

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 46th 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.

St. Nicholas Church, Southfleet are holding their **Arts Festival** on
AUGUST 26th to 29th. (See page 5 for details).

The BEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General meeting

will be held on Monday 5th September at 8.15 pm

Following a Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at 7.15 pm.

BEAN PARISH FAIR

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 12 UNTIL 4 pm
ON THE RECREATION GROUND

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER
BEAN'S TALK IS TUESDAY 1st 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	NPM	Neighbourhood Panel Meetings.
BPC	Bean Parish Council	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
		RA	Residents Association.

Important note from the Residents Association .

At present we are not collecting membership subscriptions.

Hence all Bean Residents are considered members and receive the Bean's Talk newsletter free of Charge.

However, when contacting other organisations, do not say that you represent the Bean Residents Association. Only give your personal opinion.

Decisions on whether to support, oppose or lobby on any particular matter are taken and recorded at monthly meetings.

Information from the monthly meetings of
The Bean Residents association.

The following notes are from the June to August 2011 meetings

Talk by Lorraine Sylvester, Police Community liaison Officer , Bluewater and Dartford at the June meeting.

Lorraine explained that she was a former WPC who now works as a civilian for the North Kent Police for Bluewater and Dartford. Her role was very wide providing support for those from more diverse parts of society, religion, disabled etc. and could be contacted by anyone with related problems.

Joanne Smith, gave a presentation on "Greening the Gateway" at the August meeting. She outlined the organisation involved in making the Thames Gateway area in Kent and Medway a "greener environment".

IAN Martin and Debbie Woodger, of Groundwork Kent and Medway Trust gave a presentation on their future management of the Beacon Wood Country Park. (See page 16,18 and 19

Secretary's Report:

There have been 15 letters, on 7 topics since the July meeting.

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.

Planning Matters - Vision Homes .

Vision Homes declined an invitation to attend the June meeting. Ken Jeavons and Ashley Johnson described the proposals and outlined the differences from the previous proposals. A resolution was proposed and unanimously agreed, by a show of hands, to object to Vision Homes 4th Application. We await the date of the Development Control Board meeting.

As is normal the three Parish Councillors representatives abstained as they could be considering the application at their meeting in the following week.

The DBC Core Strategy, Inspectors Report, July 2011.

The inspector's report concludes, "that the Dartford Core Strategy Development Plan Document provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough over the next 15 years.

There is no need to take more open land from the Green Belt.

In response to A. Winchester and Sons request for release of 12 hectares for development, the inspector said, "The Bean Triangle makes a positive contribution to the Green Belt and continues to reinforce the already narrow gap of predominately open land that separates the settlement of Bean from Swanscombe and proposed development to the north of Watling street. Its exclusion from the Green Belt is not justified.

(The DBC Core Strategy Examination included the proposal of an additional 800+ homes by developers in Bean between 2010 and 2026. Objections to this were sent to DBC as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Consultation).

KCC advises that the Service Company markings on Beacon Drive were to identify the services position to enable them to find a route for a drain to replace the soakaways that had been sealed off to prevent further flooding in Drudgeon Way.

The Residents Association had supported the application for an Osteopathic Clinic in School Lane.

1 Ashwood Place.

A Planning Inspector visited Bean on 29th June to consider two Appeals against DBC refusal to grant Outline Planning Permission.

The proposal was to build in the side garden on the corner of High Street and Beacon Drive: Either: A) a two storey house and four parking spaces or

B) a single storey Bungalow and three parking spaces.

In a decision letter dated 12th July the Inspector allowed appeal A) with conditions and dismissed Appeal B).

Selected Private Sewers will be transferred to the water Companies on the 1st October 2011. Pumping stations will follow at a later date, possibly up to 5 years time.

The Bean Interchange - efforts are still being made to obtain funding for

improvements to reduce pollution and noise problems associated close to the A2.

The Community Bus. (See below and page 5).

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch, NPM and Community Warden's reports. (See page 21).

Other Village Issues and any other business mentioned were:

Beacon Wood Country Park.

New Management arrangements have been finalised and the Beacon Wood Country Park was officially re-opened, with a community day, by Councillor Jeremy Kite at 12 noon on Saturday 6th August. (See pages 16, 18 and 19)

The Parish Fair - help is required to set up stalls and marquees starting at 8 am. (See page 12).

The Parish Council are trying to get funding for cutting back weeds in various locations in the village.

A speeding and illegally ridden motorcycle has been seen in Stonewood, Bramble Avenue and Beacon Drive, efforts are in hand to identify the rider.

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

The next Residents Association Meeting will be

The Annual General Meeting

To be held at the Community Centre,

On Monday 5th September starting at 8.15 p.m.

following a NPM meeting starting at 7.15 p.m.

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

The RA meetings start at 8.15pm, NPM meetings start at 7.15pm

All Bean residents are invited to attend both meetings.

Monday 3rd October,

Monday 7th November and December 5th following a NPM meeting (To be confirmed),

The Bean Community Bus

We have had some very successful and enjoyable trips over the last three months, and welcome suggestions for your ideas on where to visit.

We have been asked if we could set out earlier for some places and you will note that the next Dover Castle visit leaves Bean at 8.30 am so as to arrive nearer the opening time because there is so much to see and do there.

Please keep your eye on the notice board outside the Post Office for updates.

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
Friday 2nd September	Polhill	£5-00	
Tuesday 6th Sept.	Hastings - Bring a cold box for fresh fish.	£10-00	9.00 am
Friday 16th Sept.	Dover Castle	£10-0	8.30 am
Date to be arranged	Evening "Jazz Boat" on the Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle. Look for posters or phone for details.		

THE ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - ARTS FESTIVAL 2011.

St Nicholas Church, Southfleet will be holding an exciting and events-packed Arts Festival over the Bank Holiday weekend **26 – 29 August**.

Professional and hobby artists will display their work in the church which will be available for sale and there will be refreshments and live music recitals going on throughout the day.

Friday evening 26 August is **Gala Opening Night** featuring a Vocal Recital by Rebecca Knights and the first chance to buy paintings. Cost only £6 including wine and canapés.

Saturday evening 27 August features a **Blues/Rock & Roll band** "One Way Street" and during their concert winners from our **children's art competition** will be presented with their prizes. Cost for this evening only £6 including wine and cheese (children taking part in the competition admitted free of charge).

Exhibition opens from 10 am Saturday, Sunday and Monday. For full details and downloadable art entry forms please visit the website on www.stnicholassouthfleet.org or ring Sarah Youseman on 01474 834067.

The National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

The Food Standards Agency in partnership with local authorities is introducing a nation-wide National Food Hygiene Rating scheme. The ratings range from 0 (Urgent Improvement Necessary) to 5 (Very Good).

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However since local authorities can choose whether it wants to participate it may not be possible to check on your local food suppliers.

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Once again this year we will be collecting ‘Shoe Boxes’. For the last 15 years or so Bean has contributed to this worthy cause which brings joy and makes Christmas for, in excess of 40,000 children, a time to remember. Your concern and love for them is much appreciated. They can be left at the Community Centre any Sunday between 9.30 am and 11.30 am up until Harvest Sunday which is on the 2nd October.

We were blessed once again this year with good weather for our BBQ and Songs of Praise last June. The open space at the back of the hall provided a very good venue for our get together.

Our Toy Service this year will be held on St. Nicholas day, 4th December. Please bring your gifts unwrapped, but with a separate piece of wrapping paper. They will be delivered to the Ellenor Lions Hospice where they will be wrapped and distributed to the children in their care. Another token of our love for those in need.

By the time you read this the shops will probably be full of Christmas offers and gifts. Our annual Carol Service will take place at 6.30 pm on Sunday 11th December. Do find time to come and enjoy the singing and fellowship which is what this service is all about.

Christmas Communion will be on Sunday 19th December at 10.00 am. All are welcome.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Don White

Parish Fair SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

We will be setting up from 8 am on the day and any offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated.
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LETTERS OR E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR.

I was wondering if you could publish this in the next Beanstalk issue and pass this in meeting for discussion

Moving with times

Not sure how everyone feels but it is a good topic for a debate. I have been living here for a while and feel we need to improve on basic things within the village.

Broadband speed

Well everyone uses the internet these days whether it's for work, school or just for surfing the internet. Now as far as I understand it there is exchange centre in Longfield and I believe that the broadband speed in Bean is only 1 meg at a push 2 meg. I really do feel strongly about moving this forward and improving the speed of broadband in Bean. If you think about the future generation kids they do rely on the internet for studying and streaming and not just kids even working wise to enable people to work from home sometime you do require good broad band and I have tried to work from you just can not do as much due to the speed. I believe Fibre-optic is a new type of cable that carries the internet signal, what is the chance of getting this installed in Bean? I'm sure there are grants available and it would really benefit all within the village. *(Details of community broadband grants will be released in November by KCC. ed).*

Infrastructure

Is it possible to hold talks with Fastrack bus services to extend their services in Bean?

I do think we can do with a regular service in the area. I think it will reduce people from using their cars to get to stations more environment friendly and for the early starters, I leave my home at 5 and have no choice but to take a car to the station or get a taxi.

J B

(Editors note, The Broadband situation in Bean was raised in the March 2010 newsletter. Any further comments are welcome).

Subject : Bean's Talk June 2011 page 22 Speed monitoring.

Whoever complained about people overtaking on the “Wrong side” of the traffic island need to get a reality check.

This problem is caused by the organisation that has placed absolutely stupid sites for the bus stop (by the way- the buses in and around Bean frequently stop at unauthorised / demarked stops and create problems themselves) - and yes, I do use public transport.

By the way, presumably the people demarking bus stops in our village are the same idiots who completely mis-planned the overpass to Bluewater, when it should have been either a direct feed to the shopping centre or, at least two lane BOTH ways widening!!! *C P*

BEAN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Quiz Night back in March raising £326 towards the continuing improvements to the Community Centre.

Do please continue to check the website and village notice boards for future fundraising evenings.

The volunteer management committee spent a weekend improving the garden at the community centre. We now have a storage area to keep the play equipment tidied away making the garden a pleasant, open space for all our users.

We are pleased to thank GlaxoSmithKline for their generous donation of ex-office equipment comfy seats, grit bins, garden benches, notice boards and plenty of storage cupboards which have all been put to good use.

We're pleased to welcome Jess as a new regular user of the Community Centre running Zumba Fitness classes on a Tuesday evening from 8.15 - 9.05 pm. For the uninitiated these are a "Latin-inspired dance fitness program" run along the lines of a fun dance session with exercise being the bonus. Why not give it a try. Have fun and get fit burning a few calories right on your doorstep. Further details available from Jess on 07746 082182.

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.

And lastly, we do need extra support when we're having one of our working party days, no obligation to join the management committee, just an extra pair of hands on the day would be great. If you think you could help very occasionally then do please get in touch with one of the committee members or via the website with your name and phone number.

FRIENDS OF BEACON WOOD

Following the exciting news of the new collaboration between Lafarge, Bean Parish Council and Groundwork Kent & Medway we are delighted to advise you that we will shortly be setting up the Friends of Beacon Woods Country Park to promote community involvement in managing the park and to encourage local residents to use the park as well as highlight the importance of environmental education and awareness.

If you would like more information on Friends of Beacon Woods Country Park please contact Groundwork Kent & Medway on 01322 384848 or the Parish Council on 01474 832999 (Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com)

The Houses on the Hill - Part 2

*Continuing the story of the people who lived in the Bean,
part one was in the June Bean's Talk.*

No 3 E.C. Powder Cottages



Arthur Hart and his family occupied No 3 over the 1891/1901 period. Previously he had lived with his parents at Green Street Green, and had married Ellen Bratton at St Margaret's Darenth in 1887. He was a general labourer in 1891; by 1901 he was a storekeeper.

Their elder children, William, Frederick and Gertrude were born in Darenth, but by 1884 they were in Bean where their younger children, Emily and Elizabeth were born. Arthur's brother Thomas lived at No. 11 in the 1891 census. Arthur's daughter Emily Maud married Leo Martin in 1918 and his son Frederick married Grace Barnden in 1930 both at St Mary's Stone. Grace was the granddaughter of Alfred Barnden at No. 5. Arthur Hart, caretaker, died at No 3 in 1940, being buried at Stone Cemetery. His widow, Ellen was still living at No. 3 when she died in 1955, and was buried with Arthur. When their unmarried daughter Gertrude died in 1972 she was buried in the same grave as her parents. I can find no more information on William or Elizabeth.

No 4 E.C. Powder Cottages

1891 saw Thomas Austin a general labourer, 24 living there, with his wife Harriett 22 and their young family, Thomas 3, Ellen 1 and Minnie just 1 month old. Thomas and Harriet had married at St Botolph's Northfleet in 1887. Thomas' father, John Austin, was living at No. 14, and in the 1901 census Thomas was living next door to his father at No. 15.

1901 saw Leonard Preston 36 living at No. 4 with his wife Clara 31. Leonard was coachman to William Borland. Leonard Preston and Clara Payne were married in 1900 in the Amersham area. Leonard died at No. 12 Pilgrims Way Dartford in 1939, aged 64 years. He was a cafe manager, and was buried at Watling Street Cemetery. Clara lived on at Pilgrims Way until she died at West Hill Hospital in 1959 at the age of 89 years. She was laid to rest with Leonard.

Part 3 will be in the December edition.

There has been no known response to the enquiry in the June Newsletter regarding the RAF Officer associated with the war time barrage balloon in Bean.

PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AUGUST 2011

Beacon Wood County Park to re-open next weekend

Creepy Crawlle mini beast hunts and environmental arts and craft demonstrations, are amongst a range of activities specially designed to keep children amused and educated over the summer holidays, which will be taking place at the re-opened Beacon Wood Country Park.

Owners of the site, Lafarge Cement, have teamed up with Bean Parish Council and Groundwork Kent and Medway Trust to breath new life into the Country Park and will be celebrating the official re-opening on Saturday, August 6th. The day's attractions commenced at 11am until 3 pm at Beacon Wood Country Park, Southfleet Road, Bean. Jeremy Kite, Leader of Dartford Borough Council joined other VIPs at 12 pm.

A new dynamic five year Management Plan will be used to manage and enhance Beacon Wood Country Park for local people and for wildlife. Conservation and community features requiring management include semi-natural broad-leaved woodland including remnants of ancient woodland, scrub habitat, grassland, areas of silver birch colonisation and associated fungus and lichen flora, and local community involvement.

David Simms, Land and Planning Director for Lafarge Cement said: "Beacon Wood is of enormous benefit to members of the local community. It represents a valuable countryside recreation resource for the village of Bean and the surrounding area. The Park will be managed and maintained to the highest possible standard for visitors, while ensuring both the protection and enhancement of flora, fauna and wildlife native to the site. The Park will offer opportunities for environmental education and awareness through interpretation of the site and by planning a range of events and activities during the year which will cater for many ages and interests. Lafarge was concerned that Kent County Council were unable to continue their lease of the site but we are delighted that we are now able to instigate a new Management Plan."

Councillor Neil Pearson-Coffey, Vice Chair Bean Parish Council said: "We are delighted and excited about this new partnership with Lafarge and Groundwork and look forward to managing Beacon Wood for the enjoyment of all visitors whilst protecting this unique environmental area.

Beacon Wood has been an important asset to the community as a whole for many years and we are especially pleased that we will be working with Groundwork who not only have previous knowledge of the site but have considerable experience in conservation and environmental awareness and the Parish Council hopes that local residents will show their support by joining the 'Friends of Beacon Wood'" (See page 16).

Ian Martin, General Manager, at Groundwork said: "Groundwork Kent and Medway" is extremely pleased to be working in partnership with Lafarge and Bean Parish Council to manage Beacon Wood Country Park. Over the years, Groundwork has had a lot of input into Beacon Wood and this is a great opportunity to be involved with the Park again."

THE RE-OPENING OF BEACON WOOD COUNTRY PARK.



On Saturday 6th August, Beacon Wood Country park was re-opened by the Leader of Dartford Borough Council, Councillor Jeremy Kite.

Also in attendance were representatives of Lafarge, who own the Park, members of Bean Parish Council, who are the lease holders and Groundwork who will manage the woods.

Thanks must go to all the people who turned up for the opening and special thanks to all the children who really made the day.

Groundwork and the Parish Council look forward to working with all those who signed up to become a Friend of Beacon Wood Country Park.

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The 101 number in Kent will be introduced in November, when it should be used to report a crime that has happened, seek crime prevention information or report local policing issues.

The service will be handled by trained officers and staff 24 hours a day.

There were 12 Crimes reported since the June meeting:-

Air weapons seized,
Shed break-Ins,
Attempted burglary,
Car damage,
Stolen vehicle,
Diesel theft,
Catalytic converter stolen from car park, Drug possession,
Assault,
Racial aggravated incident, road rage,
Motor cycle problems and oversized vehicles.

Neighbourhood Watch Report

A car was stolen from Beacon Drive and at Lane End a computer was stolen when a door was left open.

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1 tsp Salt

1 Cup brown sugar

Lemon Juice

**1 bottle whisky
(favourite)**

Sample whisky to ensure its quality. Take a large bowl; *check whiskey again to be sure it is the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink; repeat.*

Turn off electric mix and beat one cup of butter, in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whisky is still OK by crying another top. Turn off mixer, break two legs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of fried fruit.

Recheck the whisky.

Mix on the turner, if the fried fruit gets stuck in the beater; pry it loose with a drewcriver.

Sample the whisky to check for tensisticity. Next sift two cups of salt or something, who cares, and *check the whisky once again.* Now sift the lemon juice. Add one tablespoon of sugar or something, whatever you can find grease the oven and *week the chiskey.*

Turn the cake tin in 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat the off turner. Throw the bow out the window *and finish the whiskeyey.*

GO TO BED WHO THE HELL LIKES DRUITCAKES ANYWAY!

JP.

Originally from the Emergency Relief Fund Committee, Sparta, North Carolina, USA

Can anyone add the history to this photograph?

If you have any period photograph you would like to share with our readers, and help to build the history of Bean, we would like to take copies and return the originals if required.

Please contact the editor.



The 'rush hour' in the Highstreet Bean.



Old Bean Cottage Shellbank Lane

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The 1984 “New Yorkers Club” 5 mile marathon, shown in a picture in the June edition, was won by Amanda Martin, daughter of Yvonne Martin. The trophy which was awarded has been “lost” over the the intervening period. It was displayed in The Royal Oak for some time.

Does anyone know where it is now?

Motorway potholes

To save money, the Highways Agency has redefined its rules so that any pothole smaller than a soup bowl will not have to be filled in immediately. Contractors previously had to ensure that roads were an “even, comfortable and quiet” and were supposed to patch up even minor ‘defects’ within 24 hours.

Under the new rules - which applies to motorways and trunk roads - only potholes more than 4cm deep or 15cm wide will be repaired urgently. The changes come into effect in the West Country later this year and will be rolled out nationally by 2015.

Nigel Humphries of the association of British Drivers condemned the move as ‘dangerous and irresponsible’. He warned : “A pothole which is 4cm deep is an awfully big hole and with lorries rumbling over the top of them, it will not take long for them to expand rapidly. This could cause drivers to loose control.

Motorists over 60

The EU (European Union) Commission **is** considering compulsory driving tests every two years for motorists over 60 and annually for those 76 and over. Brussels is financing two studies on the issue, saying that while mature motorists in the EU make up just 16% of drivers, they account for 21% of all accidents.

When the studies are completed the EU Driving Licence Guidelines will almost certainly be changed to mandate more frequent testing, affecting motorists from Britain to the Baltic states, although some countries already have such rules in place.

Transport Secretary Phillip Hammond said ‘boy racers’ who tailgate, undertake or cut up motorists, those driving under the influence of drink or drugs and repeat offenders will face tough new penalties, including £80 fines and points on their driving licence.

Ack: mail on line

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



Thursday 27th September.

Meeting outside the Royal Oak

Thursday 25th October.

Meeting outside the Black Horse

Thursday 29th November.

Meeting outside the School

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

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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 - 7.30pm.

Dance fever

Elaine Coombs



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Tuesday 8.15 - 9.05pm.

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07927 196307

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Jess



07746 082182

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Adam Boucher



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Faye Brown



07971 011928

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St. Nicholas Church, Don White

Jannette Williams



01322 381661



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Mon - Fri 9.15 - 12.00 noon. Play School

Allison Barrass



07771864937

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Black Horse

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stopping points and times shown.

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Beacon Drive, Bean



708672

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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 Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com

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