

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 49th Year

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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's Meeting will be held on
Monday 2nd of June at 8.15pm in the Community Centre,
following the N.P.M meeting at 7.15pm.**

The Bean Community Bus Trips and Quiz Night (see page 6)

The BEAN FESTIVAL Saturday 26th July (See page 9).

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2014
BEAN'S TALK is FRIDAY 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.

LEST WE FORGET

As 2014 marks the anniversary of the beginning of World War 1, perhaps we could all take a moment from our busy lives to remember **five more** men from Bean who made the ultimate sacrifice::

William Brown - HMS Pembroke, Royal Navy who died on 15 November 1918 Age 47 the Son of Charles and Jane Brown of Green Street Green Dartford, husband of Ellen Brown of 6 Archers Cottages, Bean where they had lived since 1902. Buried at Stone Cemetery

Herbert Henry Harding - 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment who died on 11 April 1918 age 25. Son of Thomas and Harriet Harding of Mercia Cottage, Bean. Born in Dartford, he lived in Bean from at least 1901. Remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial Belgium

Robert Guppa Walter - "V" 8th Heavy Trench Mortar Bty, Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 27 April 1918 age 22. Son of Baldwin and Alice Walter who were then living in Swanscombe but Robert was born at Lower Bean Farm and lived here until at least 1911. He was the brother of William Roger Walter who was on the previous list. Buried at Pozieres, France.

George Elvyn Martin - 5th Bn and 7th Bn, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) who died on 4 April 1918, the son of George Charles Martin and his wife Ada Frances Ellis. Remembered at Pozieres Memorial. George was born 1891 in Swanscombe but by 1900 (the year of his mother's death) he was living with his grandfather Henry Ellis who was the landlord of The Royal Oak. Sadly his father died in 1901 and George remained with his grandfather until his own death.

Albert Leonard Ledger - Gunner in the 161st Brigade Royal Field Artillery who died 8th March 1921 aged 23. He was the son of Thomas Ledger and his wife Alice Phillips. Albert was born in Slip Cottage, Green Street Green, which is no longer there, and the family subsequently moved to 8 Stanley Cottages. At one time the family lived at Archer Cottages, Bean, and Albert attended Bean School, but when he died the family were living at 8 Stanley Cottages. Albert's Death in 1921

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was a result of being gassed during the war, because he returned to the trenches to warn his comrades of the attack instead of saving himself. He is buried at St Margaret's Church, Darenth.



Remembered with Honour.

*If you know of anyone else, from Bean,
who served and died in World War 1
Please let the Editor of Bean's Talk know. JC*

Information from the monthly meetings of The Bean Residents Association.

The following notes are from the April and May 2014 meetings.

Assistant Secretary's Report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 15 items of outgoing correspondence on 7 topics since the March meeting:

- 5 x Royal Oak re appeal and 2nd planning application.
- 1 x Police .
- 2 x Northfleet West planning application.
- 2 x Bluewater-Meeting with General Manager and Bluewater Forum.
- 1 x 53 Bramble Ave - Garage in front of house; request if Inspector can be accompanied.
- 2 x Monthly Meeting.
- 2 x London City Airport - flight paths.

Bean Festival. (See Also page 9)

Adam Brown (Black Horse) and some of the festival committee members attended the meeting. Everyone was reminded that the date of the festival was 26th July. Mentioned that not many villagers have so far come forward to take part - stalls, donations of time, experience etc. The website is now up and running so people can contact the organisers. Informed that the new Mayor of Dartford has asked to be invited. Mr Tickle has agreed the use of his field for car parking off School Lane. Those residents at the meeting suggested the following could be of help to the organisers:-

- Ensure expertise and list of participants from past Village Fetes was forthcoming
- Supply Bean RA with minutes of last two Festival Meetings and Web Site details

- Put Fliers up around the village listing what help was needed e.g., car parking marshals etc..
- Word of mouth from all at meeting to neighbours, friends
- Art Competition from schools with a prize - raise interest with parents
- Put notice on Bean RA Web Site [Done] and include Festival item or flyer within next issue of Beanstalk.

Royal Oak. (See also page 27)

2nd application: Ashley made a 3 minutes presentation against the application and Jeff Haskins, Architect spoke in favour. DBC refused it; no affordable homes. Kent Highways and The Environment Agency objected - historic pond should be kept and incorporated in SUDS drainage system.

1st application Appeal: Inspector visited. Lots of villagers turned out. Appeal dismissed. Concerns included proximity to some houses in Page Close and Sandy Lane.

Broadband. (See pages 20)

Neighbourhood Watch

Stonewood (South) area is now functioning. Signs are up and more bungalows have joined.

Bluewater Traffic.

Ashley and Duncan attended a meeting on 24th March regarding the traffic problems - Complaints about Christmas traffic especially -Police no longer run things, a private company now put out the cones, but do not direct the traffic.

KCC Minerals

A letter of objection to KCC reference to the safeguarding of small areas of minerals near homes, has been accepted.

Community Bus (See page 6).

Bramble Avenue - garage (See page 27)

The Appeal for the garage on the frontage of the house was dismissed.

City Airport

Flight paths are over Bean when the wind is from the East, they admitted that flights are as low as 3,000 feet, need to consider ground elevation. Will keep you all posted

Police (See page 26)

Beacon Wood (See page 19)

AOB

Simon Hancock raised the problem of slow broadband speed. (See page 20)

- Mick Parsons raised problem of walking to Darent Valley Hospital; lack of footways and safe crossing points.
- Dave Oldcorn mentioned a Sink Hole that had appeared beside Sandy Lane.
- Farrell Review - suggests Local Authority have Architect to look at all future plans for area. Will it fit in and do we want it? Duncan has written to Jeremy Kite.
- Campervan - parked on brow of hill in Beacon Drive - could cause an accident. Will bring matter up at next NPM meeting.

**The next Residents Association Meeting
will be held at the Community Centre,
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the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at 7.15 p.m.**

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Our Wednesday shopping trip is usually well supported but the Thursday trip is often very short of passengers. **Do you want to change the day or the destination?**

I know that we have a few new people in the village and wish to let them know that the Community bus is a very social vehicle and a good way to get to know your neighbours and what is going on locally.

Planned trips start at 10am usually (See listing below).

To book the bus for private hire ring Colin on 01474 832 793 or For shopping trips just flag us down as we go around the village- Starting at 10a.m. Route: - High Street - School Lane - Page Close- Beacon Drive.

THE COMMUNITY BUS PLANNED TRIPS

DATE	VENUE	Bus fare
Tuesday 10th June	Quex House & Gardens	£12-00
Friday 13th June	Harvel Farm Shop	£4-00
Friday 11th July	Harvel Farm Shop	£4-00
Friday 25 th July	Hastings	£12-00
Tuesday 12 th August	Polesden Lacy/ Edwardian Country House / Gardens	£12-00
Sunday 7 th Sept.	Sevenoaks Heavy Horse Show	£3-00
Friday 26 th September	Canterbury Food Fare	£10-00

Trips Start at 10am, EXCEPT Harvel Farm 11am.
We also continue with our Morrisons trips every Wednesday (£2-00), Dartford on Thursday (£2-50), and Gravesend and Aldi on the last Thursday each month (£3-00).

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY BUS

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Does Bean need a "Village Design Statement" ?

Recent planning applications in Bean have indicated that they could have been considered better in the context of a Village Design Statement (VDS).

The main point in carrying out a VDS is to get it adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document in Dartford Borough Council's Local Plan for our area. It is another means of managing change for the benefit of the whole of the community and not about preventing change.

A VDS is primarily concerned with the visual aspects of a village and how it might be protected or enhanced. However it can become a source document to include a short history of the development of Bean including photos, show the landscape setting, identify boundaries and the shape of the village, the nature and materials of buildings and so on.

It is essential that a VDS for Bean represents the views of the local community after which it has to be endorsed by the Parish Council. It would then be forwarded to Dartford Borough Council for adoption after consultation with interested parties. Once adopted the VDS must be taken into account when planning applications are determined.

The Residents' Association considered the need or not for a VDS and agreed to seek your views through this issue of Beanstalk. Do you think it a worthwhile undertaking or not ? Please let us have your views by emailing our Secretary, Linda Collins on beanra@waitrose.com so that it can be considered further.

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THE BEAN FESTIVAL 2014

ALL HANDS TO THE PUMP!

The Bean Festival is to be held between 12 noon and 6 pm on Saturday 26th July this year.

The festival committee are looking for volunteers to help with marshalling etc.. We are asking you to come to enjoy yourselves for the day but do a 2 hour stint of volunteer work as well. What better way is there to say “Thanks for a great day”?

If you would like it, you can have free British Heart Foundation ‘Heart Start’ training and gain a certificate, but this is not essential for a volunteer.

To volunteer contact enquiries@beanfestival.co.uk or leave your details at the Black Horse pub.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION from committee meetings.

Parking will be available in Tony Tickles Field.

There will be a carousel, vintage cars and events in the Village Hall, and Sponsored Bands on the recreation ground

Some stalls will be in the back garden of the Black Horse,(Face painting, chilly jams, silverware and hook the duck).

Stalls holders will need to purchase stall space at £12-00 per stall.

Charity stall holders will need to supply a deposit of £25-00 to secure a stall space this will be refundable following attendance.

Volunteers are essential if the event is to be successful. Time can be as convenient, example 2 hour sessions.

Watch the Village Notice Board for More information on the sites layout and access etc.

Help the Hero's Big Battlefield Bike Ride.

Please use this link to my web page, for my Help the Hero's Bike ride.

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There is something very special about writing this copy for the June edition of the Bean's Talk. The nights are getting lighter, Spring, with its sunny days, although with a chill wind leaving us with a few winter garments on. Nevertheless Summer and the Annual holidays are just round the corner.

Our fellowship at the Bean Church this year has been busy trying to make life bearable for those who need support in one way or another. Our thanks go out to all who are Knitting once again for the 'Woollies' collection. The last day that we can receive them is Sunday 13th July.

We are also trying to do our bit for those families who are struggling in our own country. As you are aware Food Banks have become a necessity in recent years and so we contribute to one in Gravesend each week. If you feel able to help in this way please bring non-perishable in date items to the Hall between 9.30 and 11.30 any Sunday morning.

Our Annual 'Songs of Praise' is to take place on Sunday 8th June at 3.00pm. As usual this is the occasion when popular hymns and songs old and new are enjoyed by all. This will be followed by Tea, Coffee and a glass of wine and biscuits. Do come and join us and enjoy a good sing.

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The following meetings were held during May, Notices were too late for inclusion in this Bean's Talk.

The Association of North Kent Neighbourhood Watches evening conference, and
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The houses on the Hill - update (part 2).

No 4 E.C. Powder Cottages

Leonard Preston, his wife Clara and their daughter Gwendoline were still living here. Leonard was still the coachman for William Borland. Clara stated that she had had three children, but only one, Gwendoline, survived. Gwendoline married Frederick Wood in 1931 in the Islington area. From the previous article we know there was a daughter Maud, buried at Stone Cemetery on 13 March 1903 who lived for one day, but there is another child that I have not yet traced.

No 5 E.C. Powder Cottages

In 1911 William Smith was still living at No 5, but now he had been widowed and was living alone. His wife Ellen had died in 1907. He stated that he had been married for 19 years, but had no children. He was still an Engine Driver at the Gunpowder Factory.

No 6 E.C. Powder Cottages

No 6 was now inhabited by Edmund Spencer Jones, the previous occupant John Carver having died in 1907, and his widow having moved down the houses to live at No. 13 with her married daughter. In 1911 Jones was aged 45 an Engineer (1st class Board of Trade Certificate) Sporting Powder Works. He and his wife Edith Maud Sleeman had married 1899 in the Plymouth area, where Edith had been born in 1872. Edmund had been born in Falmouth, Cornwall. There were no children of this marriage. By the time of his death in 1942 at Gravesend Hospital, he had moved to Cross Lane Gravesend. His wife was still alive when he died, but I cannot trace her further.

No 7 E.C. Powder Cottages

Jesse Coleman and his wife Susan were still living at No 7, and as I said previously they lived there until their deaths in 1940, dying within two months of each other. Again there were no children of this marriage.

No 8 E.C. Powder Cottages

Thomas Taylor was still living in No. 8 in 1911, but he was now a widower, his wife Mary having died in 1905. As stated previously, he would live there until his death in 1921. Thomas was still a Magazine Foreman in the EC Powder Factory. He said he had six children, three of whom were still living at home. Grace Emily was 23, a school teacher at Bean Council School who would die unmarried in 1947, Olive May was 19 and in 1917 married Israel William Parker at Stone Church, and possibly had two daughters; and son Edwin Victor was 14, an engineer's apprentice who would marry in the Sevenoaks area to Ida Hill Stone in 1924. When he died in 1948 he was living in Gore Hill and Ida survived him.

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BirdBoxes - Year 5 and 6

A group of 10 children from years 5 and 6 went to Beacon Wood on Tuesday 11th March with Mrs Eggleton to meet Kent Wildlife Trust and Friends of Beacon Woods representatives. During the morning they placed a variety of bird boxes that both classes had made.

We received a lovely thank you from friends of Beacon Wood.

Well done everyone.

Do see if you can spot the boxes and birds in the woods. *Mrs Eggleton*

Friends of Beacon Wood

Beacon Wood is a beautiful woodland area, it can offer you peace and tranquillity, a place to clear your head, relax and enjoy a natural environment.

It's used by many people with young families, dog walkers, bird-watchers and botanists, and those just out for an invigorating walk to keep fit or just a leisurely stroll! Bean Parish Council and the "Friends" group took on responsibility for managing it as an amenity for the local community and visitors from all around.

It was in quite a neglected state when we started and an ongoing and major job is improving the condition of the footpath network and board walks in the woodland areas. The task is a huge undertaking and needs many hands and loads of enthusiasm. Coppicing has been reinstated, in previously managed areas, to encourage wildlife and improve diversity and we have already seen the results in a wonderful display of bluebells and wild orchids this spring.

We have a good group of regular volunteers, but could always use more, so if any of you feel able to devote a few hours a month to helping at Beacon Wood, this would be marvellous. ALL would be welcome with or without experience! At the moment the Friends meet on the first Sunday of every month to carry out work, but enthusiastic volunteers will be accommodated at almost any time!

You don't have to volunteer, to enjoy what we have to offer, just pay Beacon Wood a visit.

The website is <http://beaconwood.webden.co.uk/>

Broadband views and comments

Dear Editor,

I'll be blunt and to the point.

Firstly I was talking to a BT guy, and apparently fibre optic cables have already been laid in Bean. However, he told me Openreach have such a back log and complicated computer system, that it's a total mess!

All they have to do is technically "flick a switch" and Bean would be live with Fibre Optic Internet.

Can't the residents get in uproar about this? - blimey its 2014 and Bean is not an "old peoples" village anymore! It has families and young people and couples. Also I was told if enough people went to Virgin (for example, store in Bluewater) and made enough fuss and enough people wanted Virgin they would lay cables in Bean. Although from what I understand the council has to agree to Virgin digging Bean up.

And finally, **the snippet about airports**, we all know expansion is needed, but by the time it happens all the do-gooders against expansion will be dead! This is for their children and grandchildren.

Our pitiful little island has to move with the times, and I would not object to planes flying over Bean.

If we have to put up with becoming prisoners in our own home because of Bluewater traffic - what difference does it make having planes fly over?

We have to think of the future. I've made my point!

Simon

Some Points and comments from correspondence reference Broadband.

Following a concerted effort by members to determine if and when a fast

Broadband Service would be available to the village, **BT have said that the fibre optic supply will not be available to the village in the foreseeable future, but KCC say it could be June 2015**

Searching Internet web sites produced the following information for availability in the Bean area:

BT - infinity not available for this area

Plus net - fibre optic Broadband is not available

Sky - Not available

Talktalk - Not available

Virgin Media - Not available

The Residents Association will continue to pursue the problem, which is a disadvantage to all villagers, and get further information.

EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY

On 16th March 2014, three familiar local housing developments (Eastern Quarry, Ebbsfleet Valley and Northfleet West) and the proposed Paramount Theme Park (on the Swanscombe Peninsular) were given a new 'Address Label'. But, has anything else changed? Well, the Local Government Association thinks so. They expressed concern at the Chancellor's decision to establish an unelected Urban Development Corporation to drive the development of Ebbsfleet, saying, *"While we support the Government's aims to build more houses, democratically accountable councils have been at the forefront of delivering local growth and the creation of a separate, remote quango is unnecessary"*.

"Residents will be concerned that such a body, unelected and accountable to central government, could have the power to make local decisions about investment, planning, development and possibly even local transport".

We hope to receive more information from DBC Leader, Jeremy Kite, who was to speak at the 22nd May Bluewater Forum on which we and BPC each have two representatives.

Darent Valley Hospital - Big Events for this year

British London 10K Run Sunday 13th July 2014 - please contact me if you would like one of our places for this event.

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- sell you services or items you do not want or need
- carry out unnecessary repairs to your home at inflated prices.

They may work alone or in pairs, and could be male or female. They could pretend to be from the local council, say they work for a water, gas or electric company, or use children to trick their way in to your home.

If you have concerns about anyone calling at your home, **don't open the door**. Here are some tips on what to do if a stranger calls.

If in doubt, keep them out

- Lock your back door and close windows before you answer the door.
- Use a spy hole and chain to check who the caller is before you answer.
- Ask to see the caller's identification, even if they have made an appointment to see you, and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine.
- Never leave the door open and unattended — close it until you return.
- Ask the caller to return another time when someone can be with you.
- Never agree to have a job carried out if you feel unsure or pressured into it — a genuine caller will not mind coming back at a more convenient time or giving you time to think about an offer.
- Do not hand over large sums of money on demand — it may indicate that you keep large amounts of cash at home.
- Never accept an offer to be driven to withdraw money from your bank or building society from anyone you do not know or do not trust.

Check the caller's identification

- Check the expiry date on the identification - is it still valid?
- Look at the photograph — has anything been stuck over it, and does it
- match the person at the door?
- Call the company by finding the number in the phone book, on a bill or call directory enquiries. Do not use the number the caller provides — if the ID card is not genuine then the number won't be either.

Ask the company to confirm they have sent someone out to you. They will ask you for information about the identification card, a description of the caller and possibly the date of birth or password of the caller.

Set up passwords with your utility companies

- Set up a password with your electricity, gas and water companies -

- each password should be unique but something you will remember.
- When a representative calls at your home, they will give you this unique password to confirm they are legitimate.
- If you write your passwords down, keep them out of sight but somewhere you can easily find them.

Secure your home

- Fit security measures to your home such as a spy hole and door chain so you can see who is calling before you open the front door.
- Never leave cash, keys or valuables on display near windows or doors.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of money at home. It is safer in a bank or building society account.
- Consider getting a small safe for your home for items of sentimental value such as jewellery, which may appeal to burglars.
- Only use trusted or highly recommended companies or, individuals to carry out work at your home.
- Check out the Age UK HandyVan service, which can fit a range of safety and security products to your home for a small fee. For more details call **0845 026 1055** or email handyvan@ageuk.co.uk
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme- for details call **01622 653212** or visit www.kentpolice.uk/neighbourhoodwatch or www.ourwatch.org.uk

Report information about bogus callers and rogue traders

- If you think you have a bogus caller at your door call **999**
- To give information about a possible bogus caller call the police on **101**
- If you have information about a rogue trader, have agreed to have work done or need advice about work carried out already, contact Trading Standards via the Citizens' Advice Consumer Helpline on **08454 04 05 06**.

Contact us

- **Call101** to report a non-urgent crime or to contact your local Officer.

- **Call 999** if a crime is in progress or life is in danger.
- If you are deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**
- Visit your nearest police front counter to report non-urgent crime

News, information and advice:

- Speak to an officer- at a police surgery, at a front counter or by calling **101**
- Visit our website- www.kent.police.uk
- Follow **@kent_police** or your district account on Twitter
- Find us on **Facebook**
- Chat to officers online- www.kent.police.uk/onlineMeeting
- Sign up for your fortnightly district e newsletters www.kent.police.uk/enews

For details of all the ways to contact us, visit www.kentpolice.uk/contactus

For other information guides in this series, visit www.kentpolice.uk/yourguide.



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POLICE REPORTS.

The 16 reported crime figures for March 2014 for Bean.

4 x Burglary Other Than Dwellings- Beacon Drive, Foxwood, Stonewood & High Street
 2 x Attempt Burglary Other Than Dwellings - Beacon Drive & Stonewood
 1 x Theft From Motor Vehicle - Bean Commuter Car Park
 1 x Aggravated Vehicle Taking- Southfleet Road
 2 x Theft Miscellaneous - Watling Street & Page Close
 6 x Criminal Damage - 3 x Beacon Drive, Page Close, Stonewood & Sandy Lane

PC 13045 Tony QUILTER Dartford South Beat Officer
 Telephone 07870 252387 Email 13045@kent.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Rob Shine Has replaced Steven Howard as the PCSO for our area,
 Phone 07772226069 e-mail 564890Kent.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

The New Community Warden
 Paul Hassell@kent.gov.uk

Paul Hassell, contact 07813713285

RECENT PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS

Royal Oak, School Lane - Demolition of existing public house and erection of a terrace of six 3 bed houses.

A Site visit made on 7 March 2014

Decision, 31st March 2014, Appeal Dismissed

... the proposal would fail to make adequate provision for affordable housing.

... the proposal would unacceptably harm living conditions at 16 and 17 Page Close and 2 Barnfield Cottages, due to impacts on outlook and privacy.

... the proposal would make efficient use of a brown-field site to provide new homes ... redevelopment would enhance the character and appearance of the area.

... nothing, however, overrides the objections.

(A 2014 offer to repeat the 2011 Pond Clean-up was declined).

53 Bramble Avenue - Erection of a detached garage in front garden

Site visit made on 4 April 2014

Decision, 15th April 2014, Appeal Dismissed

The garage proposed ... would stick out in front of the houses, making it appear intrusive and out of place.

The box-line appearance, including the flat roof, whilst not unusual for a garage, would add to the jarring visual effect in such a prominent position.

... it would be unacceptably damaging to the street scene .

**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.**

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

PCSO ROB Shine

07772 226 069

Community Warden. Paul Hassell

Mobile 07811 271252

Community Warden

(Control Centre)



01732 885712

Crime Stoppers



800 555 111

Hall Bookings

Tuesday	4.00 - 7.00pm.	Dance fever	Elaine Coombs	703239
Wednesday	1.30 - 4.00pm.	Young at Heart	Jo Regan	07927 196307
Wednesday	6.00 - 7.30pm.	Cubs	Contact the committee	
Wednesday	7.45 - 9.30pm.	Scouts	Neil Warburton	707382
Thursday	5.00- 6.30pm.	Brownies	Neil Warburton	707382
Friday	3.45 - 4.15pm.	La Jolie Ronde (French)	Janette Williams	07908274153
Friday	4.30 - 5.30pm.	Mc Dowall Dance (Ballet)	Beatrice Harrington	07717774202
Sunday	10 - 11.00am.	St. Nicholas Church,	Sarah Mc Dowall	07940 205295
Mon - Fri	9.15 - 12.00 noon.	Jumping Beans Pre-School	Don White	705430
		Allison Barrass		07771864937

Mobile Library

Black Horse 4.05 - 4.25pm.

The service is on a Monday at the

Beacon Drive (Lower end) 4.30 - 4.45pm.

stopping points and times shown.

Doctors

Dr. Desai and Partners 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

Sunday Service is held in the Community Centre at 10am

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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Oasis Counselling Centre



01322 294430 Free counselling

for bereavement and help for those affected by suicide, pregnancy, crisis and post abortion, support for ex-offenders, advice and support for job-seekers, those affected by domestic violence, those in distress, befriending scheme, and parenting classes

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