

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 3rd June at 8.15pm in the Community Centre**

Energy Deal launched on 22 April 2013

Dartford Borough Council, in partnership with Tunbridge Wells, Dover and Gravesham Councils, has teamed up with iChoosr to provide a collective switching scheme. The scheme aims to help residents access a better deal for their gas and electricity bills

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**To contact the editor; e-mail: thebeanstalk@btinternet.com
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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2013
BEAN'S TALK is Thursday 1st 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 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 March, April and May 2013 meetings.

Assistant Secretary's Report:

There had been 8 items of correspondence since the last meeting:-

- 1 - Admiral Taverns ref The Royal Oak sale,
- 2 - Jeremy Kite - unanswered letters, meeting to be arranged,
- 2 - KCC Highways - Sainsbury/ Pepper Hill v Bean junction,
- 2 - Highways Agency ref Bean Junction and direction notices.
- 1 - Green Belt for parking - Drudgeon Way.

Beacon Drive/ Drudgeon Way - 6th Application

On 21st March Vision Homes submitted an application for the erection of five dwellings (2 x three-bed, 3 x four-bed), access road, car parking spaces, cycle spaces, van space and visitor spaces. At the RA meeting on 29th April it was resolved to object because of 11 particular concerns and 15 errors or omissions. DBC Development Control Board decided FOR the application on 16th May 2013.

Neighbourhood Watch (See page 26).

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

The applicant did not convince the Highways Agency that the proposed new Junction in St. Clements Way for 190 houses and a garden centre would not have an adverse effect on the Bean Interchange and the A2 They had directed DBC not to approve the application before April 2013.

The Community Bus (see page 6)

Drivers are still urgently required.

The Press Officer

Peter Luker will write to Darent Valley Hospital asking why the Hospital was closed to new admissions for 6 hrs on 6th January.

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.

He queried if Sainsbury's or KCC are paying for revamping roads at Pepper Hill.

Slow Broadband: (See page 20).

School parking. The problems are on going, particularly in the mornings, and an enforcement car is planned.

The Parish Council

Had no objection to the car wash in Watling Street being extended for the next 3 years. (After discussion Bean RA confirmed it was providing a good service and also resolved to support the extension.

Other Village Issues and any other business mentioned were:

30 acres of Drudgeon Farm are up for sale. They are unlikely to be split up into small plots, but might consider use of some land for school parking.

The Royal Oak is now closed. A hosing use is expected.

Bluewater Glow.

A Change of use application for the GLOW area, due to having trouble attracting people to exhibitions. Results of a survey showed that people want live music gigs, comedy shows, gadgets and travel. Tests show that noise from amplifiers etc affected the cinema and additional insulation was required.

The RA resolved to object on the grounds of traffic problems.

Cherwell Farm

New uses were apparent at the farm. Planning application to remove Cherwell Farm house from farming occupancy.

Email 20th March from Tracey Williams re concerns about the safety of school parking. We had contacted Alex Lauder about whether parking was a permitted use in the Green Belt.

New Bean Village sign erected at junction with Shellbank Lane and High Street.

Editor had sent a note on options for Bean's Talk advert prices. Colin offered to check how advertisers would react to any increase.

Neil's Bench Suppliers indicated that it was coming from Thailand - had been told that if it had not arrived by the end of March Bean PC will go elsewhere.

The Bean RA meeting in August clashes with the maintenance program for the Community Centre and therefore the meeting has been **cancelled**.

Village Fair. A Residents Association stall at the fair was agreed in principle - any suggestions or ideas on the format would be welcomed. (see page 24).

**There will be a Residents Association Meeting
at the Community Centre,
on Monday 3rd June starting at 8.15 p.m.**

Following a Neighbourhood Panel meeting at 7.15pm.

Future Residents Association meeting dates are;

3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September,
7th October, 4th November, and 4th December.

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Neighbourhood Panel Meeting dates 3rd June and 7th October.

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COLIN DELL 1935 - 2013

Janet Dell and family, Paul and Debbie, would like to thank everyone for their kind words, tributes and cards for the late Colin Dell, who passed-away on 17th February.

All donations from the funeral on 14th March are being donated to Rosewood Ward at Darent Valley Hospital.

BEAN COMMUNITY BUS

In addition to our usual shopping trips on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, due to many requests for a service to ASDA, we now go there on a **Thursday afternoon**, setting out on our usual route to pick up around the village at **1.30pm**. and being at ASDA for approximately 1 hour.

As with the other shopping trips, this is a "hail and ride" Service - the cost being £2-00 return.

We are now taking bookings for the following trips:-

Harvel Farm Shop - 10am, Friday 17th May fare £4-00

Canterbury - Tuesday 4th June 10am. Fare £9-00.

Polhill - Tuesday 11th June 10am. Fare £5-00

Hastings - Monday 17th June 10am. Fare £10-00

Whitstable - Friday 12th July 10am. Fare £8-00

Coming Soon (Prices and times to be advised)

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BEAN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Hopefully you will have all noticed the new look to the front of the building. We are pleased to thank Lafarge Tarmac for a £5000 grant through its Landfill Communities Fund. This money has enabled us to continue with the insulation of this well used village community centre, improving the thermal performance and in this instance additionally providing a much needed improvement to the front exterior facade of the building. The final stage of the insulation works for the building is planned for the summer school holiday break, when the three rear storage rooms will also be insulated.

The community centre management committee would like to pass on our thanks to John Martin for all his hard work over many years for the community centre. John stepped down as caretaker in December. Readers will be amazed to learn that John joined the community centre committee in 1988 and we are pleased to say that John is staying on as a much valued member of the committee but with some much deserved relaxation from his daily duties.

And on that note the Annual General meeting of the community centre will be held on Monday 17th June at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre. Please come along and find out how we are doing and what our plans are. Most of the current committee have served for many years and we do now need extra support with some new people coming forward to learn the ropes. If you think you may be interested in serving for the coming year then do please get in touch with one of the committee members or via the website with your name and phone number.

We continue to run fundraising events, Our very popular quiz night in November raised £210 for Community Centre funds. These evenings are really good fun, with Dave and Shirley (nee) Martin pitching the questions so that even those of us who "Struggle a little" stand a chance of getting them right.

Disabled Parking Bays

Bean Parish Council ask us to mention guidelines in an 8th April 2013 letter from DBC Regeneration Directorate clarifying the use of disabled parking bays in the Stonewood flats area. An extract is below: -

"For clarity only residents and anyone visiting may park in these bays provided a blue disability badge is clearly displayed in the windscreen. The bays are not the reserve of any one resident, they are available on a first come basis for any person displaying a blue badge.

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BEAN PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013

I have to say that this has felt like a very long year, but one where I feel that a lot has been achieved. We are into the second year of our ten year lease of the country park. We have an established "Friends of Beacon Country Park " who give their time voluntarily to keep the park open and carry out day to day maintenance. They also help prepare funding applications and countless other tasks. We would like to thank the chair Diane Tomkins and all the members of the group and urge others to join in. You don't have to devote every moment of your day to it. Even the occasional hour here and there would be good and very much appreciated.

We had hoped that this year we could have refurbished the toddler area of the recreation ground but it was an expense too far, but in general the rec is in good condition. It is unfortunate that some folk still allow their dogs to use the area as a toilet despite them being banned I wonder if they are aware of the potential for disease in an area where young children play.

In September we had our fifth parish fair which took place in the Country Park on what turned out to be a gloriously hot day. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Colin Smith who is always first in line to help me, but we have decided that it is now time for the Parish Council to step back and for the village to set up an organising committee and take over the organising and running of the event. The Parish Council will of course help in whatever way we can and will give the committee our full support.

Again this year we have had to contend with controversial planning applications and again we have benefited from a good working relationship with the Residents Association and are pleased that they now send a representative to our meetings.

We have had to increase our precept this year although we have not increased our expenditure. The change, on average, an extra £2.50 per household per year, is as a result of a reduction in the money we receive from the Borough Council and a change in the system of support for council tax from central government which has also reduced our income. This was a decision not taken lightly, as your Councillors are also council tax payers!

Unfortunately this year we have had several homes and sheds broken into and other petty crimes. We do urge you to report every crime to the police even if it doesn't seem worthwhile, it is the only way that we can get increased patrols in the village.

The community centre has again seen improvements over the last year. We would like to thank the hall committee again on behalf of the village for their continued efforts.

We have a new impressive village sign and hope soon to have a beacon at the entrance to the country park.

We have now purchased a bench in memory of Neil Pearson-Coffey and its installation is imminent.

There is still a problem outside the school with inconsiderate parking, despite our best efforts nothing changes

We continue to be frustrated by traffic issues on the Bean roundabout and while it is very easy to moan about the negative effects of Bluewater on Bean, we must also remember that many of our residents are employed there.

Finally, I would like to thank my councillors for all their hard work throughout the year and of course Jan without whom we would grind to a confused halt.

Alison Sakellariou Chair

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Head of Community Safety, Stuart Skilton, said: "It is important to position your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and overhanging branches. Never use accelerant such as petrol or paraffin to get it going and always keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby.

"When putting out your bonfire, ensure it has been extinguished fully and don't leave it to burn out unattended. If your bonfire does get out of control, it is far safer to call the fire service than trying to tackle the blaze yourself.

"It's also worth remembering that there are more environmentally friendly ways of getting rid of garden waste without having a bonfire. Most garden waste, such as grass cuttings and leaves can be composted or taken to your local recycling centre."

Take care with bonfires:

- A bonfire should not contain any potentially hazardous materials which may explode or give off toxic fumes, such as; aerosols, batteries, bottles, foam-filled furniture or tins of paint.
- A bonfire should be kept to a manageable size and evenly built so that it collapses inwards as it burns.
- Always check the bonfire's construction is still sound prior to lighting it, that there are no children or animals inside, and that hazardous items such as aerosols and fireworks have not been thrown onto it.
- The bonfire should not be lit by children or left unattended and nothing should be cooked on it.

For further advice on how to keep you, your family or a neighbour safe from fire call Kent Fire and Rescue Service for free on 0800 923 7000 or go to www.3breaths.info for further information.

St Nicholas at Bean



Half of the year will almost be over by the time you get this copy of the Bean's Talk. The sun hopefully will be shining and Summer Holidays booked.

In February we had a visit one Sunday morning from M.A.F (Mission Aviation Fellowship). These are the people who fly small aeroplanes in the deprived parts of the world, taking doctors and nurses, food and many other commodities where they are needed. We had an interesting talk and also a short film of some of their recent exploits. Our small change collection raised £200 to help them on their way.

During the cold damp winter we are hoping that many of you will have had time to get to work with the knitting needles making various items for our Woollie Collection. Any such items can be brought to the hall on a Sunday morning between 9.30 and 11.30. Until 14th July.

Once again this year we will be collecting Shoe Boxes for Mustard Seed these can also be left at the hall on Sundays from the beginning of September until 6th October. These gifts are much appreciated by the children who receive them in the Third World.

Come and join us at our Songs of Praise on Sunday 9th June at 3.00pm. This will be followed with Tea, Coffee, or a Glass of Wine and nibbles.

Just a few more weeks now before the children break up from school and for some of the children they will be saying goodbye to many school friends. The holiday season will then begin. Whatever you have chosen to do, take care, and be safe on all of your journeys both at home and abroad. Make the most of it and come back ready to start all over again. May God's blessing be upon you all.

Don White

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 some paperbacks all suitable for both Ladies and Gentlemen. We still need support, so bring your read books along to exchange at **No1 School Lane, Bean** or alternatively collect a book to start you off.

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The future of Beacon Woods Country Park.....

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If you interested in helping, please contact either the Parish Council (01474 832999) or Friends of Beacon Wood (friendsofbeaconwood@gmail.com).

A man from the Forestry Commission will be coming to cut down marked trees as soon as he has renewed his chainsaw licence.

Proposed "pay back" scheme - naughty boys to work in the Country Park.

The **Friends of Beacon Wood** Web site is now up and running.

No 13 E.C. Powder Cottages (Part 9 of the Houses on The Hill)

I must clarify two points:

- 1 The houses formally known as the E.C. Powder Cottages are now known as the Bean Hill Cottages on Southfleet Road, and**
- 2 We have to thank June Conway for researching and writing this interesting insight into the past villagers of Bean. Ed**

In 1891 Henry Sadler lived at No.13, a general labourer from Horsham in Sussex, together with his wife Elizabeth Woolven, 34 of Burgess Hill who he had married in 1882. Their two daughters Annie 8 and Lilian 2 were both born in Stone. Jack Suttle was their boarder who went to live at No1 in the 1901 census before emigrating to Australia with his family, and another boarder was Edward Fuller, 20 of Southfleet. By the Time of the next census Henry and his family were living at Foxwood House Bean, and Edward Fuller was still their boarder. Another child Fredrick was in the household, he was then 16 an agricultural labourer, and Annie was a servant in Milton. Completing the household was Richard Woolven, Elizabeth's Father. However when daughter Annie married Herbert John Williams in 1906, her address was given as EC Cottages Bean and her father's occupation was then a gardener.

Sadly Frederick Sadler was a casualty of WW1, dying on active service in 1916. He is buried at Calais Southern Cemetery. At that time his parents were still living in Bean. Elizabeth died in 1920 and Henry in 1937, both in the Dartford area.

In 1901 Thomas Dann 55, a stoker at the Powder factory from Hurstmonceaux and his wife Sarah Gilbert 56 from Marden lived in the house. From their marriage in 1866 they had lived in Marden until the 1891 census when they had moved to Horton Kirby where Thomas had been a stoker in the paper mills.

Finally in 1901 they settled in Bean. They were childless. Sarah died the following year and Thomas in 1928 he was buried in Stone Cemetery and was still living at 13 Bean Hill Cottages, Bean. He married Mary Carver who was living with her parents at No.6

Since writing the first articles on the Houses on the Hill, the 1911 census has been made available. the most interesting information given on the 1911 census was that the authorities wanted to know how many years a couple had been married, how many children the woman had and how many had lived and died.

In 1911 Thomas Dann, 64, still lived at No13 but had remarried to Mary Elizabeth Carver. Their son William was one month old, and also living with them was Mrs. Mary Carver, Thomas's mother in law, Thomas died aged 82 died during May 1928, and Mary Elizabeth Dann died during November 1933 aged 55 whilst living in Stonewood, both are buried in Stone Cemetery. Thomas's son William Thomas married Violet Amelia Giffiths in 1934 and I think they had a son. William died in Southwark in 1960 and Violet died in the Dartford area in 1998.

J. C.



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Tuesday Morning Walks in and around Beacon Woods

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We are delighted to announce that we have signed a contract with BT to build the network. This will mean that, alongside existing roll out plans, that:

- at least 95% of all properties in Kent will have access to higher speed fibre broadband by the end of 2015;
- every property in the project area will be able to receive a broadband service of at least 2mbps; and

- a minimum of 91% of premises will get superfast broadband of at least 24mbps.

Kent County Council is investing over £10 million to enable this upgrade, which has been matched by £9.87 million from the Government. BT is also investing £19.6 million towards the costs of delivering the project.

Why is this project needed?

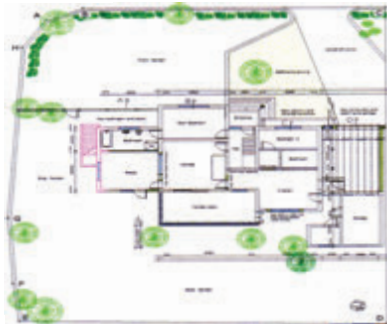
This project is focusing on delivering better broadband services to rural parts of Kent and Medway that will not benefit from commercial roll out programmes because of the costs involved in upgrading rural broadband infrastructure.

The Make Kent Quicker Project aims to bring broadband to every property in Kent and Medway – and will ensure that most will be able to access superfast broadband services. Without this project many rural businesses and communities would continue to have either no or very slow broadband services as there are no market-led plans to upgrade the infrastructure in many rural parts of the County.

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Stride 4 Life and Hospital's Fun Day 14th July 2013.

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Everyone welcome to the Darent Valley Hospital annual Fun Day to be held in the Hospital grounds on Sunday 14th July from 12.00 noon. The money raised will benefit the Darent Valley Hospital Cancer Fighting Fund.

Admission and parking will be free and people are invited to come along to enjoy a variety of stalls, Beer Tent and other refreshments, Charlton Football game, Dog Show (registration 12.30) Balloon Release in memory of loved ones and to celebrate a saved life or birth of a new life. Entertainment throughout the afternoon including Irish Country dancers, Dartford Gymnastic Team, Belly dancers and a host of other entertainment. There will be a wide variety of stalls and stands including Fire fighters, Police, Crime prevention bus. There will also be around 250 people sponsored by friends and relatives entering the "Stride for Life" sponsored walks. If you would like to enter, you can download a registration form from the website below or contact us on the number below.

Tracey Cummins, Fundraising Manager, Darent Valley Hospital Tel: 01322 428392. Alternatively, visit <http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/stride-4-life/>



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Bean Parish Council

474/5 Bus Route through Bean

We have received a number of complaints regarding the lateness and/or non-arrival of this service. These complaints have been passed to KCC who have assured us that they will be contacting the Bus Company to resolve these issues. Should you have any further complaints please contact the Parish Office.

Village Sign

You will have spotted the new pub style Village Sign on the triangle between the High Street and Shellbank. This sign was sponsored by our Dartford Rural KCC Councillor Jeremy Kite.

Beacon

The Parish Council would like to thank Dartford Borough Council for the grant for the Queen's Jubilee which has enabled the Council to purchase a Beacon which has been sited at the entrance to Beacon Woods.

Neil's Bench

The Parish Council is pleased to advise that we have now installed a bench in memory of Neil Pearson-Coffey in Beacon Woods. This bench was purchased and installed with donations from village residents, the Parish Council and Bluewater Forum of which Neil was an active member.

Parish Fair

The Parish Council will not be undertaking the organisation of a Parish Fair this year. However, if residents within the village wish to form a committee to organise an event the Parish Council will give its full support.

Bean Parish Council

Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com

If you have any items which may be of interest to the community, information on the Clubs, Activities, and general information about the village, please consider submitting it to the Bean's Talk.

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Neighbourhood Panel Meetingings

Below are the reported crime figures, relating to Bean, for April 2013.

1 x Exposure - rear of Beacon Drive on 07/04/2013
1 x Vehicle Interference - High Street on 09/04/2013
2 x Burglary Dwelling - Beacon Drive on 10/04/2013 & 25/04/2013
1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle - Bean Hill Cottages on 09/04/2013
1 x Criminal Damage - Black Horse, High Street on 13/04/2013
1 x Common Assault - Watling Street, Bean on 11/04/2013
1 x Witness Intimidation - Black Horse, High Street on 20/04/2013
1 x Assault Actual Bodily Harm - Watling Street on 22/04/2013
1 x Taking Vehicle Without Owner's Consent - High Street on 25/04/2013
1 x Theft Miscellaneous - Sandy Lane, Watling Street End on 29/04/2013

Community Warden (Kim Hill) had been spending time outside the school with regards to the parking issues.

Police would continue patrolling the Bean area at various times of the day and night.

PC 13045 Tony QUILTER
Neighbourhood Beat Officer
Dartford South East tony.quilter@kent.pnn.police.uk
Telephone 07870 252387

Neighbourhood Watch

Yvonne Martin warned that people are going round the area selling fire alarms - this is a scam.

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**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.**

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 Hil

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

 707382

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 stopping points and times shown.

Beacon Drive (Lower end) 4.30 to 4.45pm.

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  833252

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.  832999

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