

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 46th Year

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BEAN'S TALK

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Household in Bean.

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We welcome new residents to the village and to the Residents Association's quarterly newsletter.

Please feel free to contribute your thoughts, ideas and comments.

Betty Martin.

It is with regret and sadness that we announce the death of Betty Martin, wife of John Martin, the Community Centre caretaker.

Betty gave her time freely to the village in many ways.

She will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with John and his family at this difficult time.

A detailed tribute will be included in the next Bean's Talk in March.

THE COMMUNITY BUS FUNDRAISING MINI FAYRE.

**On Saturday 10th December from 1 to 5 pm.
in the Community Centre.**

**Raffle in aid of the new Community Bus Fund.
(See page 5 for details and more information).**

BEAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS with the
Salvation Army Band at 7 pm.
Tuesday 13th December (See page 9)

**We wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

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

Information from the monthly meetings of **The Bean Residents Association.**

The following notes are from the September and October 2011.

Matters arising from the September Annual General Meeting.

At the AGM a committee of 20 residents were elected to serve for 20 months.

Update on the Bean School parking problems - Linda Collins, Jan Becket and Tracy Williams were among those who attended the meeting arranged by Laura Hastings on 14th September. It was agreed that the school were to monitor and liaise with parents in order to improve the situation.

Vice Chair and Press Officer - Vacancies from the Annual General Meeting were filled after discussion, by volunteers Peter Luker for the Press Officer post and Mr Duncan Wood the Vice Chair post. They were thanked by the committee.

Secretary's Report:

22 items of correspondence have been sent in the two months since the last ordinary meeting; 8 on planning issues, 4 for the Bean's Talk, 3 about repainting the white lining on local roads prior to the opening of the new Events Centre at Bluewater on November 30th. In addition letters sent reference to:- Sewer transfers, Parking at the school, Police, Influenza Jabs for Bean residents, thanks to a speaker and the Bean phone box removal. Peter Luker will contact BT for the phones usage figures prior to further discussion.

Planning Matters - *Vision Homes* -

The date for comments on the 10 Houses off Beacon Drive 4th Appeal was the 4th October but was extended to 18th October. It was unanimously agreed to ask that the Appeal be Dismissed and to take part in the Hearing.

Bluewater Forum.

Linda Collins and Ashley Johnson attended the Bluewater Forum. The main discussion was in relation to the opening of the Events Centre on 30th November 2011. Some events will be held in the previously agreed 'Restricted Period' 27th November 2011 - 8th January 2012.

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.

Transfer of shared sewers.

The transfer had occurred on 4th October. It would benefit all properties that had shared sewers. Thames Water or Southern Water should be called to deal with problems in a pipe serving more than one home. The 'down-side' was that there would be an increase in everyone's water rate by an estimated £12 per year.

The Community Bus. The financial state of the bus budget is satisfactory, however more passengers and trips are required. (See page 5).

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch (See also pages 7 and 16).

Tony Quilter sent a message to convey his thanks to all those that helped in finding a missing 3 year old boy. To assist the search a helicopter with a tannoy had been used over Bean.

Other Village Issues and any other business mentioned were:

Beacon Wood Country Park. (See also page 11)

A meeting of 'The friends of the Country Park' was held in October.

A brick built BBQ is to be built in the park for general use, no other BBQ's will be allowed.

One pond is stagnant and requires cleaning out and another has a soak hole which requires sealing to prevent leakage.

Coppicing is to be carried out and the footpaths will be plotted and each individual route will be named by local children. Suggestions and areas on future development of the park are required.

Funding for the work is being organised.

Pollution in the Hope and Ightham Cottages area.

Discussion took place on ideas for the reduction of air and noise pollution and traffic control. Peter Luker is to investigate the progress on the DBC monitoring of pollution in the area.

Other items raised and Any Other Business.

The Royal Oak.

Some domestic waste water from the Royal Oak was said to be draining into the pond. When this situation is resolved the pond will be cleaned out and re-filled.

The public house is an Admiral Tavern site. In September, they were unsure when it would reopen.

Broadband.

Fibre-optic cable was due to be laid from the Longfield exchange in 2012 and a new cabinet provided in Bean. This makes faster speeds available, but it remains uncertain if this would be at extra cost. The existing aluminium cables are in poor state of repair which could affect the download speeds.

The Association's web-site.

Russell Joyce has offered to update the web-site.

The Recreation Ground.

Nadege said that the recreation ground had not been locked up overnight for some weeks and persons were congregating in the late evenings. Lights are not working and dog fouling is increasing.

Bushes around the toddler area have been trimming to increase visibility.

The Bean Bridge.

The pelican crossing is frequently out of service. Efforts are being made to determine the reason.

The Residents Association Constitution.

The Constitution requires updating and to this end members were asked to make recommendations for consideration at the November meeting.

**The next Residents Association Meeting will be
held at the Community Centre,
On Monday 9th February starting at 8.15 p.m.**

All Bean residents are invited to attend.

The Community Centre (See also page 20)

It is with regret and sadness that we announce the death of Betty Martin, wife of John Martin our caretaker. Betty sat on this Community Centre Committee for many years, ran the Young at Heart group and gave her time freely to the village both as a Parish Councillor and in many other ways. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with John and his family at this difficult time.

Over the half term break electricians have been in, primarily to put the first part of the electrical works in place to enable the electricity supply to the building to be switched over to a new pole, to enable the leaking apex of the building to be replaced. They have also put sensors on the lighting in the three storage rooms and installed new exterior lights along the sideways.

The kitchen water boiler is now key operated so, as before, if your group is hosting an event which requires large amounts of speedy hot water then do let us know in advance and the caretaker will provide the key for that session.

We are introducing a **check sheet for all regular users to sign at the end of your hiring** to confirm that all the locking up procedure checks have been actioned. This can be found in the blue folder in the kitchen by the contact book. We hope this will mean that all users will now find the building left as they would expect to find it.

Regards, *BEAN COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE*

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS.

Where would you like to go?

If you and a few friends would like an afternoon, evening or day out, phone Colin with your ideas and the number of people. We would then put the word around to make up the numbers to run the bus for an economical fare.

We are holding a **Raffle**, to be drawn at a **Mini Fayre**, to help build funds to keep the bus on the road and save for its eventual replacement. The raffle tickets are on sale from some of the regular bus users, and door to door sales. There are some fantastic prizes. The Mini Fayre will be held in the Community Hall on Saturday 10th December, from 1 to 5 pm.

Come and have a browse, tea and cakes and witness the raffle draw.

Keep an eye on the notice board outside the village shop for the latest updates and bus trips. *Colin ☎ 01474 832 793*

Dover Castle visit.

We had a lovely day out. When we arrived the queues at the War Time Tunnels were not too long. We chose to look over the castle first but by the time we had come out and had lunch the queues at the tunnel were really long so we had no chance of being able to see them. We wonder if by reversing our plan we would have been able to do both. Thanks to Colin and those who organise the trips.

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BEAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB,

Also known as "The Happy Club"

Are you aged 50 or over?

Would you like to meet socially with others on alternate Wednesday afternoons for a cuppa, friendly chat and trips out on the Community Bus which picks you up and takes you home again - Free?

We are in talks with a "Chair Exercise" lady and also planning visits to places of interest and generally trying to expand our activities to attract more members.

What would you like to do? Please come and tell us over a cuppa and biscuits in the Community Hall

The members of Bean "Happy Club" would like to express their sincere condolences to the family of their former Secretary Betty Martin, who for many years was a stalwart of our community.

POST OFFICE UPDATE.

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Good news, the above banks have now been joined by NAT WEST.

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Post Office Gift Cards.

With Christmas upon us and the annual problem of what to get, don't forget the Post Office Gift Cards.

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Reminder

Do not forget nearly all of you gas / electric and telephone bills can be paid at the counter with no charges.

Finally the Post Office network is about to go through another shake up. This will involve closures, relocations and many operating in a limited capacity.

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Neighbourhood Watch Report

There were two shed break-ins in the local area.

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More are required and if you would like to organise, or be part of the scheme please contact Tony Quilter on 07989 992462 for more information.

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Beacon Wood Country Park - October

This month saw the first meeting of the 'Friends of Beacon Wood' which was held at the Bean Community Centre.

Although we would have wished for a better turn-out, a number of useful points were brought up which will be put before the Steering Group on 31st October.

The day after the 'Friends' meeting, Bean Parish Council, together with the Green Team from Groundwork and volunteers from Southfleet started work on clearing one of the upper ponds, sometimes referred to as the Red Pond or the Dog Pond. It was littered with fallen trees, railway sleepers, bricks and other detritus. Later, Emma from Groundwork brought along the TRACS group from Longfield who did sterling work clearing vast amounts of fallen leaves. We're grateful to learn that they will be coming again to give us a hand. Below are two before and after photos of part the pond.



A number of people have already signed up as 'Friends' of Bean Country Park, but many more would be welcome. If you think you would like to get involved in any way please contact

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St Nicholas at Bean



Where on earth has the year 2011 gone! By the time you receive your copy through the letter box the Shoe Boxes will be on their way to Eastern Europe. Many thanks to all who gave their time and money to fill one, in spite of the Economic Crisis. The joy and happiness they bring to the young people who receive them makes it all worthwhile.

The build-up to Christmas begins at 10 o'clock on Sunday 4th December when we shall be holding our Annual Toy Service at the Youth & Community Centre. The toys will then be taken to the Ellenor Lions Hospice. They will distribute them to very sick children or where a member of the family is desperately ill. We ask that your gifts are unwrapped, but with a piece of wrapping paper so that the appropriate toy may be given to the child.

At 6.30 pm. on Sunday 11th December we will be holding our Carol Service at the Youth Centre. Come and join us in singing the popular well known Carols. We hope, as usual on this occasion to fill the hall. Come early to make sure of a seat.

We received many comments from the village that there was no Carol singing around the streets last year. Unfortunately the weather won the day. The snow and ice on the pavements was far too dangerous and so we had to abandon what had been going on for the last 20 years.

Weather permitting we shall resume our singing around the streets. We always need more voices and also collectors. If you are able to do either then please feel free to join us. Don (705430) will have the dates from the 5th December on. The collections will go to the Ellenor Lions Hospice.

There will not be a service at the Youth Centre on Christmas Day.

Christmas Services are held at the Parish Church Southfleet as follows:

24th December 11.15 pm. Midnight Communion,

25th December 8.00 am. Holy Communion

10.30am. Family Service.

The Rector and Bean Fellowship wish all of the readers a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Don white

'London Marathon Sponsorship Plea'

I have been lucky enough to secure a place running for the British Heart Foundation in the 2012 London Marathon. The BHF save lives through pioneering research, providing information to help people reduce their own heart health risks. In order to run for this fantastic cause, I need to raise £2000 in sponsorship donations to allow me to take part.

You may have already seen me training around the village, as training commenced for me in June and will continue right up until April next year.

Please find my personal story at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HayleyChuck>. Any assistance you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

Hayley Chuck, Ashwood Place, Bean.

Descriptive Phrases

A great number of the descriptive phrases we use today come from the days when England was a great seafaring nation, and the Royal Navy had hundreds of sailing ships.

Chock-a-Block. Filled to capacity. If two blocks on a ships rigging are so tight together they cannot be further tightened, they are said to be "*chock-a-block*".

To Know the Ropes. On the old sailing ships there were miles of ropes. It took an experienced sailor to "*know the ropes*".

Footloose. The bottom of a sail is known as the foot. If it is not secured it dances in the wind and is said to be footloose.

To let the cat out of the bag. The most common form of punishment in the Royal Navy was flogging. This was administered with a whip called "a cat of nine tails" which was kept in a leather or baize bag. Say no more.

First Rate. When the Royal Navy had only sailing ships, they were rated according to the number of heavy cannon they carried. A ship of a hundred cannon or more was known as a "*First Rate*" line-of-battle ship. *JP.*

A BOOK LOAN / EXCHANGE SCHEME.

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Does anybody recognise these names?

I moved to Ightham Cottages 4½ years ago. I had seen what appeared to be an old milestone in Bean Lane opposite No.11. During last years snow it got knocked over and while righting it, my neighbours and I noticed that, in fact, it was actually some sort of memorial with the following inscription:

LAWRENCE FRY 1874

The other strange memorial that I found in my garden is a lead 'plaque' (280 mm wide x 335 mm high) engraved in beautiful copperplate writing with the following inscription:

Mr. Joseph Howlett Fenner

Died 26th. Feby 1840 Aged 78 years

As a regular reader of Bean's Talk I recognised that Councillor Neil Pearson-Coffey does research into Bean's history so I 'collared' him after a Parish council meeting and showed him the plaque. He has been kind enough to do some research and discovered that Joseph Howlett Fenner died in Wandsworth. We have so far been unable to discover how or why this plaque found it's way to Bean nor to find any connection between him and the village.

Do any of your readers know of either person or of any descendants of them?

All help will be gratefully received and will add to the fascinating social history of our lovely village.

Regards,

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In the meantime the blue form may be used as normal. If you have multiple vehicles they will be dealt with independently. For general information go to www.direct.gov.uk/v5c or phone 0300 123 1344

SUBJECT:- Inconsiderate parking on the road junctions in Bean.

Dear Residents of Bean,

My name is PC Tony Quilter and I am the Neighbourhood Beat Police Officer for Bean. Concerns have been raised regarding inconsiderate parking close to the junctions in Bean.

On occasions, vehicles are parked too close to the junction and are blocking the dropped kerb which has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles.

I would like to add that the majority of vehicles that park in Bean are parked considerately and within the law.

I understand parking in some roads is at a premium, however I cannot ignore the fact that some inconsiderate motorists are parking on the junction. Any motorist / vehicle seen parked too close to or blocking a dropped kerb could find themselves liable to prosecution.

The Highway Code states the following:

"NOT TO PARK OPPOSITE OR WITHIN 10 METRES (32 FEET) OF A JUNCTION, *EXCEPT IN AN AUTHORISED PARKING SPACE*, OR WHERE THE KERB HAS BEEN LOWERED TO HELP WHEELCHAIR USERS AND POWERED MOBILITY VEHICLES".

Hopefully the parking issues within your road can be resolved without the use of any tickets being issued for unnecessary obstructions.

Thanking you in anticipation of your prompt attention and if you wish to discuss this matter or you have any other issues you wish to discuss with me please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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The Bluewater Events Venue

The Plaza opening was on November 10th. The first Event is a Boutique Style Christmas Show on November 30th, followed by a Festive Food Fair between December 8th and 11th and a Last Minute Gift Fair from December 15th to 18th.

The Main Hall has a capacity of 1,800 and is particularly striking. It features a number of food outlets, including Jamie Oliver's Italian Restaurant.

A strategy is in place to encourage public transport, including a traffic plan to avoid disruption and gridlock. Some of these events are free, but tickets will be for timed entry.

The Upper Hall will feature a "Christmas in New York" show. The aim is to replicate a 1950's Christmas at the Rockefeller Centre, New York, including a Carousel and free Santa's Grotto.

There will be employment opportunities, including temporary jobs for young people and college students.

The New Year features a Vitality Boutique, Good Food Show, and Creative Skills & Hobbycraft Show.

The Houses on the Hill Part 3

No 5 E.C. Powder Cottages

Alfred Barnden 25 was living there in 1891 with his widowed mother Phyllis, 66 and a younger brother Walter, 20, but Phyllis and her husband George were living in Bean or the surrounding area from as early as 1861 having arrived from Trottiscliffe.

This was a large family, the children comprising of Charlotte, Sarah, William, Henry, Benjamin, Ellen, Alfred, Walter and Alice. George had died in 1889 being buried in Stone Churchyard. Phyllis had a lot of sadness to deal with; Alice died at 7 months and Charlotte at 17 years. By the 1901 census Alfred, Walter and William were all dead, all in their late 20s. Of her remaining children, Benjamin married Lizzie Hart in 1883, Ellen married William Smith in 1890 (who lived at No.16) and Sarah married Alfred Ludlow in 1896.

Benjamin's wife died and by his second wife he had a daughter Grace who married Arthur Hart's son Frederick in 1930. By the 1901 census, Phyllis had moved down the road to 12 Archer's Cottages where she was lodging with Frederick and Alice Gardiner, but she died at Sutton at Hone in 1906 and was buried at Stone Cemetery.

By 1901 the occupants of No 5 E.C. Powder Cottages were William Smith and his wife Ellen, who was the daughter of the previous occupants George and Phyllis Barnden. William, a stationary engine driver, was the son of George Smith who was living at No. 16, so boy married girl several doors down. In the 1891 census William and Ellen were living at No 9.

No 6 E.C. Powder Cottages

Over the 1891/1901 census the occupants of No 6 were John Carver, a factory labourer, his wife Mary Ann Hall and their two children Arthur and Mary. John was from Sussex and Mary from Canvey Island but they were in the area in 1881, being at Green Street Green where their younger child was born.

In 1901 there was a visitor in the house, Mary Ann Hurst, and in the next month, April, she and Arthur were married at Stone.

John Carver died in Bean in 1907. Mary died in 1932, when she was living at 13 Bean Hill Cottages. This was the home of her daughter Mary Elizabeth who had married Thomas Dann in 1910. Arthur Carver died in Dartford in 1939 and as with his parents, he also is buried at Stone Cemetery.

Part 4 will be in the March 2012 edition.



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BEAN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who attended our Quiz Night in October raising £257 towards the continuing improvements to the Community Centre. Please check the website and the village notice boards for details of future fundraising events, the Committee really appreciate the support we receive on these fundraising evenings.

We have recently been awarded a grant from the Dartford Borough Council Switched on Community Fund. This will go towards the repairs to the leaking apex of the building and the associated electrical work needed to re-route the supply before the repairs can take place. And, at long last, new more welcoming and more energy efficient front doors to the building should soon be fitted; these together with the improvement to the apex will make a big difference to the visual appearance of the community centre from the street.

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, do please remember us when you're doing your Christmas shopping.

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.

WHERE IN BEAN?

A Quiz of roads and places.

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 A frugal place | 9 You can't ride this one |
| 2 Where are the black berries? | 10 Where is the water? |
| 3 It's not money in this one | 11 Turn this to read more |
| 4 You will learn a lot along here | 12 Don't give up on these |
| 5 You get this when the tide is out | 13 No cereal growing here |
| 6 A Friend of Constable | 14 Don't feed these in amongst the trees |
| 7 The Romans named this | 15 Above use |
| 8 A blaze of trees | |

ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 24

THE SENILITY PRAYER and others bits

*Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway
The good fortune to run into the ones I do,
and the eyesight to tell the difference.*

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter Eggs.

*I have sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip
replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.
I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different
medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts.
I have bouts of dementia, poor circulation and hardly feel
my hands and feet anymore.
Can't remember if I'm 89 or 98, have lost all my friends.
But thank god I still have my driving license.*

I feel my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.
I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.
I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down
and perspired for an hour.
But by the time I got my leotards on the class was over.

*A reporter interviewing a 104 year old woman:
And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?
She simply replied 'No peer pressure'.*

My memory is not as sharp as it used to be.
Also, My memory is not as sharp as it used to be.

*Know how to prevent sagging?
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.*

It's Scary when you make the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half of the stuff in my shopping basket says 'for fast relief'.

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OLD BEAN COTTAGE further information

My husband and I, our two sons and daughter lived in Old Bean Cottage, formally Rose Cottage, (featured in the September Bean's Talk) from 1973 to 2000.

We purchased the property from Mr. and Mrs. Barnden and I understand it had belonged to Mrs Barnden's family for many years including around 2 acres of land on either side.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnden had renovated the property so that it was brick built and the thatched roof was replaced with tiles but when we bought the cottage the outward shape and size was as the photograph.

During the 27 years we lived there we extended the property to the size it is today.

As obviously happens after 27 years of very happy memories of the Old Bean Cottage we no longer needed a large property so we downsized but still remained in the village.

Mrs M Chantler.

No 4 E.C. Cottages (Houses on the Hill page 17 September Bean's Talk)

Further information on No 4 E.C. Cottages

John Austin was my Great Grandad who died in 1919 and was buried in Stone Cemetery and Thomas Austin was my great Uncle.

We lived next door to Mrs. and Miss Hart.

Margaret Cherry

In Winter the birds need our help.

If you enjoy the sight of birds feeding in your garden, it is nice to know that by putting out seeds and regular bird foods you are helping them survive. (Bread is not a very healthy food because it lacks the nutrients required.)

However this can have a downside in the remains left since rejected or spilled seeds grow into 'weeds' and the husks need to be cleared up. This problem occurs where the feeder is situated above a lawn or cultivated area. The solution is to place the feeder above a concreted area which just needs sweeping up, or above a separate bird seed plot area where the 'weeds' can grow and be cut down as necessary. Some of the resulting flowers are quite pretty.

You can buy seeds or make up your own 'seed cakes' by melting suet or lard and mixing in seeds, bits of cheese, bacon or porridge oats and other scraps and when set place in a half coconut shell or fir cone and hang it up.

Remember that birds love red berries so do not cut them back whilst ripe.

What was this party for?

Was this picture taken outside the Black Horse some time in the early 1930's or was it later? If so could someone confirm the year, what it celebrated and possibly identify some of the other people.

Does the upside down flag have any significance?



If you have any pictures of the early period of the village, whether you can supply details or not please send them, or a copy, to either the editor or Neil Pearson-Coffey.

It would help to build a history of the village and the surrounding areas.

Quiz answers from page 20

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 The Thrift | 9 The Black Horse Pub |
| 2 Bramble Avenue | 10 Stonebridge |
| 3 Shellbank | 11 Page Close |
| 4 School Lane | 12 Hope Cottages |
| 5 Sandy Lane | 13 Fallow Field |
| 6 Turner Road | 14 Foxwood |
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Meeting outside the Royal Oak

Thursday 23rd February.

Meeting outside the Black Horse and

Thursday 29th March.

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 Bean Community Centre.

All residents of Bean are welcome to attend.

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

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 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



703239

Tuesday 8.15 - 9.05pm.

ZUMBA Fitness

Jo Regan



07927 196307

Wednesday 2.30 pm.

Young at Heart

Contact the committee

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

Jannette Williams



01322 381661

Sunday 10.00 - 11.00am.

St. Nicholas Church, Don White



705430

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

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

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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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