

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 49th 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.

Dates for your diary.

**The next Residents Association's Annual General Meeting will be
held on**

Monday 1st of September at 8.15pm in the Community Centre.

A representative of Bluewater will be the guest speaker.

Representatives of London Paramount will be guests at the

R.A. meeting on Monday 6th October at 8.15 pm

Following the NPM Meeting at 7.15 pm

BEACON WOODS

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER 2014
BEAN'S TALK is SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER.**

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

Cllr.	Councillor	KCC	Kent County Council
DATPC	Dartford Association of Town and Parish Councils	KHS	Kent Highway Services
DBC	Dartford Borough Council	NPM	Neighbourhood Panel Meetings.
BPC	Bean Parish Council	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
		RA	Residents Association.

Information from the monthly meetings of The Bean Residents Association.

The following notes are from the June July and August 2014 meetings.

Assistant Secretary's Report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 23 items of outgoing correspondence on 10 topics since the July meeting:

- 2 x Parish Council,
- 6 x DBC and Moat Housing
- 4 x Paramount,
- 2 x DBC re Stonewood,
- 1 x BWCP - meeting dates,
- 1 x Kent highways,
- 1 x River Crossing,
- 2 X Consultations
- 2 x Meetings
- 1 x BT

.Moat Housing - Royal Oak site:

Terry Phillips from Moat Housing introduced himself, he mentioned that Moat have built between 500/600 houses over the South East. Also manages properties. Mayfair, who bought the Royal Oak, approached Moat to work with them. Mr Phillips showed new drawings of proposed 6 x 3 bedroom houses (set back further from road), with gardens 2 x parking spaces per house and footpath in front of houses. Pond retained, but responsibility for maintenance undecided. Design of houses to fit in with surrounding properties. Concerns from owners in Page Close over new houses blocking light.

Suggested that a shadowing report be produced. Suggestion that the house nearest Page Close be made lower and changed to 2 bedrooms. Mr Phillips refused to leave a copy of the latest drawings, saying that Mayfair had to agree with the drawings. Bean RA believed DBC Members are not happy with Mayfair insisting on six dwellings, as it has an adverse effect on those living near the site (i.e., overlooking other properties). Mr Phillips said that he would get back to us by the next RA Meeting.

For the July meeting Terry Phillips (Moat Housing) sent an email stating that "Moat and Mayfair are proceeding with the project to provide 6 properties on site. the final design has yet to be decided due to a number of complications to be decided upon that affect the contracting parties." He will get back to us once these have been agreed and the design finalised, he has assured us that "Moat is

committed to trying to accommodate as many of the comments made by the residents as possible within the planning guidelines and Moat's standard specification.

The committee agreed that six house are too many. Ian Armitt is to be informed of dissatisfaction. A letter to be sent re. Health and Safety at the Royal Oak site to DBC Building Control.

Update -An email of 5th August

"Further to our meetings and correspondence I write to update you on the current situation regarding the purchase of the site by Moat Homes from Mayfair Construction.

Firstly I would like to thank you and your members for trying to help Moat secure the site to provide affordable housing, however regretfully I have to inform you that Mayfair Construction have decided not to sell the site to Moat.

Moat will still endeavour to secure new sites locally to provide affordable homes. Regards Terry Phillips".

Garden City.

The Bluewater Forum meeting was well attended. Jeremy Kite answered questions. He was on a shadow committee which may take powers away from local councils. He suggested that groups should set up a group to challenge decisions. 15,000 homes to be built in the next 5 years.

Infrastructure in areas brought forward; roads in 5 years.

A letter has been sent to Mr. Dukes KCC asking for an update on Bean Interchange and the effect of Garden City on timing, also asking about the newly installed traffic counters

Windfall Sites

DBC are asking for feed back on their guidance document. Concern that farmland around Bean would be classed as potential Windfall sites as these are not in the local plan. Agreed that comments will be submitted.

Press Officer (and Broadband).

Peter Luker mentioned that the Latest BT projection for fibre optic Broadband for Bean is scheduled is July-September 2014. Although there are different dates for different properties.

We are still waiting for a reply with regards to parking problems at Darenth Valley Hospital, and will raise the problem with the DVH Trust in early September.

Village Design Statement (VDS).

Ken Jeavons (KJ) item in the June Bean's Talk required a response. The Committee unanimously agreed the need for VDS. Against an historical background it would manage future changes and protect and enhance

Village Assets (e.g. Appearance, Country Park and Village Pond). KJ to be make up a framework for the October Meeting. (See also page 8)

Bean Festival.

Duncan Wood said that the Bean Festival had been cancelled due to excessive Insurance costs. It is hoped to run it next year. Other fund raising events were still held in the Community Centre and live music and motorbikes were on show at the Black Horse.

Beacon Wood Country Park.

The Heritage Lottery funding bid was considered. Some Friends of BWCP (Beacon Woods Country Park) want to concentrate on what is there now, not about the history of the site or running tours.

Neil's Bench is waiting to be engraved.

Police Crime figures See page 26)

Beacon Wood (See page 21)

Any Other business

The parish Council will takeover the Management of the Community Centre Hall next year,

Japanese Knotweed at the Community Centre is being sprayed , it needs 3 years to get rid of it,

KCC's reply to request for white lines in Betsham Road and Sandbanks Hill was that the roads are too narrow for a centre line, The missing crossroad sign is to be replaced,

Paramount London has accepted an invitation to attend the village meeting in October rather than we all go to one of the listed venues.

Stonewood Householder Application for a porch on driveway, comments to be made.

The hole in Southfleet Road, an old trench failing, has been reported.

**The next Residents Association Meeting
will be the Annual General Meeting held at the Community Centre,
on Monday 1st September at 8.15 p.m.**

With guests from Bluewater Management.

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**The Next NPM meeting will be on Monday 6th October at 7.15
Followed by the R A meeting**

Have you Any Views on the 4 Current Consultations below?

If you want to tell us what you think, contact: -
beanra@waitrose.com or 'Google' to read and submit.

Dartford Borough Council – Windfall Sites

Windfall Sites are locations unexpectedly put forward for development (e.g., Royal Oak) or sites identified, but excluded from the approved Local Plan (e.g., Bean Farm). DBC wishes to expand its assessment rules into a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The closing date for comments is 5th September 2014.

Kent County Council – Minerals and Waste Plan

We made preliminary comments in March. It includes a controversial “minerals safeguarding” proposal, even in built up areas, under existing properties. We are unconvinced that it is necessary to safeguard small uneconomic areas of sand and gravel below a few homes. The Closing date is 12th September 2014.

Transport for London – Options for New River Crossings in East and South East London

This consultation includes a proposal for a new bridge at Belvedere. If you think that's an alternative to the Dartford Crossing, TfL (Transport for London) say the bridge would be for Local Traffic only, restricted to a Bus Lane and a car lane in each direction.

The Closing date is 12th September 2014.

Mayor of London-London Infrastructure Plan 2050

Assumes a Thames Estuary Airport on the Isle of Grain, linked to the M1 by a widening of the M25 north and A24 to the south; Thames crossing at East Tilbury; 50,000 new homes in Dartford-Thurrock, 100,000 at “Clatham”, 115,000 in Canterbury-Dover and new rail links.

The closing date for comments is 31st October 2014.

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS

We would like to thank all those who supported us on the 26th July at the Village Hall where we raised £267-00 towards the funds to eventually replace the bus.

Unfortunately a £20-00 note disappeared from the kitchen. (*It would be appreciated if it found its way back to the bus fund*).

We especially thank those who donated prizes for the raffle.

THE COMMUNITY BUS PLANNED TRIPS

Bus trips generally start at 10a.m. Admission fees are not included in the Bus fares

For shopping trips just flag us down as we go around the village. Starting at High Street - School Lane - Page Close - Beacon Drive and the corner of Turner Road

DATE	VENUE	Bus fare
Friday 29 th August	Ramsgate & Tunnels	£10-000
Sunday 7 th September	Sevenoaks Heavy Horse Show	£3-00
Friday 26 th September	Canterbury Food Fare	£10-00
Tuesday 11 th November	Lakeside	£5-00
Tuesday 2 nd December	Canterbury	£10-00

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).

Recent SCAMS identified.

The Windows phone call scam has started again, where they phone you saying there is a fault on your Computer.

Please do not fall for this scam it will cost you money.

Kent Police - Neighbourhood Watch

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Does Bean need a “Village Design Statement”?

Following the above item in the June Beanstalk, the Committee unanimously agreed there was a need for a Village Design Statement (VDS). Offers have come forward to contribute to preparing a VDS for Bean. It would be set against an historical background, aim to manage future changes and protect and enhance Bean’s Village Assets (e.g., Appearance, Country Park and Village Pond). An update will follow an initial study. If you have any comments or would like to help, please contact Linda Collins at beanra@waitrose.com .

Broadband Views and Comments

Simon’s letter to the Editor (June BeansTalk), on behalf of “the young”, stirred activity from “old peoples” and “do-gooders against expansion”. As he suggested, some went running down to Bluewater to create “uproar” in the Virgin Media Store; Their ‘Teckie’ said, “I’ll check DA2 8 online; no Sir, no chance of our Superfast Broadband at Bean; no point in taking your details.”!

Better luck with BT, Belfast (Executive Level Complaints), “The exchange will be upgraded by the 30th September”, but didn’t say what exchange or what year, or (importantly) availability by Post Code.

Dashing (as fast as old folks do) a few pensioners ‘Silver Surfed’ the KCC, ‘Make Kent Quicker’ Web Site, only to find, “Your area is planned for•Phase 5•and work should start between•Jan-15•and•Jun-15” and “Superfast broadband is already available to some premises in your area”. A Member gave a BT name in London, who will clarify. If you are one of the Lucky Ones, tell the Editor!

Duncan Wood reported that the dates for faster Broadband were as follows: September for those on the Longfield exchange, later for those on the Southfleet exchange. However KCC “Make Kent Quicker” say Bean is Phase 5 (Jan-June 2015).Raymond Burr (BT) has been contacted to clarify the matter.

Vehicle Tax Discs.

With effect from 1st October 2014 You will still need to tax your vehicle but you will not get a tax disc.

The Dartford-Thurrock River Crossing

From October 2014 there will be changes to the way you pay the charge to use the Crossing.



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- Drivers who don't pay the charge will face a penalty.
- It will still be free to use the Crossing between 10pm and 6am.
- If you are an existing Dart-Tag account holder we will contact you before October to let you know if you need to do anything.
- There will also be changes to the road layout at the Crossing.
- For more information please visit www.gov.uk/highways/dartford



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The very first thing that must be recorded is our THANKS to all those who have contributed to our Woollie collection. Once again the various items have poured in over the past few weeks. The quantity of woollen items has undoubtedly increased year after year. Many long winter hours must have been spent by so many who care for the poor children, in the Third World, who would not have any warm clothes during their cold season if it were not for you. Well done to all of you.

We try hard to support charities as part of our 'Church's Mission' here in Bean. For many years now, we have supported Mustard Seed by putting together small items suitable for children, between the ages 3 to 15 years, into a Shoe Box. They are then distributed to the Orphanages in the Ukraine and Romania. The boxes, or individual items, can be brought to the Hall any Sunday from August 10th between 9.30am and 11.30am. Our Harvest Festival takes place this year on 5th October. This will be the last day for the Shoe Box collection.

Our Toy Service will be held at 10.00am on December 7th. If you would care to donate a toy, together with a piece of wrapping paper, we would be most grateful. These will be taken to the Ellenor Lion's Hospice for distribution to a child in a family where there is a seriously ill patient.

Our Annual Carol Service is to be held on 14th December at 6.30pm. Please make a note in your diary or calendar and come and join us. We still have the Nine lessons and your favourite Carols.

Please continue to let us know of those who are sick or bereaved either by calling in on a Sunday morning or telephoning Don on 705430.

God Bless you all.

Don White

Just to say a big thank you to every one who sponsored me for the Ironman Competition in Austria, I completed the event in 12hours 17 minutes and 17 seconds.

To date this has raised £756 for the Lions Hospice.

Many Thanks Martin

A General Quiz.

Answers on page 23

1	Who came second to Margaret Thatcher in the 1975 ballot that ousted Edward Heath as Tory Leader?	
2	What are the names of the five members of the Simpson family	
3	Which new state was proclaimed at the gate of Heavenly Peace on 1 st October 1949?	
4	Which chancellor introduced Old Age Pensions to Britain?	
5	Who discovered that the universe was expanding?	
6	Which former prisoner of the Nazis became the first chancellor of West Germany?	
7	Who played the parts of lawman Will Kane and his bride Amy in the film High Noon?	
8	What is the title of the completely silent work by avant garde composer John Cage?	
9	Which European country has the world's highest population density?	
10	What is the name of the Great Gatsby in the novel by Scott Fitzgerald?	
11	Who said "How do you govern a country which produces 246 kinds of cheese"?	
12	Which 15 minute piece of music consisting of a relentless rhythm under a repetitive theme was a sensation at its Paris debut in the 1920's?	
13	Who writes the Harry Potter books?	
14	What are the ingredients of a Margarita cocktail?	
15	Who was Churchill's minister of labour during the war?	
16	Which English poet wrote "Give me your arm, old toad: help me down Cemetery road.	
17	Who was the first Footballer of the year?	
18	What did the city of Stalingrad change its name to in 1961?	
19	Whose Quantum Theory revolutionised modern physics?	
20	What does the abbreviation PVC stand for?	



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The houses on the Hill - update (part 3).

No 9 Powder Cottages

In 1911 Henry Sadler and his wife Elizabeth were living at No. 9, having lived at Foxwood House Bean in the 1901 census. They were both in their early 50's and had been married for 29 years, both having been born in St Johns Common Sussex. Henry was a professional gardener. They stated that they had had six children, three of whom survived. Two of those children were unmarried and living at home: Frederick 27, a farm labourer, and Lillian aged 23. As I mentioned previously, Frederick died in WWI.

No 10 E.C. Powder Cottages

No 10 was inhabited by William David Fleming, aged 40, a night-watchman at the EC Powder works. He and his wife Margaret had been married 5 years, and at that time had no children. Boarding with them was William John Hurst a 26 year old farm labourer. He was Margaret's brother, they both having been born in Cowlinge in Suffolk. William and Margaret had married in the Dartford area during 1905.

No 11 E.C. Powder Cottages

William Plascott was still living at No 11, then aged 65 and a widower and, as stated previously, he would live there for another two years before he died in 1913. His unmarried daughter Millicent, aged 41, was his housekeeper. She died the year following her father's death.

No 12 Powder Cottages

By 1911 No 12 was occupied by Jacob Daniel Croucher, who was 37, a Pipe and General Fitter Sporting at the Powder works. He had been born in Upchurch, Kent. He and his wife Edith Kate Butters had married in the Dartford area during 1898 and had two children both of whom were living with them, Edward aged 11 and Kathleen aged 3. The 1911 census was taken on the 2nd April 1911, and by June 1911 Jacob was on his way to Ontario, Canada, followed in September of that year by Edith, and their two children and there they made their new life. Their son Edward married in 1924 to Florence Eva Weatherley and their daughter Kathleen married in 1927 to Francis Mitchell McKinnon. Jacob died in Canada in 1927, his occupation being given as a machinist. His wife died in 1961.

The concluding update will follow in the December issue. J.C.

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A Letter to the Editor.

Dear Editor,

Since writing my previous letter, I will have to say how helpful and interesting coming to the Bean monthly meeting was.

The residents of Bean do truly miss out on vital information.

For those who moan about the broadband speed in Bean, they have NO idea of the hard work certain residents are doing to make ensure Bean has fibre optic Broadband - soon!

I still believe the ‘Whole’ of Bean should come together in uproar over broadband. Then the more “noise” we make the sooner this can happen. On a side note, I recently had my Croatian friend visit for six weeks. He loved the Beacon Wood Country Park.

We both had a dog -sit one Saturday and took the dogs to the park. We had an enjoyable walk twice around the park! However, I noticed a severe lack of Dog Waste Bins, and cannot believe how many owners do not pick up after their dogs.

My friend enjoyed staying here in Bean and took himself off round the Bean area for walks and was impressed by the area.

He said it is a pity too many housing estates are being built ,plus a theme park and airport here in the area. It would spoil what countryside we have left.

Simon.

Securing Your Shed

Advice as promised by PC Tony Quilter at June NPM. As with any form of site security you should start with the perimeter and work your way towards the centre....

A better-designed or built shed is a good start, avoid sheds with windows, they are a weak point and allow the offender to see any high value goods inside.

How well is your shed constructed?

Make sure the shed is properly constructed and anchored to the ground and think about where your shed is placed

Avoid placing the shed against the house or garage, where it can be used to climb to a first floor window.

Secure the door using a good quality lock, pad bolt or hasp and staple with padlocks.

Consider using Security Lighting in that area of the garden. Consider fitting a shed alarm, this can be mains or battery powered.

Mark all valuables. Postcodes can be engraved on objects like bikes, and lawn mowers, for higher value goods forensic marking may be used.

More expensive items can be placed in a wire cage, which can be fitted inside the shed.

High value items like bikes and mowers can be secured using a bolt anchored into the ground inside the shed.

Perforated Mesh grilles will help protect vulnerable windows, while still allowing light to enter the shed.

A shed bar provides a visible deterrent, which protects the Lock and Hinges. Details of both can be found at Decor Grille Security who are an ACPO approved security company.

Beacon Woods

Teddy Bears Picnic - Sunday September 14th 1pm. To 3 pm.

With Mrs Back to Front who will entertain us

between 1.30 - 2.30pm. See you there!

BEAN RECREATION GROUND Toddler Area Refurbishment.

You will have seen the newly refurbished toddler area commissioned by the Parish Council and installed by Vita Play Ltd.

The Parish Council would like to thank "Awards For All" for their donation of £10,000 and Councillor Kite for a KCC Donation of £1,200 which together with funds which have been put aside by the Parish Council for some years, enabled the refurbishment to take place.

However, sadly there are still some irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs into the recreation ground and we would urge anyone seeing dogs and their owners in this area to report them either to The Parish Council on 832 999 or our Community Warden Paul Hassell on 07813 713285.

Garden Shed Protection advice as promised (part 2)

by PC Tony Quilter at June NPM.

While many people take steps to protect their homes, they often forget the value of the items stored outside.

Garden sheds, outbuildings and garages packed with tools, machinery and other valuable equipment offer easy pickings to thieves. Each year householders lose hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of equipment, which is easy to sell on and often untraceable.

By taking the right precautions you can reduce the opportunities for thieves and ensure that if your property is stolen, there's a better chance of it being traced and returned.

Here's how you can cut the risk of theft

- **Always put tools and equipment away safely** – items left lying around outside could be stolen or used to help a thief break in
- **Disable** lawn mowers and other large machinery when not in use and chain items together to a solid anchor point
- **Record** details of your property (make, model, serial number and identifying marks)
- Use close shackle **padlocks** to secure sheds and install shed **alarms** and **security lights**
- **Register** your valuables on the National Property Database – **www.immobilise.com**
- **Security-mark** your property using a UV pen or a forensic marking solution
- Ensure the screws are not accessible when using a hasp and staple lock or pad bolts
- **Prevent** unwanted visitors from entering your garden by maintaining hedges and fences
- **Close** your garden gate and **lock** it from the inside
- **Use** lockable hanging baskets or secure the baskets to their brackets
- **Avoid** leaving house doors and windows open or unlocked when working in the garden

If you see it, report it

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are groups of volunteers who work in partnership with the police and the local council and play an important role in the battle against crime. They distribute advice on security and safety within a

designated area and help to make sure that elderly or vulnerable members of the community aren't targets for criminals.

To join a local scheme or for more information visit contact:

John Haddaway on 01634 792131

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If you have information about a crime, call Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on

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Contact Kent Police

If a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**.

For all non-urgent crime reports or enquiries, call **101**.

If you are deaf or speech impaired, text '**police**' then your message to **60066**.

For more safety advice, details of your neighbourhood team or to find out about policing priorities where you live, visit www.kent.police.uk

Answers to Quiz on page 13

1	William Whitelaw	11	Charles De Gaulle
2	Marge, Homer, Lisa, Bart, Maggie	12	Ravel's Bolero
3	The Communist Republic of Chinaby Mao Tse-Tung	13	J.K.Rowling
4	Lloyd George	14	Tequila,cointreau,lemon,ice
5	Edwin Hubble	15	Ernest Bevin
6	Konrad Adenauer	16	Phillip larkin
7	Gary Cooper , Grace Kelly	17	Stanley Mathews in 1948
8	4 minutes 33 seconds	18	Volgograd
9	Monaco(32,097 sq kilometre)	19	Max Planck
10	Jay	20	Polyvinylchloride.

BEAN PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIR'S REPORT MAY 2014

This year the Friends of Beacon Country Park have gone from strength to strength. Diane Tomkins stepped down from the position of Chair at the start of the year having done a tremendous job. Her place has been taken by Mr David Lerew. The "friends of" group do an enormous amount of work within the country park. They fix, repair and renew constantly and have regular volunteer work days around once a month, usually the first Sunday of the month from 10-2pm. Although these days are hard work, each person only does what they can. They all thoroughly enjoy themselves and a lot of new friendships have been created as a result. New steps have been put in, metres of footpath have been repaired and re-laid and there are plans for the picnic area to be improved imminently with new picnic tables. Earlier this year a group of children from Bean Primary School joined North West Kent Countryside and the Friends of Beacon Woods Country Park to position a variety of bird boxes that had been made by the children in years 5 and 6, throughout the country park. There is always information on what they are planning next and volunteer dates on the notice board in the country park and they also have a dedicated website <http://beaconwood.webeden.co.uk/>. Both Bean Parish Council and The Resident's Association have links to this on their websites

Last year I said that we had hoped to have refurbished the toddler area on the recreation ground. Well this year has been another difficult one financially but we are currently waiting for confirmation that we have been successful in obtaining a large grant and if all goes to plan works should take place within the next month or so and completed in time for the school summer holidays.

Bean Youth Centre has been run for many years by a committee who have given their time voluntarily to the daily running and the organising of on-going repairs and improvements to the building. You only need to look around to see their achievements. We would like to thank Stella Nicholls, who stepped down as secretary earlier this year, for the time that she dedicated to fund raising and the organising of works and indeed to all the committee members who have kept everything up and running for so long. This also includes organising hiring's, planning quiz nights, locking and unlocking, floor polishing, garden clearing, The list is endless.

We continue to enjoy a good working relationship with the Residents' Association. The village as a whole benefits from us working together to try to prevent controversial or detrimental developments from either taking place in, or impacting on, Bean. We would also like to thank the member of the RA who continues to be vigilant in his quest to remove unwanted and illegal signage from street furniture within the village.

Last year we had a new village sign, and this year we have a new Beacon in the Country Park. Our aim for this next year is to erect a memorial to remember those from Bean that fell in the First World War. This is especially poignant this year as it is the 100th anniversary of the start of that war.

Councillor Sally Weeks has been industrious in sourcing as much information as possible, along with some of our Bean residents. If anybody has any information that may be of help we would be very pleased to hear it.

Some things continue to frustrate us, such as the parking situation outside the school, burglaries from shed and dwellings, littering and dog fouling.

We have welcomed a new community warden within the last few months. Mr Paul Hassell and would like to thank our previous Community Warden Kim Hills, who has moved on to pastures new, for all her work and support during her time in Bean.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their endless dedication. They represent you, the residents of Bean, on many outside committees including Kent Association of Local Councils, The Forum at Bluewater, The Town and Parish Forum, Friends of Beacon Wood, Beacon Wood Steering Group, Dartford Elders Forum and Darent Country Park Steering Group.

As a Council we also regularly participate, on behalf of our residents, in both Local and National Consultations including: Southern Water Resources, Lower Thames Road Crossing, KCC Streetlights, Referendum Principals, Standing for Election in the UK, Parish Highways Survey, NATS – London Airspace, KCC Budget, Kent Minerals and Waste and of course the changes to Bean Post Office.

The Parish Council has also represented our Parish at a number of meetings and events including Kent Civic Service held at Canterbury Cathedral, Darent Valley Landscape Partnership, Refurbishment of Fairfield Pool and Leisure Centre, NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley presentations.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk Jan Becket. She devotes far more time to Bean Parish than she is paid for. Always a mine of information and guidance, bewildered but never beaten!

Alison Sakellariou - Chair of Bean Parish Council

The quiz night 11th July

At the successful quiz night Irene and I decided to donate the Bean R A share of the profits to the Bean Bus Fund which was well received by the 40 attendees. *Irene (Treasurer).*

POLICE REPORTS.

There were 10 reported crimes in Bean for May 2014.

- 1 x Burglary Other Than Dwellings - Foxwood Road,
- 1 x Theft in Dwelling - Page Close
- 2 x Common Assault - Sandy Lane & Beacon Drive
- 2 x Criminal Damage - Foxwood Road
- 1 x Assault by Beating - Foxwood Road,
- 1 x Possession of Offensive Weapon - High Street,
- 1 x Breach of Molesting Order - Foxwood Road
- 1 x theft from motor Vehicle - Bean Commuter Park.

BEAN 16 REPORTED CRIMES IN JULY 2014

- 4 x Burglary Other Than Dwellings — all in Stonewood, brick sheds
- 1 x Attempt Burglary Other Than Dwelling — Stonewood
- 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle — Watling Street
- 1 x Theft from Motor Vehicle — Beacon Wood Country Park
- 3 x Criminal Damage — Beacon Drive, School Lane & Shellbank Lane
- 2 x Harassment — Bramble Avenue & Beacon Drive
- 1 x Theft Miscellaneous — Bean Lane
- 1 x Common Assault — Southfleet Road
- 1 x Assault by Beating — Page Close
- 1 x Section 4 Public Order — High Street

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

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

NHW in Stonewood area is being extended from the bungalows at the South end to the houses.

The Next Neighbourhood Panel Meeting was confirmed as 6th October at 7.15 p.m.

The **Community Warden** Paul Hassell, contact 07813713285
Paul Hassell@kent.gov.uk

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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.**

NEW SPEED CAMERAS PLANNED FOR MOTORWAYS.

New speed cameras painted Grey and placed along large sections of the UK's motorways could be introduced within two years.

The Highways Agency is looking to increase the amount of 'managed motorway' on the network- sections where the overall speed of traffic is adjusted To avoid traffic jams and to allow the use of hard-shoulder running.

Currently sections of the M25 and M40 operate variable speed limits.

Under new plans however cameras will be placed on large sections of motorway designed to catch drivers exceeding the overall 70 mph limit. Mooted plans suggest that over 100 miles of the busiest motorways will have the new style cameras with over 400 miles of the network eventually covered.

The deputy Chief Executive of Brake, the road safety charity, said "speed cameras are an extremely well evidenced, cost effective way to improve safety and reduce deaths and injuries on the roads where they are placed. Put simply: speed cameras reduce speeding, which helps to prevent deadly crashes. Breaking the speed limit is risky and illegal, so only drivers who break the law will face fines.

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 07813 713285

Community Warden

(Control Centre)



01732 885712

Crime Stoppers



800 555 111

Hall Bookings

Bean Parish Council 01474 832 999

Tuesday 4.00 - 7.00pm. Dance fever

Jo Regan 07927 196307

Wednesday 1.30 - 4.00pm. Young at Heart

Contact the committee

Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm. Cubs

Neil Warburton 707382

Wednesday 7.45 - 9.30pm. Scouts

Neil Warburton 707382

Thursday 5.00- 6.30pm. Brownies

Janette Williams 07908274153

Friday 3.45 - 4.15pm. La Jolie Ronde (French)

Beatrice Harrington 07717774202

Friday 4.30 - 5.30pm. Mc Dowall Dance (Ballet)

Sarah Mc Dowall 07940 205295

Sunday 10 - 11.00am. St. Nicholas Church,

Don White 705430

Mon - Fri 9.15 - 12.00 noon. Jumping Beans Pre-School 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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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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