has now left Bean and her replacement, PC Tony Quilter, took up the position on Thursday 3rd February and will be looking forward to meeting you all.

Could all residents report any suspicious persons seen in the area on 01622 690 690 which is now the only non emergency number for the police.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Jill Mendham - Neighbourhood Watch - was asked to identify gaps in the Village coverage. She has not yet provided the information.

Efforts are still being made to increase the Neighbourhood Watch coverage in the village

Anyone wanting to organise, or be part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme should in the first instance speak to PC Tony Quilter on 07989 992462 who can explain the requirements and procedure.

There have been two cases of break-ins since the last report.

Some notes from the February PACT meeting.

P.C. Tony Quilter took the chair and introduced himself and his team to the meeting.

The speed indicator device, to be temporarily installed, to monitor traffic in the village will monitor speed only.

School parking problems will be addressed by DBC traffic patrols.

Due to a number of scams in Kent all persons should beware of anyone calling at their home. All sellers are required to hold a Hawkers Licence which should be produced, however copies can be faked.

Christine Bates, KCC, outlined the problems posed to councils in relation to abandoned horses and theft from stables.

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BEAN COMMUNITY BUS

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Six years ago with little or no notice, the bus services passing through the village were withdrawn. “Red Rags and Bulls” come to mind when Bean villagers are confronted with such problems.

In no time at all, following a meeting of the Bean Residents Association, an action group was formed and as a result the Bean Community Bus has now been operating for over 5 years on a non-profit basis, driven by volunteers. The secondhand 16 seat bus, with tail-lift, was initially purchased with funding from Kent County Council and Dartford Borough Council.

For 5 years the bus has enabled, previously housebound villagers, to take part in a multitude of activities. The bus takes members of the senior citizens club too and from their meeting place the Village Community Centre. There are no public bus services which go to either of the main local towns, Gravesend and Dartford. Hence, many use the weekly shopping trips to a superstore in Gravesend, and the centre of Dartford, plus a monthly trip to Polhill Garden Centre. None of these destinations are served directly from the village, in many instances villagers would be unable to do bulk shopping without the Community Bus.

All residents of Bean Village are members of the Bean Community Bus and it is there to provide a means by which all villagers regardless of age, physical infirmity, or financial constraints, can participate in the many communal activities promoted by the School, Parish Council, and various clubs.

The bus is used by a large cross-section of villagers for the many and various clubs which flourish in Bean. Many age groups, together, enjoy summer outings, theatre trips, trips to Gardens of note, and places of interest.

During the last five years, regular fund raising activities, together with donations from Dartford Borough Council, the Parish Council, and the generosity of villagers, the fund towards securing a replacement vehicle grew.

However, the existing vehicle has reached the end of its serviceable life. An application to the Kent County Council for a grant succeeded, enabling the purchase of another vehicle.

We are about to start on the next five years in the life of a Bean Community Bus. The success of the last five years has been due in great part to, a small, but very willing band of regular volunteer drivers : Colin, Faye (and her sister) Neil, and Alan, together with the support and advice of Dave Hammock.

Whilst we now have a new vehicle, we are in desperate need of more volunteer drivers. Do not be put off if you can only spare half a day, or perhaps a day once a month.

There are now a lot more folk in the village who know one another because of the Bean Community Bus.

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Further to “A View of the Past” photograph in the December Edition two more of the children have been identified.



Ellen and Bill Austin.

Ellen was the sister of Bill the father of Margaret Cherry.

Ellen Austin 1899 - 1995.

Bill Austin 1901-1982 was born in Post Office Cottages and worked for Pallants, at Lower Bean Farm.

He started the PTA at Bean School in the 1960's and was its first chairman. His picture is in the school with a book of minutes.

Can anyone add to the history behind the picture?

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Ring for details - Subject to Conditions and availability

WHAT IS ON AT THE OAK?

Entertainment every Friday

Karaoke, Disco,

Live Singers and Bands

Bat and Trap, Darts, Pool

Quiz nights

Darts every Monday Night

Real Ales, Lagers, Porters and Fine Spirits



ESPN

Bean is a small community which runs a charity for the village.

Money raised goes towards many events such as the
Senior Citizens Christmas Meal.

If you would like to become a member of the Bean Community Charity
Committee please contact Emma at the Royal Oak.

Bouncy Castle

THE ROYAL OAK

Games

Would like to invite The Children to our

EASTER FUN DAY

**BBQ, Easter Egg Hunt and
Easter Bonnet Parade**

On Easter Bank Holiday

Sunday 24th April 2011

bric-a-brac

1 pm to 4 pm

Magician

Raffle will be drawn at 4.30 pm

Trading Standards are concerned that some locally advertised "Home Working Schemes" are fronts for scams or illegal money lending (also known as 'loan sharking').

Whilst charging an up front 'registration fee' illicit schemes offer no genuine employment at all. Alternatively, the victim may be offered a loan instead of paid work, with varying ways of repaying the debt.

Which ever is the case this often leaves the victim in an even worse financial position than they started in.

Trading Standards are very keen to hear from anyone that has been

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involved in, or been affected by, home working scams or illegal money lenders. We are particularly interested in gathering intelligence from roadside adverts, local shop notice boards, drop in centres etc. where home working is advertised.

To provide any information or report any concerns you have please call Trading standards via Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

At the February PACT meeting PC Tony Quilters identified scams which had been reported since the last meeting, including:

Persons claiming breakdowns, hardships due to sudden illness etc asking people for cash in exchange for jewellery or other items. Beware the items are generally fakes,

A person claiming to be deaf selling items or asking for cash, he is not deaf,

Two black males calling on old folks claiming that their bank card had been compromised, cloned, and asking for the folks' details,

Please remember not to invite strange callers into your home before checking their identification. Be sure that the identification shown looks official and not a copied form.

If in doubt check with the firm involved but be careful contact the Police or Trading Standards if you are suspicious.



This picture was taken outside the school, possibly in 1910.
Can you identify the Children or give any history?
*Apologies for the quality of the photograph which is
a copy of a photo copy of an old picture.*

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



Thursday 31st March.

Meeting outside the Royal Oak

Thursday 28th April.

Meeting outside the Black Horse

Thursday 26th May.

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.**

When replying to an advert please mention the Bean's Talk

Would you like to advertise in the Beanstalk?

The magazine is delivered to
all of the 652 houses in Bean
four times a year, in March, June,
September and December.

If so please contact The Editor
on 01474 704 062

**ADVERTISING
RATES per issue
Or buy 4 get one free.**

Full page	£30-00
2/3 page	£25-00
1/2 page	£20-00
1/3 page	£15-00
1/4 page	£10-00

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

Bean Village web site and e-mail address are on the front cover

Phone Numbers 01474 unless shown otherwise.

POLICE 999

Non emergency calls to Maidstone 01622 690690

Neighbourhood Police Officer - Tony Quiller

Mobile 07989 992462

Dave Davies - Police Community Support Officer.

Mobile 07969584192

Community Warden.

Mobile 07811271252

Community Warden

(Control Centre)

☎ 01732 885712

Crime Stoppers

☎ 0800 555 111

Hall Bookings

Tuesday 1.00 - 2.45pm.

Mother and Toddler

Elaine Coombs

☎ 703239

Tuesday 4.00 - 7.30pm.

Dance fever

Carrie

☎ 700291

Wednesday 2.30 pm.

Young at Heart

Jo Regan

07927 196307

Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm.

Beavers

Adam Boucher ☎ 07931 733862

Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm.

Cubs

Faye Brown ☎ 07971 011928

Wednesday 7.45 - 9.30pm.

Scouts

Neil Warburton ☎ 707382

Thursday 5.15 - 6.45pm.

Brownies

Mrs. E. Barrett ☎ 703429

Sunday 10.00 - 11.00am.

St. Nicholas at Bean,

Don White ☎ 705430

Mon - Fri 9.15 - 12.00 noon. Play School

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 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 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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