

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 48th Year

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BEAN'S TALK

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**We welcome all new residents to the village and to the Residents Association's
Quarterly Newsletter.**

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

**The next Residents Association Meeting will be held on
Monday 4th March at 8.15pm in the Community Centre**

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS - An urgent request.

I have appealed many times in the past for others to volunteer some time to drive the bus.

It has now become an urgent appeal, since I have finally had to succumb to insulin treatment for my Diabetes, and am therefore not allowed to drive the bus for several months.

Two kind ladies have agreed to cover two of my commitments, one being the Senior Citizens Club and the other the Thursday evening Cygnet Club. I would point out that neither of these kind ladies live in the village.

We urgently need a driver for the Wednesday and Thursday shopping trips as Martin will not be available for a while either.

IF YOU CAN HELP Please contact COLIN on 01474832 793

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE 2013
BEAN'S TALK is Wednesday 1st 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	NPM	Neighbourhood Panel Meetings.
BPC	Bean Parish Council	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
		RA	Residents Association.

Special Meeting of Bean Residents Association held on 3rd December, 2012 attended by Bluewater/ Lend Lease and their Consultants for the Expansion of West Village. (Attended by 41 people).

Key Points were: -

1. An Outline Application had been submitted to DBC that day.
2. A 20% increase in floor area for 'high end' shops was planned.
3. The traffic forecast from the expansion over a 10 year period was said to be small and had already been agreed by KCC and Department for Transport.
4. The traffic consultant confirmed that it was not part of his brief to consider the adequacy of the existing roads (or parking) as a whole; merely the extent of the increase.
5. Bluewater would make whatever contribution was required to the South Thameside Infrastructure Programme (STIP), but were not involved in its expenditure.
6. Many attending pointed out the serious delays already experienced and the health concerns.
7. Bluewater were unaware that noisy generators and floodlights were being used this year to make it safer for police to introduce evening contra-flow on Bean Bridge. They will investigate.
8. It was pointed out that a £466,500 contribution specifically for Bean Interchange had been made as a condition of approval of the Events Venue (GLOW), but was not due to be spent until 2024/25.
9. This was 10 years later than had been agreed prior to 2011.
10. Bluewater were urged to be proactive and join with residents in lobbying KCC for improvements at Bean Interchange. This would benefit both Bluewater and Bean.
11. In summary, whether Bluewater was to expand or not, residents want action now on the unbearable traffic conditions that impact on both residents and shoppers.

12-12-03 Special Meeting of Bean Residents Association Summary 4-Dec- 12

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Information from the monthly meetings of The Bean Residents Association.

The following notes are from the December 2012 to February 2013 meetings.

Assistant Secretary's Report:

There had been 27 items of correspondence over the period 6th November to 7th January and 11 items up to the February meeting including:-

- 8 on Bluewater, 4 on the proposed St Clements Way junction
- 1 on the proposed 190 homes in St Clements Way,
- 2 on the sale of land north of Drudgeon Farm, in School Lane, 2 to the Highways Agency regarding Bean Bridge cameras,
- 1 on the proposed 6,250 houses etc. in the Eastern Quarry, and
- 1 on the Beacon Drive / Drudgeon Way planning appeal.

Beacon Drive/ Drudgeon Way - Fifth Appeal - eight houses.

The Appeal by Vision Homes / Invest (Bean) Ltd against DBC refusal of their planning application was made in August 2012. It is to be decided based on the Written Representations already submitted and a Site Inspection by the appointed Inspector, Elizabeth M. Fieldhouse DIPTP DIPUD MRTPI.

On Monday 28th January 2013, she visited parts of the Site safely accessible, followed by invitations (in order) to see the impact from 119, 70 and 68 Beacon Drive, then 47, 41, 43 Drudgeon Way and the Recreation Ground. Accompanying the Inspector were Sonia Bunn, DBC Senior Planning Officer (Major Projects), Cllr. R S L Perfett (DBC Development Control Board), Vision Homes Agent, their Architect and Safety Officer and 8 residents. A decision is expected in mid-March 2013.

The Chairman thanked those who attended the site inspection.

Neighbourhood Watch (See page 26).

Houses in Eastern Quarry and Bluewater Expansion. (See also page 2)

The first 500 Houses are proposed to be in the Eastern end of the Quarry. Two new KCC junctions off Springhead Road and a future connection to Watling Street which is currently used by lorries are also proposed.

An application proposed a 20% expansion of Bluewater. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to object to the application because it fails to include any works to overcome the existing traffic congestion caused by Bluewater, before opening any expansion.

It was agreed not to get involved in comments about the new shops.

New Junction on B 255 - St Clements Way for 190 Houses and a Garden Centre:

We had objected to this proposed junction as a break in the central reserve was unsafe. The DBC Development Control Board referred it back to KCC asking for it to be integrated with existing traffic lights at the Mounts Road junction.

It is not known when the garden centre planning application will be made. Hawley and Millbrook Garden Centres were unaware of proposal. The Residents Association will consider action when the application comes in.

DBC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultation:

Every new house built will include a levy to improve the infrastructure of the area. For Rural areas - South of A2 the levy is £200 per sq. metre.

For Urban areas - if 15 or more homes are built [incl. affordable] the levy is £100 per sq. metre. If less than 15 homes it is £200 per sq. metre.

Ashwood Place/Beacon Drive:

This latest application for a new dwelling on the corner was approved with several conditions. The main entrance was shown in Beacon Drive

Parish Council and Beacon Wood:

No representative attended from either organisation. Minutes of the 12th November 2012 meeting had been provided and Agenda for 10th December. Papers for 14th January 2013 were expected. Someone from the RA will attend the next Parish Council meeting.

The Community Bus (see pages 7 and 9)

Air Pollution in the Hope and Ightham Cottages area.

Peter Luker had contacted a reporter from Radio Kent concerning the air pollution around Hope and Ightham Cottages. On the 30th November the Chairman and Assistant Secretary were interviewed live on Radio Kent from Ightham Cottages, followed by an interview with DBC Council Leader, Jeremy Kite. Peter is to go back to Jeremy Kite regarding the pollution.

The Press Officer There was nothing to report.

Slow Broadband: (See also page 22).

Andy Jordan and Les Philips said slow Broadband speeds are still a problem in Bean. Although the fibre optic connection with Longfield is apparently installed, it has not yet been commissioned.

Peter Luker said BT were not very helpful when he had a problem recently. Agreed to raise the problem with Bean Parish Council.

School parking. The problems are on-going and an enforcement car is planned for next year.

Other Village Issues and any other business mentioned were:

An e-mail has been sent to Jeremy Kite, as County Councillor, asking whether KCC were applying for improvements at Bean Interchange from the new £170 million 'Pinch Point' Fund.

The two Bean RA meetings in April and May fall on Bank Holidays it was suggested we meet on the 25th March and 29th April 2013.

The new signs for lorry restrictions are causing some confusion.

At the AGM it was suggested that The Parish Council and RA investigate whether a "Village Plan" would be beneficial. The Localism Bill gives communities the right to draw up a "Neighbourhood Development Plan"

**There will be a Residents Association Meeting
at the Community Centre,**

on Monday 4th March 2013 starting at 8.15 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE

**Due to Bank holidays the April meeting is being rescheduled to
25th March and the May meeting to the 29th April.**

Future Residents Association meeting dates are;

25th March,	29th April,	3rd June,
1st July,	5th August,	2nd September,
7th October,	4th November	and 4th December.

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THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS - continued

Prospective part time bus drivers

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An ordinary clean driving licence, with category D1 (minibuses with between 9 and 16 seats) is required and volunteers need to be 25 to 70 years old. Training as necessary will be given.

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

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The Community Bus Route And Current Fares.

We wish to remind all the new, and existing, villagers, that the bus is "Hail and Ride" on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For a return fare of £2 we go to Morrisons every Wednesday, and Dartford on Thursday £2-50, except the last Thursday of each month when we go to Gravesend for £3-00.

The bus starts out from the Black Horse at 10am, goes up the hill and turns left into School Lane through to Page Close where it turns round at the bottom, goes back to Beacon Drive and turns into Stonewood. At the post box it turns back along Stonewood and at Beacon Drive turns right and through to the mini roundabout where it turns right out of the village.

Regular stops are the Black Horse, School Lane, Page Close, Stonewood, and Turner Road.

If you live in a road not on this route go to the nearest point on the route where you can hail the bus. On the return journey we will go into your road and drop you off as close to your home as possible.

We will help you with your shopping from the bus to the house if needed.

If you have not used the bus please give it a try.

If you have any queries with regards to the Bus contact Colin on 01474 832 793.

Due to lack of passenger support for the Thursday Dartford / Gravesend bus and the many requests for a bus to Asda it seems only sensible to change the venue as soon as we find a driver. *Colin*

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If the change were to take place would you use the bus?

Your views please, in writing to Colin or left for me in the village shop or to Bill at 1 School Lane (e-Mail thebeanstalk@btinternet.com).

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who had installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a year ago and I still had not paid for them. Helllooo, just because I'm blonde does not mean I am automatically stupid.

So I told him what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, "that in one year these windows would pay for themselves!" It's been a year! I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back.

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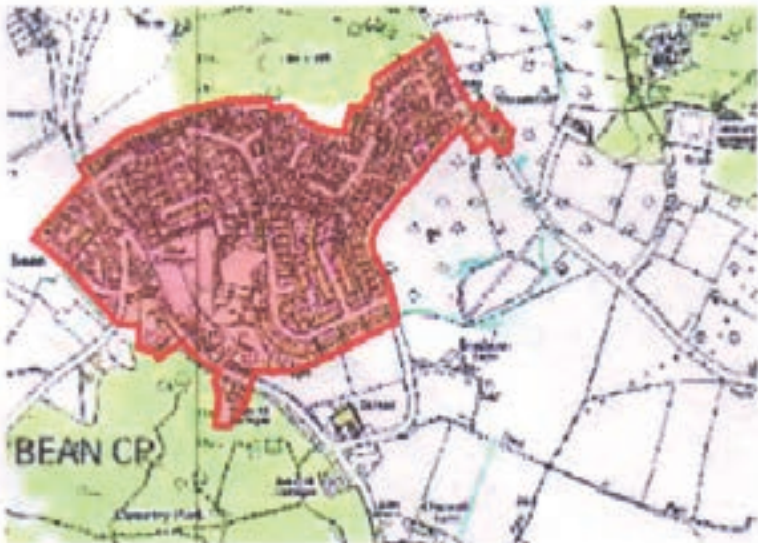
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HOW PERMANENT IS THE GREEN BELT?

The Green Belt around Bean and the Village Boundary were left unchanged following the May 2011 Public Examination. However, the March 2012 National Planning Policy Framework has exceptions to allow some building in the Green Belt and development that is “not inappropriate”.

In February 2013, Communities Minister Baroness Hanham, described the Green Belt as only “Virtually sacrosanct”. She said that the Government believes that affordable homes will now have to be built on Green Belt land and that some of the land is not “absolutely brilliant” and should be used for developments in order to avoid having to build in “real open space”.

Minister quoted in Daily Telegraph 4 Feb 2013.



Village Boundary Map from DBC Technical Paper July 2010.

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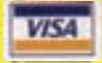
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St Nicholas at Bean



It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas. By the time you get your copy of this issue Easter will be upon us. As I write this article the snow is still with us and some more to come according to the latest weather forecast. Our Christingle Service this year had to be cancelled due to the extreme Weather conditions.

We are expecting to continue the collection of woollies again this year. The closing date, sometime in July, will be posted in the next edition of the Bean's Talk. If anybody is interested in making clothes from 'Pillow cases' then please get in touch and we can provide illustrations as to what can be achieved very simply.

Once again 'Shoe boxes' are an important part of our giving to those in need. They can be brought to the Community Centre on a Sunday morning from 7th July until Harvest Sunday 6th October. If you are unable to complete a whole box then any suitable items will help us to make up more boxes.

We continue to support 'Prostrate Cancer' by collecting plastic Milk bottle tops (with a '2' or '4' cast in a triangle on the inside), also used postage stamps for the RNLI. They can be brought to the Community Centre any Sunday between 9.30am – 11.30am.

Our weekly Sunday service, from 10.00am is open to all, and is usually over by 10.45am. Coffee and tea is served afterwards and time for a chat. Children are always welcome and some of our regular members are CRB checked and able to look after them if necessary. On the first Sunday of the month we welcome the uniformed organisations and their parents to our Parade service.

This year on Mothering Sunday, 10th March, our Services in the Community Centre will have been taking place for 23 years. Come and celebrate with us.

There is a weekly Prayer list at the back of the church each week which is for those known who are 'Sick and Bereaved' in the village. It is open to all to contribute the names of those known to them. These names are read out during our weekly services. If you know of any who would like their name to be included please get in touch and it can be added. Prayer is a very important part of the healing of the process.

Don White

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Parking is currently bringing in about £10 weekly, it should be a lot more, any donation is appreciated.

We are trying to raise money via charities etc. and are having some success albeit slow, and we have had some tools donated. Thank you.

As with all things The Friends Group is slow getting off the ground, please don't give up on us, but we need your help, either with fund raising, donations or work within the wood.

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By 1901 George Bratton, 30, a labourer in the Powder Factory, his wife Mary 30 and their daughter Kathleen 1, and stepson William Driscoll 7 were living in the house. George might have been at No.12 by 1899 when he and Mary were married at Southfleet Parish Church. When his stepson William Driscoll married Daisy Aim Gardner and his daughter Kathleen Bratton married William Henry Poole both at Southfleet in 1922, the address they gave was Southfleet, so George might have taken his family back to Southfleet. George, his wife, daughter Kathleen and William Driscoll all stayed in this area until their deaths. (Part 9 of the series will be in the June edition).

For those who have followed the story of the "Houses on the Hill", the E C Cottages, the Austin family referred to in part 5, No 9 E. C. Cottage in June 2012 are shown in the November 1914 photograph below.

If you have any similar information on the early years of Bean please pass it on to the editor for future editions.



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Thank you from Darent Valley Hospital

January 2013

Being in hospital at Christmas is not where most of us want to be so little presents for sick children and adults and a bit of Christmas cheer does help to lift spirits. Our thanks to all who donated to our Christmas Appeal to help the staff do just that. It is thought that our Christmas Appeal will have raised over **£13,000** from people donating, buying our Christmas Draw Tickets, or taking part in our 5K Santa Run. The money will benefit our wards and special appeals.

Our thanks to our fundraising volunteers and organisations who have raised money to help our hospital to introduce some highly specialised equipment to help babies, cancer patients, heart and sick children, as well as the small comfort items. Over £27,000 was raised this year at our Stride 4 Life sponsored walk and fun-day with the help of 96 volunteers. The money will benefit our Cancer Fighting Fund and will go towards the development of our 'One Stop Breast Cancer Service.' This year the event will be held on the 14th July and packs will be available from April 2013 so please give your support as well as have an enjoyable day out.

Personally, I feel so privileged to work for such a good hospital and felt extremely proud when watching BBC South East news, which covered the Dr. Foster report on hospital mortality. Darent Valley did well in the report and the BBC filmed outside our main entrance interviewing patients and visitors as they came out to ask what they thought of the hospital. The words used were "Excellent" "They have done so much for me" "Wonderful care". I only hope that all our volunteers and supporters feel as proud as I do, as they have been a part of making our hospital the success it is.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year from all at Darent Valley Hospital and thank you to all those who continue to give their support.

Our current special funds are :-

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Tuesday Morning Walks in and around Beacon Woods

Now that the weather is getting better we are looking to re-introduce a local walking group.

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“Buddy Walking” for dog owners.

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A PILE OF OLD TIMBERS

One or two people in the village will know about my books. A few have actually read them! They are not the easiest assignment for a quiet evening, I have to admit. Mention Julius Caesar to the average bloke and responses vary from: ‘Yuk!’ to ‘Not my cup of tea!’, although some will admit to having enjoyed the spicier bits of the TV series ‘Rome’. Those who claim to have read their Shakespeare may even come up with the odd quote: “I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him,” being perhaps one of the better known, placed in the mouth of Mark Antony – the lucky guy, who ran off with Cleopatra.

Most people only know Caesar as the Roman General who became dictator of Rome and was murdered by Brutus and his pals a few years later (‘Et tu, Brute’ – or ‘Ouch, you brute’ as we boys would have it!) For the next four or five hundred years the Emperors of Rome called themselves Caesar after him, and the titles Tsar and Kaiser echo his name. But the Roman Empire as ruled by his successors was definitely not what Caesar wanted to see.

Julius Caesar believed in equality a couple of thousand years before its time. He wanted the Empire run by men (sorry Ladies, he wasn’t that far ahead of his time) from every walk of life who could prove their worth. In other words, he believed in merit, not privilege. He wanted to reform the government of Rome from one run by obscenely rich nobles (mostly upper class patricians like himself) to one run by men of real ability. He even wanted the best men from the provinces to take part and stand for election to the Senate in Rome itself. Doesn’t sound much like what followed, does it?

It took me 17 years to write my story, because I thought it was time Caesar got a bit of good publicity. I was introduced to him at the Harvey Grammar School in Folkestone, where I ‘did’ Latin from 12- to 18-years old. We had to study Caesar’s books on the Gallic Wars in the original for O Level. We only studied the bits examiners thought were tricky, so I never did read all eight books on his wars that took him from modern Switzerland, through most of France, Belgium, bits of Germany and even to England’s shores (twice).

I wrote the books in two-year episodes from 60 BC to 50 BC and self-published them between 2006 and 2009, although I started work on the first couple of books in 1993-4 and got distracted by having to earn a living in between. I wanted to re-tell Caesar’s story, using his own version of events through the eyes of a modern man, Caesar’s Tribune (the title of the first book). It is not a dry-as-dust history. It’s a mix of fact and fiction, sticking as close to the facts as possible. There’s a love story in there somewhere and a fair bit of background that Caesar never explained, because his target readership knew it.

I have edited the five books down into a single volume entitled ‘Caesar’s Tribune – The Whole Story’. All the books are available through Amazon and on Kindle at a much more modest price.

A Quiz - All clues relate to the names of birds, animals or insects.

Answers on Page 26

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Could move to mate | 11 Commercial lifter |
| 2 Paper flyer | 12 Everyone has his day |
| 3 National Delivery | 13 Royal catcher |
| 4 British classic | 14 Happens running up hill |
| 5 Not very brave | 15 Shakespeare tames it |
| 6 Sports brand | 16 Contemptible arboreal person |
| 7 Why not pick one up | 17 Del's reliant on his |
| 8 Goes cold during rehab | 18 Well done correct |
| 9 Complain | 19 Run away |
| 10 Saves bags of water | 20 Rummage around |

Broadband in Bean.

KCC list below a progress report. If you have any new information please let Linda the Secretary, or the Bean's Talk, know.

Rural Superfast broadband.

The first 5 successful applicants for Wave 1 were:

- Godmersham and Crundale Parish Council - Ashford
- Stansted Parish Council - Tonbridge and Malling
- Goudhurst Parish Council - Tunbridge Wells
- Lympe and Stanford partnership with Shepway District Council
- Lydd-on-Sea, Greatstone and Dungeness in partnership with Shepway District Council.

These areas will benefit from up to £100,000 each of investment to enable faster broadband access within their communities.

Details on future Broadband grants will be published soon

THE BOOK LOAN / EXCHANGE SCHEME.

The **Free of Charge** book loan / exchange scheme is still in being in the village. There has been another new selection of books received covering a wide range of fact and fiction hard backs and paperbacks all suitable for both Ladies and Gentlemen. We still need support, so bring your read books along to exchange or alternatively collect a book to start you off at **No1 School Lane, Bean.**

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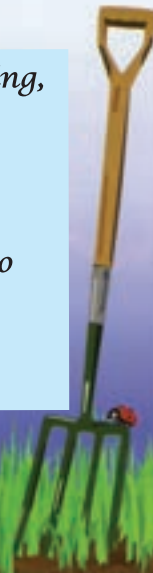
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Neighbourhood Watch

There was no report from Neighbourhood Watch in January November figures reported that figures on the web site, for crime 1 mile around Bean showed 13 incidents:

5 x burglary, 1 x theft, 1 x drugs, 1 x arson,
1 x vehicle theft, 3 x violent crimes and 1 x attempted burglary.

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting February 4th.

Tony Quilter opened by saying that the crime figure reports will be given on a monthly basis.

During January there were 11 reported crimes including:-

2 Burglaries, 3 thefts from motor vehicles, 1 attempted theft from a vehicle
1 criminal damage in Foxwood and 1 Burglary in School Lane.

More English Around the World.

In a Nairobi restaurant

Customers who find our waitress rude ought to see the manager.

On the grounds of a private school

No trespassing without permission.

On an Athi River highway

Take notice: When this sign is under water, the road is impassable.

In a city restaurant

Open seven days a week, and weekends too.

Answers to quiz on page 22

1	Rook	11	Crane
2	Kite	12	Jackal
3	LYNX	13	Kingfisher
4	Jaguar	14	Puffin
5	Chicken	15	Shrew
6	Puma	16	Wood Louse
7	Penguin	17	Robin
8	Turkey	18	Tick
9	Grouse	19	Flea
10	Hippo	20	Ferret

DOG FOULING

Unfortunately it appears that there are still some selfish, irresponsible dog-owners allowing their dogs to foul in public areas, especially the Recreation Ground, and not clearing the mess up. Not only is this extremely unpleasant to other users of the facilities and dangerous to health through spread of disease from the faeces it is also against the law!

The introduction of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 replaced the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 giving greater powers to the Local Authorities.

This Act now extends to:

Any land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment), thus including all public areas in Bean, eg footpaths, pavements, etc.

Under Section 59 of the Act a Fixed Penalty Notice can be given. Failure to give correct name and address when asked is an offence.

The Parish Council hope that dog-owners will take heed of this and would urge all dog-owners to act responsibility.

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the FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(Excluding Bank Holidays when they are a week earlier).**

**The meetings start at 8.15 pm.
in the Bean Community Centre.
All residents of Bean are welcome to attend.**

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

The 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 101

Neighbourhood Police Officer - Tony Quilter

New Number 07870 252 387

Community Warden. Kim Hill

Mobile 07811 271252

Community Warden

(Control Centre)



01732 885712

Crime Stoppers



800 555 111

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

Jess



07746 082182

Wednesday 5.00 - 6.00pm.

Beavers

Contact the committee

Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm.

Cubs

Neil Warburton



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Wednesday 7.45 - 9.30pm.

Scouts

Neil Warburton



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Thursday 5.15 - 6.45pm.

Brownies

Neil Warburton



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Sunday 10.00 - 11.00am.

St. Nicholas Church, Don White

Jannette Williams



01322 381661

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



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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

Church St. Nicholas Southfleet Serving Bean, Betsham, New Barn and Southfleet.

The Rector is The Rev David Houston



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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 Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.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.



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