

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 46th Year

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BEAN'S TALK

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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.

New Community Bus trips for the summer months are on page 5

Support the September 11th Parish Summer Fair page 4

A new old photograph feature and a historical item as well as a request for information on a war time resident feature as well as some information on the proposed house building in Bean.

**New advertisers - An electrician, an Osteopath and a
Computer Expert join our regular advertisers.**

**There are also Vouchers for reductions on MOT and garage labour
charges**

In addition to the above there are some snippets of information on earlier residents of the village, the church item, information about the new community bus and of course our advertisers.

It is important that when you use an advertiser from the newsletter that you let them know that you saw it in Bean's talk. By doing so it may tempt them to re-advertise. The old saying of "use it or lose it" applies.

Lastly **Please try to solve the mystery** behind the pictures to add to the Bean Archives on the web site.

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Bill (editor)

**THE COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER
BEAN'S TALK IS MONDAY 2nd AUGUST.**

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	NPM	Neighbourhood Panel Meeting
		PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
		RA	Residents Association.

Information from the monthly meetings of The Bean Residents Association.

The following notes are from the March and April 2011 meetings.

Secretary's Report:

There has been correspondence with KCC re: lorry traffic through the High Street. Direction signs to the Fruit Store are now erected

Planning Matters - *Vision Homes*.

Vision Homes say that there is currently an unlawful drain which crosses their site. DBC say they have no evidence.

The application for a new dwelling in the garden of No. No1 Ashwood Place was refused, but an appeal was made in April for a house or bungalow.

The Old School House appeal for use as an Osteopathic Clinic has been agreed with additional conditions on parking arrangements. The Grand Opening was held on Saturday 7th May. (see pages 15 and 16)

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. The RA were invited to speak at the Examination in Public on 18th May 2011.

The Proposed New Countryside Route from Bean to Bluewater.

David Smith, KCC, is still trying to get funding for the proposed footpath link to Bluewater. Farmers are objecting but local support is helpful.

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

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.

Bluewater Events Venue.

Under a Freedom of Information Act request, KCC confirmed they had received £466,500 towards improvements at Bean Junction and £57,409 towards work at the St. Clements Way / London Road junction. However, KCC had no plans for short term works, despite Ightham Cottages roundabout being already overloaded. The meeting agreed to continue to pursue the matter with the authorities.

Transfer of Private Sewers to Water Companies.

Gareth Johnson MP replied - Private sewers may transfer on 1st October 2011. The programme for transfer of pumping stations is October 2016. Transfer of sewers does not apply to the last property (Uphill) of the drain run as it only serves one house and therefore is not a shared sewer.

For more information refer to

www.water.org.uk/home/news/pressreleasesharedsewer

The Community Bus. (See also page 5)

Volunteer drivers are still urgently required, although one volunteer has come forward for the Thursday shopping trip, there are still various vacancies to be filled. - please help if you can.

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch, PACT and Community Warden's report. (See page 22).

Other Village Issues and any other business mentioned were:

Beacon Wood Country Park was closed in April pending consultation between KCC and Lafarge. (See notice on page 20).

Please Note: *The PACT meetings have been renamed Neighbourhood Panel Meetings (NPM).*

It was unclear when police take control of traffic flows on Bean Bridge, and the need for the Pelican Crossing lights to be switched off. PC Tony Quilter has arranged for a Police Traffic Officer to come to the June NPM meeting to explain the system of traffic control on the bridge.

Pot holes in the road have been filled in, however other are appearing.

The price for printing the Bean's Talk has risen by £42.

**The next Residents Association Meeting will be
held at the Community Centre,
On Monday 6th JUNE starting at 8.15 p.m.
Following a Neighbourhood Panel Meeting (NPM)
starting at 7.15 p.m.**

The guest speakers will be Lorraine Sylvester, the Community Liaison Officer for Bluewater and Dartford, and a Police Traffic Officer to explain about traffic control on Bean Bridge.

Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

The RA meetings start at 8.15 p.m., NPM meetings start at 7.15 p.m.

All Bean residents are invited to attend both meetings.

Monday 4th July,

Monday 1st August, with guest speaker Joanne Smith, on Caring for our Towns and Countryside.

Monday 5th September The AGM following an NPM meeting (TBC),

Monday 3rd October,

Monday 7th November and

Monday 5th December following an NPM meeting. (TBC).

Parish Fair Sunday 11th September

The Parish Council are working away to organise the parish fair as usual, but bearing in mind that this is for the residents of the village do you know anyone that would like to have a stall of their own. Do you possibly know people that run stalls at other events that might be of interest to us.?

We are looking for different things this year. We are looking for a different Bouncy Castle, do you know anyone who does ferret racing or similar? Can you offer a raffle prize?

We need people too, even if it is just to help set up or litter pick afterwards for 10 minutes.

If you usually have a stall and haven't confirmed your place for this year can you also contact Alison on 01474 707206.

Bean Bus Committee

The Bean Bus Committee would like to thank Jason for the vinyl cut sign Re:- Dartford Council Grant and recommends him if you require signs.

Contact Jason on 01474 747 437

The Bean Community Bus Committee

GOOD NEWS:- We welcome Martin a new driver for the Thursday shopping trips, Wendy returns and Keith will do some Day trips for us to Houses and Gardens. **Let us know where you wish to go.**

We have received a grant from the Dartford Council "Switched On Community Fund" and held a successful Mini Fayre and Raffle which paid for the Insurance and for the bus' first Safety Inspection under the new V.O.S.A. (Vehicle and Operator Services Agency) licensing Rules. Some steering joints need to be replaced.

Due to the rise in Diesel costs, and the 13 weekly safety inspection costs we have had to **raise the fares to Dartford to £2-50 and Gravesend to £3-00.**

We now stop at ALDI on the Gravesend run in the hope of raising passenger numbers.

Please note that there are now no one-way bus fares, although you can make a one way journey at the above cost

BEAN COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS SCHEDULE

If you are interested in any of the trips below please

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as soon as possible to save being disappointed.

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Date	Venue	Bus fare	Depart Bean
Saturday 4th June	Southend	£10	
Friday 10th June	Brighton	£12	
Tuesday 21st June	Whitstable	£10	
Tuesday 5th July	Quex House - Birchington	£10	
Saturday 16th July	Kent County Show	£7 Bus fare only	
Friday 22nd July	Eltham Palace	£5	
Saturday 6th August	Ramsgate	£10	
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I would like to thank Colin for putting up with me over the years, and a big thank you to all the passengers on my last drive to Canterbury for being very patient with me over the delay to their journey through me playing with things I did not understand.

Lastly I very much appreciated their kindness to me at the end of the day.
Alan Weeks



Alan and villagers on the Tuesday 12th April Canterbury visit

Concerning the NEW COMMUNITY BUS.

Having acquired the new Community Bus we still need to raise the funds to keep it on the road, i.e. Insurance, Road Tax, MOT, Fuel, the three-monthly Safety Inspections, required by law, routine Servicing, and in addition the other consumables necessary.

Please support us by using the bus and when events are organised if you want the bus service to continue.

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St Nicholas at Bean



Your Village Church, which is part of St. Nicholas Parish, Southfleet, has now been established here for 21 years. During those years many have attended our worship, some regularly others on special occasions. We hope that you have all found a warm welcome.

Families including young children are most welcome. We do not mind if they make a noise now and again. We do have members of our fellowship who have been 'CRB' checked and if necessary can look after them if you wish.

This year we shall again be collecting Woollies, for Mustard Seed up until the last Sunday in June 26th. Shoe Boxes from 4th September until Harvest 2nd October. Both items can be left at the Centre any Sunday between 9.30 a.m. until 11.15 a.m.

Come and join our BBQ, at the Youth and Community Centre at 12.00 noon on 27th June. Bring your own food and we will cook it, rolls and salad will be provided.

Then at 2.30 p.m. the same day our annual 'Songs of Praise', a collection of popular Hymns and Songs which lasts for approximately 45 minutes.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very warm and happy summer with a good Family holiday.

Don White

ARE you towing on your holiday?

If you propose to tow a caravan or trailer on holiday have you checked your electrical sockets?

During the deep snow falls earlier in the year there have been cases where the snowfall buried the sockets and water leaked past the plastic sockets causing the terminals to corrode. Check them out and if necessary clean them and apply a thin film of "vaseline".

THE COLYERS ARMS.

Anyone driving through Betsham will notice a dramatic change. The landmark pub "The Colyers Arms" has been demolished. With it's loss goes yet another link with past, the reason for it's name. Probably, for the very last time, let's just pause for a moment and think of the hero whose picture, and name, adorned the sign.

Thomas Colyer-Ferguson VC

Extract from The London Gazette citing the award of the Victoria Cross.

4 September 1917 (No. 30272)

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This gallant officer was shortly afterwards killed by a sniper. J.P.

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The September Bean's Talk is due to be delivered just before the end of August.

As usual I will send out e-mail, or postal reminders, approximately 12 days before the copy date i.e. the final date for contributions. It would help no end if you could at least reply indicating whether you wish to contribute or not contribute, and where necessary forward the content to me as early as possible.

If all contributions are received on the copy date the newsletter will invariably be late. If this edition was late I apologise, but many contributions were late mainly due to the bank holidays etc. and a computer failure did not help.

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The Old School was officially reopened as the 'Village Osteopathic Clinic' on Saturday 7th May 2011 by the Mayor of Dartford, Councillor Pat. Coleman. Many villagers were invited to take part in the celebration. (See also page 16)

Plastic bag ban could go Euro-wide

Retailers in England and Scotland may be forced to charge for their single-use plastic bags following an impending EU assessment.

EU environment commissioner Janez Potocnik said that he intended to launch an impact assessment of a Europe-wide ban following the recent success of a ban in Italy. Potocnik said that Brussels would look at the "possibility of a Europe-wide ban given the production of plastic bags has exploded, leading to effects that are all too evident on our environment".

If given the green light a ban would be introduced across all 27 EU member states.

Several EU member states have already introduced levies and have reduced the number of plastic bags handed out as a result. The Republic of Ireland introduced a 15p levy in 2002 that reduced plastic bag use by more than 90%.

From October this year, Wales will introduce a 5p levy that will be given to a charity of the retailer's choice, and the Northern Irish Assembly has recently approved a levy of 15p that is expected to raise £4m a year for the economy.



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The Houses on the Hill - Part 1



Have you ever wondered about the people who lived in Bean before us? Even in this small corner of Kent, the sixteen houses known as Bean Hill Cottages must have many stories to tell. Originally they were labourers' cottages but from 1885 to 1928 they were known as E.C. Powder Cottages as they were inhabited, mainly, by those who worked for William Borland in the E.C. Powder Mills making smokeless gun powder.

So let us start with No.1 Powder Cottages.

In 1891 the inhabitants were William Baxter, then 47, his Irish wife Elizabeth just a year younger, together with three sons, John 22, Alfred 17, Frederick 13, father and sons all being general labourers.

In 1881 this family, had been living at Park Place Dartford, with his other sons Edward and Alexander. William and Edward worked at the tannery, Elizabeth worked in the fields and Alexander was a butcher's boy. Perhaps William thought he could provide more for his family by moving to Bean and working in the Powder Mills but they did not stay long, as by 1901 they had moved back to Dartford, to St Albans Place, where William was a pipe fitter and Alexander and John were bricklayers assistants, Frederick worked in one of the mills and Alfred was a bit more up-market and worked as druggist.

None of their sons appear on the war memorial in Dartford, so perhaps they escaped unharmed in the horror that was WW1.

The next family to be recorded at No.1 E.C. Powder Cottages in the 1901 census was Jack (John) Herbert Suttle, a cartridge loader, his wife Emma and his two young daughters Clara and Margery. Jack had married Emma Ballinger in Gloucester in 1892, Clara being born there in 1895 and Margery was born in Bean in 1899, which might have been when the Baxters moved

out and the Suttles moved in. Although Jack was originally from Ipswich he was no stranger to Bean having lived here 10 years previously with the family of Henry Sadler according to the 1891 census.

Prior to that he and his brother Solomon would appear to have been raised by his aunt Maria Parker and her husband Robert in Stowmarket during the 1871 census as their parents Solomon and Pamela Suttle appear to have died at a young age.

By 1911 John and Emma, with daughters Clara and Marjorie were on the ship "Marathon" heading for a new life in New South Wales (NSW), Australia. Sadly John would only enjoy this life for 7 years, as his death is recorded in Temora NSW in 1918. His widow Emma and her daughter Marjorie, a nurse, lived on in New South Wales, Emma being still alive in 1949 and Marjorie, who appears to have not married, still being alive in 1954.

The other daughter Clara married Australian Edgar Willis John Birrell, a bank manager in 1918 in New South Wales and had at least one surviving child David. Perhaps it is wishful thinking, but maybe her father might have lived to see her marriage.

No.2 Powder Cottages

Over the period covered by the 1891 / 1901 census this house was inhabited by William Fleming, another Irishman. He had married his wife Mary Ann Lawrence in Canterbury. He was an agricultural labourer and the births of their children, in Canterbury, Burnham, Ash and Horton Kirby, showed how they travelled around seeking work. By the end of his working life he was the night-watchman.

William Fleming died during 1908 in Bean and his wife Mary Ann died in 1920 in the Dartford area.

Of their children, J joined the navy and in 1891 was on board the ship "Minerva" as an able bodied seaman. Margaret married Frederick Ernest Nott in 1894 at St. Mary's, in Stone. At that time Frederick was in the Royal Marines, but by 1901 the couple had moved to Gillingham where Frederick was a shoe maker. Also living with them at that time was Margaret's younger brother Thomas who was a shipwrights apprentice.

The other daughter Alice Maud married Frederick William Forteath, a coachman, in 1902, again at St. Mary's in stone. They would appear to have had several children but moved out of the area.

Of the other children, William and John, I have not been able to find any more information. Perhaps you know of them? Perhaps one or other of them was your Grandad.

Part 2 will in the September issue.

The Kent County Council Notice on :

BEACON WOOD COUNTRY PARK.

This site is now closed as of 31st March 2011

Kent County Council has now withdrawn from Beacon Wood Country Park. The site is being handed back to the owners Lafarge. Lafarge are working hard to find an alternative partner to manage the site to ensure that it can reopen to the public as soon as possible.

Anyone entering the site after this date enters entirely at their own risk. There may be danger on the site for which KCC take no responsibility and anyone using the site will be trespassing.

KCC apologises for the inconvenience this closure will cause. The future management of the site is the responsibility of the owners Lafarge, so please contact Mark Heeley on 0207 2276200 if you have any questions regarding the future of the site.

(There will be further information in the September edition).

Subject: Bean History, Barrage Balloons during WW2.

I am doing some research into an RAF Officer who was stationed around Bean back in WW2 in 1944, I am not sure of his name, but I know he was billeted in the row of cottages near the Black Horse in the High Street. There was a balloon based in what I believe was Pallents field.

He was billeted with the Stephens, or Stephensons, and I am hoping to contact anyone that may know anything at all. Mary Bushell, I believe may know something, as she played an active role in the village, but understand that this was a long time ago and am unsure if she is still around or not.

I have spent a lot of time and money so far travelling from the north east down to the national archives to research the RAF records, but without a name, I am not able to get anywhere. I need some clues which I hope Mary Bushell or the Stephens may be able to shed some light on.

I hope somebody is able to help. *If so please contact Aaron Clarke.*
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Notes from PACT meeting and for March from Dave Davies

No date, in the near future, has been set for the speed data logger, to monitor traffic in the village which was scheduled to be installed on the 15th March.

Issues during March

Issue	Number of cases
Burglary	1
Distraction burglary	1
Fly-tipping in Sandy Lane	1
Fly-tipping in Shellbank	2
Fire at rear of garages in Bramble Avenue.	1
Fire near car in Beacon Woods	1
Criminal Damage	1

High visibility patrols on foot and vehicle continue

A crew is on duty 7 days a week from 14.00 to 00.00 to deal with anti-social behaviour and can be contacted on 07807 340082.

In February a resident raised a concern about traffic resulting from the new events centre at Bluewater which is due to open in December.

The centre will have a maximum capacity of 5,000 people and the resulting increase in traffic is estimated to be between 500 to 1,000 within an 8 hour period. On the scale of the current flow this did not appear to be a great increase.

On the topic of speed monitoring there was a request for readings to be taken in Bean Lane in both directions at the bus stop and associated traffic island. It was stated that the speed of vehicles going towards Bluewater was so high that residents were concerned for their safety if waiting at the bus stop so tended to shelter in the access road.

It was also noted by several residents that when a bus was at the stop that some motorists were so impatient that they passed the traffic island on the wrong side.

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BEAN SCOUTS

The Bean Scouts have vacancies for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so why not call into the Community Centre if you are interested to find out what it all about?

The meetings are on Wednesdays (**During term times**)

Beavers, 6 to 8 years old from 5.45 to 7.15 / 7.30 p.m.

Cubs 8 to 10½ years old from 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. and

Scouts 10½ to 14 years old from 7.45 to 9.30 p.m.

For more details see www.beanscouting.org.uk or
Contact Neil Warburton (Group Scout Leader) on 01474 707 382

House Building in Bean

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of rumours circulating regarding house building in and around the village of Bean. These have caused concern to a great many villagers and Bean Parish Council hopes to dispel those concerns with this statement. For ease of reading, the rumours and facts will be listed below.

1. *There is to be substantial house building on Bean Farm including the land behind Beacon Drive.*

Fact There is to be no house building on any Green Belt land around Bean. There are to be 200 houses built within the village envelopes throughout Dartford Borough. Bean Village has only one site within it's envelope, that being the land owned by Vision Homes between Beacon Drive and Drudgeon Way.

2. *House building on Bean Farm could mean Beacon Wood being swallowed up for development.*

Fact As already stated, there is to be no house building on Bean Farm and the Country Park owned by Lafarge is safe and will be reopened as soon as possible.

3. *Lafarge owns the land between Beacon Drive and the School which shows they are only interested in development which could impinge on the Country Park.*

Fact This is complete fiction. Lafarge do not own that land.

Bean Parish Council have sent a detailed report to Bean Residents Association with a view to stopping these false and harmful rumours. Any resident requiring a copy of the report should request it by email to the Parish Clerk at Beanpc@dsl.pipex.com.

Jan Becket

Clerk to Bean Parish Council



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Continuing our pictures from the past series

Moving to a more up to date period

The photograph below was taken in 1984 of an annual 5 mile marathon in aid of the New Yorkers Club, which it is believed was in aid of helping disabled people.



Can you identify the runners and possibly the result? Any reminiscence would be of interest.

The picture is 27 years old so many of the runners may still reside in the village and possibly still do a bit of running.

I have included this “recent” picture hoping to get some replies since the previous “old” pictures did not generate any correspondence.

Do you wish me to continue the series? There are a number of pictures on file to be dealt with, all relevant to the village, and hopefully of interest to some of the readers.

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



Thursday 30th June.

Meeting outside the Royal Oak

Thursday 28th July.

Meeting outside the Black Horse

Thursday 25th August.

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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Phone Numbers 01474 unless shown otherwise.

POLICE 999

Non emergency calls to Maidstone 01622 690690

Neighbourhood Police Officer - Tony Quilter

Mobile 07989 992462

Dave Davies - Police Community Support Officer.

Mobile 07969 584192

Community Warden.

Mobile 07811 271252

Community Warden

(Control Centre) ☎ **01732 885712**

Crime Stoppers

☎ **0800 555 111**

Hall Bookings

Tuesday 4.00 - 7.30 pm.

Dance fever

Elaine Coombs ☎ 703239

Jo Regan 07927 196307

Wednesday 2.30 pm.

Young at Heart

Maureen Osborne ☎ 708246

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

Janette Williams ☎ 01322 381661

Sunday 10.00 - 11.00am.

St. Nicholas at Bean, Don White

☎ 705430

Mon - Fri 9.15 - 12.00 noon.

Play School

Allison Barrass ☎ 07771864937

Saturday Mornings contact for times (Age related) Nicola Robinson ☎ 020 8303 0211

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

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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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