

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 50th Year

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BEAN'S TALK

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Household in Bean.

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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 in the Community Centre on Monday 2nd March at
8.15pm Following the **NPM meeting at 7.15.**

Due to the Easter Holiday the April Meeting will be held on
Monday 30th March.

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CAN YOU HELP?

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE JUNE 2015
BEAN'S TALK is FRIDAY 1st MAY.**

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

Cllr.	Councillor	KCC	Kent County Council
DCLG	Dept. for Commodities and local governments.	KHS	Kent Highway Services
DBC	Dartford Borough Council	NPM	Neighbourhood Panel Meetings.
BPC	Bean Parish Council	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
		RA	Residents Association.

UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND BEAN?

- Land next to Drudgeon Farm: Application for Change of Use for Showmen Travellers. DBC have sent main issues / objections to Agent, acting for 12 Families.
- Dartford 'Development Policies' Local Plan: Bean RA have asked that:
 - new Gypsy and Traveller Sites be identified in Kent (but not in Bean);
 - a Bean Neighbourhood Centre be designated, including BY&CC, Black Horse PH, Post Office & Stores and Doctor's Surgery;
 - that the Royal Oak Pond become a Protected Local Green Space (PLGS) as a Village/ Community Asset.
- Ebbsfleet Garden City: Representations from Bean PC and Bean RA to DCLG to exclude Bean Triangle were unsuccessful. Highway need not be ruled out, says MP.
- London Paramount Resort: Provisional boundary includes A2 Bean, Ebbsfleet & Pepper Hill junctions.
- Separate meetings being arranged with Bluewater and Highways Agency about Traffic Problems at Bean and short and long term alterations, respectively.
- Superfast Broadband availability depends on where you live in Bean: All work by BT, but some under KCC Make Kent Quicker contract will be slower arriving!(See also pages 5 and 6.

Beacon Wood Country Park: Theft and Arson; see page 13

The following notes are from the November, /December and January meetings.

November Assistant Secretary's report.

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 43 items of correspondence on 11 topics since the November meeting:

- 13 x Travellers at Drudgeon Farm,

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- 4x St Clements Way development,
- 6 x Meeting at Bluewater re Xmas traffic management,
- 1 x Royal Oak,
- 3 x Consultations,
- 8x Garden City,
- 1 x Paramount,
- 2 x Broadband,
- 1 x Meeting Notice,
- 3 x A2 Bean Interchange Design, and
- 1 x Police, and

11 items of correspondence on 8 topics in December.

- x St Clements Way Phase 2, 159 Dwellings
- 1 x Drudgeon Farm — Showmen Travellers Application
- 3 x Paramount
- 1 x Dartford Tunnel Works — address for notifications
- 1 x Ightham Cottages — Microwave aerial upgrade
- 1 x KCC Minerals and Waste Plan -Examination in Public
- 1 x Meeting Notice
- 2 x Garden City- boundary complaint to MP

Press:

Peter Luker (Press Officer) said that there would be more parking spaces at the Darent Valley Hospital by December with more planned for the New Year.

Planning application (change of use Drudgeon Farm to Showmen Travellers

Site): Cllrs Hammock and Armitt were attending another meeting, so were unable to attend the RA meeting. A decision on the above application will possibly be made in December - will let people know. There is still time to send in your objections to the above. Chris & Martin Baker were thanked for providing photos of Sandy Lane surface water run-off.

We were advised that there would be no quick decision. If any boundary fences are erected, DBC should be notified immediately. There may be powers to stop division of land in to small plots. 270 + letters received stating disapproval of proposed site, none were received approving. Objections could still be submitted

Paramount

Andy Martin and Richard Hutchins from Paramount stopped on after the 6pm - 8 pm display to attend the Bean RA meeting to answer questions about Paramount Resort. Andy said surveys showed most people are in favour of the Park. A formal planning application will be made in Summer 2015 and The Secretary of State will make the decision. Paramount will come back to the Residents Association before then. Themed workshops will be held in Spring 2015 (environment/traffic etc.).

Richard Hutchins (WSP-PB Roads) said that there would be a new road linking A2 Ebbsfleet Junction to the Paramount site. Other improvements would be designed by others. Paramount said all roads

must be completed before opening in Easter 2020. Highway costs will be met mostly by Paramount and HA.(Highways agency). Paramount were hoping to bring most of the big equipment via the river. They will construct walkways through the site to river. Broadband connections would be very good. It was confirmed that there are extra pieces of land for future expansion.

Peter Luker and Duncan Wood raised concerns regarding increases in air pollution from traffic going to Paramount via the A2. Ashley Johnson had given Richard a copy of the Ebbsfleet Junction design prepared by AECOM for the discarded Lower Thames Crossing Option 'B'; this avoided the Roman Settlement. Ashley said no Inspector would approve Paramount Resort based on just upgrading Ebbsfleet Junction and Highways Agency had promised to consult Bean residents about design changes at Bean Interchange for Ebbsfleet Garden City. Andy and Team were thanked for their attendance

Ebbsfleet Garden City (EGC):

Despite objections from RA and DPC against the inclusion of Bean triangle, (Green Belt and part Ancient Woodland) It has been confirmed, DBC were in favour. Taken up with Gareth Johnson MP to try and get 1 - 11 Ightham Cottages excluded from EGC. Cllr.Dave Hammock to raise the matter at DBC meetings. Bean Triangle was included in EGC to tidy up, or for highways. Garden City and Paramount not talking to each other. Paramount want more highway land than in the DCLG consultation. The National Grid housing site identified a need for dual 5 lane A2.

Village Design Statement (VDS):

Ken Jeavons says that the VDS is in its 1st draft. He said that, Bean, unlike other villages has no square or important buildings and is affected by large things happening around it. It was agreed that a small working group take the VDS forward to a fuller draft. Has already spoken to DBC. Will involve Bean PC and Villagers after next fuller draft. Possibly at the February meeting.

Royal Oak

Safety update - Big gap in the perimeter fence. Chris Walker (DBC) to chase Mayfair to re-install the missing section of fence at the gates.

Two planning applications have been refused, now 3rd application to change the Pub to a house plus a further dwelling on site. Comments made on the passing place being omitted, pond maintenance, office space on the ground floor of the pub and the parking spaces need to be moved. KCC also asked for widening, but said nothing on the footway. The RA will keep an eye on the application.

Bluewater

The mobile signs on St Clements Way re contra-flow on Bean Bridge, is better when Police are present. But drivers not staying in lane is still dangerous. There are still problems with traffic blocking the roundabouts, the contra -flow being put into place at the wrong times, drivers not giving way to traffic wanting to join etc. Improved lane markings are due when resurfacing takes place in March.

Broadband: see page 6 also

The Broadband website no longer shows end of September 2014 for fast Broadband in Bean., It now shows June 2015. Peter Luker still seeking an explanation. The new Openreach/ where and when? website says, for (Drudgeon Way) “ your Area is enabled for Superfast Fibre, but your cabinet is not ready, please check back later”. For The Southfleet exchange, School Lane Areas Should be enabled within 18 Months, and the Longfield area status is “Enabled” but your cabinet is not yet ready, you can not place an order. Please check our weekly information.

There have been BT. duct problems in Stonewood./Beacon Drive.

Community Bus:

Was in the garage for brake testing prior to it's MOT.

Parish Council

The Heritage Lottery bid has yet to be finalised, a “Trim trail” is proposed

DBC Consultation on Development Plan Policies.

Has not come out as expected with specific sites(e.g. Housing and gypsies and Travellers). DBC agreed Knoxfield site(16 caravans) did not permit HGV or commercial use. Maybe another suitable site to meet need for a small number of showmen.

Parish Council

Heritage Lottery Funding has been applied for the War memorial which needs planning permission and go ahead from the War Graves Commission.

The Community Centre requires Trustees.

Any other Business

The Paramount Bean event had display boards on show in the community centre from 6 - 8 pm on 1st December.

KCC Minerals and Waste

The RA declined to speak at the enquiry, but made known the objections to safeguarding small areas of sand and gravel under homes

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will be held at the Community Centre,**

on Monday 2nd March at 8.15 p.m.

Following the NPM meeting at 7.15pm.

Broadband in Bean (Hope Cottages area)

Below is a reply to enquiries about Broadband for Hope Cottages area from BT Group Plc dated 2nd February

Thanks for contacting Openreach.

I have been asked to respond to you on behalf of Gavin Patterson.

I understand that you are asking on behalf of the village but I am only able to confirm the details for your address and the other residents would need to enquire themselves.

The reason for this is that even if a cabinet is enabled for fibre, it is not always available to everyone in that area as it depends on how they are connected to the exchange. So to be absolutely accurate, they would need to provide their address for us to check individually. They can get in touch by filling in this form <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/faq/contact-us-form.aspx>

However, I have checked your details and I can see you are connected to Longfield exchange, cabinet 16.

This cabinet is due to be upgraded to fibre broadband part of the Openreach roll out. The estimated date when we expect you to be able to place your order is the end of June 2015.

Mrs Beeton.

Mrs. Beeton of Cookery book fame lived in a house called “Mounts Pleasant” which was situated just off Mounts Road.

The steps that led up to the house are apparently all that remains.

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS PLANNED TRIPS, Colin 832793

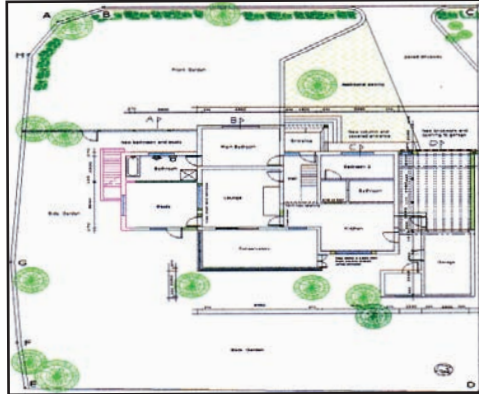
THE COMMUNITY BUS Planned trips, generally start at 10 a.m.
Admission fees where applicable are not included in the Bus Fares

DATE	VENUE	Bus fare
Friday March 13th	HARVEL FARM	£5-00
Tuesday April 14th	POLHILL	£5-00
Friday May 1st	HARVEL FARM	£5-00
Tuesday May 12th	IGTHAM MOTE (NATIONAL TRUST)	£7-00
Friday June 5th	HARVEL FARM	£5-00
Tuesday 16th June	TENTERDEN Steam train to Bodium.	£10-00

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A SWEET QUIZ. By PL.
What sweets do you associate with the clues?

	Answers on page 22
Clever people	
One of the gods	
A good stretch of road	
9, 10, 11, 12, etc	
Lorry drivers snack	
100% Au	
All sorts of girls	
Teddy bears like them	
Nutty punishment	
Young wobbly children	
Old time singers	
Crayons around the tree	
Cast a “wicked spell”	
Toothless apples, pears etc	
What kind of chicken laid these?	
Sweet little nuts	
Talk quietly	
Big cats pub	
Triangulated	
Are these beating or telling	

EASTER FUND RAISER - SATURDAY 4th APRIL.

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St Nicholas at Bean



2015, a very special year for your Church here in Bean, for we celebrate having a regular weekly service in the Community Centre now for **25 years**. It has been an interesting exercise looking through the many documents relating to the various people and activities which have taken place during the last quarter of a century.

Mothering Sunday 1990 brought together a small number of people who are still, to this day, the mainstay of our regular worshippers. Some have moved away and sadly others have passed away. However the fellowship that has been enjoyed over the years continues and with the Lord's help will go on for many years to come.

With the help and encouragement of Graham Reilly, Head teacher of Bean Primary School, together with the School Choir, a combined Carol Service was held in the Community Centre. It was good to see many Parents and Grandparents there supporting them.

Another very important and deserving Charity has been added to those which we are currently supporting. At the moment two members of the community are knitting Prosthesis, which are for women who have had a breast removed as a result of cancer. These are made using two or four needles to a very precise pattern. If there is anybody who would care to help with this, then please let us know and we will supply the pattern and some of the special yarn.

If anybody has any Wool that they no longer want, we would be most grateful if you would care to donate it, no matter how small a quantity or colour. This can be used in so many different ways by those who knit and crochet garments for the Mustard Seed Charity.

Our thanks to so many who bring, Plastic bottle tops, Used postage stamps, Used or New postcards, Woollen garments to the Community Centre between 9.30 and 11.30 Sunday mornings

Don White

CONTAINER FIRE IN BEACON WOOD

On Saturday 17th Jan at around 5.40 pm. Les went to lock up the carpark and to collect the car-park monies as usual. When he arrived the barriers to the wood had been pulled closed. Not thinking too much of this he carried on with his usual routine, checking the car-park was empty and collecting the money. The container door was locked as normal and as he unlocked and opened it he was knocked back by smoke from inside, the introduction of air caused a fire, which had been set, to flare up. There was nothing he could do but call the fire brigade who arrived and dealt with it very quickly, unfortunately not before everything inside the container was destroyed.

This was a deliberate act, the vandals entered and exited the container via a small side window which had an anti theft grill over it, they dropped down into the container and started a fire, if they took anything it was passed back through the window, but this we don't know as everything was destroyed.

Lots of the tools had been donated, others bought from the carparking money and a set up grant, very little had a second (or third - hand) value, but if we are to continue it will have to be replaced. **If you can help by donating equipment or cash We would be very grateful.**

Friends of Beacon Wood is made up of unpaid volunteers whose prime aim is to keep the woods Open and accessible to the public.

This mindless act of vandalism Has set us back years but we will not be beaten!!

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Bean Recreation Ground

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Yet again we must remind folks that the recreation area is a NO DOG area. Unfortunately it appears that there are still some selfish, irresponsible dog-owners allowing their dogs to foul in public areas, especially the Recreation Ground, and not clearing the mess up. Not only is this extremely unpleasant to other users of the facilities and dangerous to health through spread of disease from the faeces it is also against the law!

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

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

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

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

We would urge anyone seeing dogs and their owners in this area to report them to either the Parish Council on 832999 or our Community Warden Paul Hassell on 07813 713285.

We also have a problem with litter. We have provided 5 litter bins in the rec – please use them unless you like playing amongst the rubbish.

We have been advised that some youngsters are climbing over the gate/fence to play football after the park is locked for the night. May we remind you that when the gate is locked it means that the park is not open for public access! This is for safety, not punishment.

The Black Spot

In approximately 1948 an ambulance driver was so concerned about so many accidents at the cross roads, now Bean Roundabout, that he put up a big warning sign. A big White board with a large black circle and the words “Accident Black Spot”. This got a write up in the News papers and it was taken up across the country.

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ARCHER COTTAGES PART 1

Story of the people who lived in Archers Cottages (also known as New Cottages or High Street opposite the playing fields in Bean).

No 1 Archers Cottages Bean

In 1901 Charles Farrance and his wife Laura were living there. Charles had been born in 1870 at Sutton Vallence, Kent, the son of James Elias Farrance and his wife Ellen Edmed. His wife, Laura had been born about 1865 at Chart Sutton, the daughter of Henry Pike and his wife Elizabeth Waghorn. Charles and Laura had married in the Maidstone area during 1894. By 1909 Charles was the Licenced Victualler of the Black Horse and presumably that was when he and Laura took up residence there. (For those of you with internet access, there is a photo on the Bean website of Charles Farrance standing outside the Black Horse.) In the 1911 census Charles and Laura are recorded in the Black Horse together with Alma Pike, who was Laura's sister. The 1911 census records that Charles and Laura had no children. Laura (sometimes known as Anna Laura, sometimes Emily Laura) died aged 78 and was buried at Stone Cemetery on the 9 Dec 1939 when her address was given as The Black Horse Bean. Charles must have left the Black Horse the following year, as another Landlord was there, namely Alf Blakesley. Charles died and was buried at Stone aged 78 on 23 May 1948 when his address was given as 1 High Street Bean so he must have moved back to his old home.

In 1911 the occupants of No. 1 were Ellen Farrance, a widow, together with three of her unmarried sons, Frederick, Albert and Harry, all farm labourers. Ellen was also the mother of Charles Farrance. She and her husband, James Elias Farrance, were married during 1866 presumably in the Sutton Vallence area, and had lived in High Cross Cottages, Southfleet for many years. James had died there and was buried at Southfleet on 29 December 1902 aged 56. Ellen died twenty years later, and presumably her family took her back to Southfleet to be buried with her husband. Of the three sons living with Ellen Farrance in 1911 at No 1 Archers Cottages, Frederick married a few months after the census at Stone on the 8 June 1911 to Marian Jane Ellis, the daughter of Henry Ellis who was the licenced victualler of the Royal Oak, Bean. It is unlikely that they had children as Marian was 46 years old when they married and probably had to help her father in the Royal Oak as he was a widower, but he had died between the taking of the census and her marriage a few months later.

A daughter of Ellen's, Mabel Gertrude Farrance married from No. 1 on 5 August 1922 when she wed Silas Charles Taylor. Another son living with Ellen was Albert Thomas who in 1923 married Annie Beatrice Payne. When Albert died on the 21 November 1957 he was still living at 1 High Street Cottages and was buried at Stone Cemetery. Annie, his wife, was also buried there in 1972, although she was living elsewhere at the time of her death. The last son to be living with Ellen in 1911 was Harry and all I can find of him is that he died in 1966 in the Dartford area.

J.C.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Reduction in Local Government funding may see services you take for granted reduced in the future. Your Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community – to do this it will need your skills & enthusiasm

Become a Local Councillor: Make a difference

Elections for Town & Parish Councils will be held in May 2015

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community, why not stand for election?

BEING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**Want to do something positive?**

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Who is eligible?

Any person over the age of 18 who is a citizen of the United Kingdom, The European Community, or the Commonwealth can be a Councillor if they are an elector in, work in, live in or live within three miles of the area of the local Council.

What will I do if elected?

- Raise matters that the Council can consider and formally decide to take action about at meetings
- Attend Council meetings
- Make informed contributions which influence the debate on the business that needs to be decided at those meetings
- Participate in the Council's decision making process, which in itself is subject to strict rules and guidelines
- Represent the Council externally

Key Points

- A Councillor's normal term of office is 4 years
- He/she is the holder of a Public Office and not a volunteer
- They can receive expenses for their role
- The main job of a councillor is to participate in the collective decision making processes of the Council
- He/she has no authority to make decisions about Council business on his/her own.
- A Local Council may arrange insurance cover to indemnify its councillors against liability resulting from them being representatives of the Council
- A councillor's financial and certain other interests in Council business must be transparent

- **He/she is subject to obligations set out in the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council**
- **Information about councillors is available in the Council's publication scheme**
- **The first business of the Council's annual meeting is the election of its Chairman.**
- **Most Councils appoint a Vice Chairman, but this is optional**
- **The normal term of office for the Chairman and Vice Chair is one year.**

So, what are you waiting for?

Advice is always available regarding becoming a councillor.

Contact your local council either by email on Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com or telephone 01474 8329999 to find out more!

Relax Kids Classes - coming soon

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I will teach children from all ages, using guided meditation, positive affirmations, massage and simple breathing and stretching exercises, Relax Kids is the first company of its kind to introduce Mind, Body and Spirit to children. The classes will incorporate movement, games, stretching, breathing, massage, affirmations and visualisations.

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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.**

A letter to the Editor,

Hi

Just a couple of points if possible to be included in the next edition of the newsletter:

Sewerage pipes on Stonewood

As a Bean resident of Stonewood, I wanted to draw people's attention to the ongoing sewerage pipe issue we seem to have along a section of Stonewood.

Regularly we need to keep unblocking the pipes between approx. no 44 - 52 Stonewood. It would appear someone along the line further up Stonewood is flushing wipes down the toilet which are blocking up the pipes every few months. Our pipe system is not the greatest as it is as our pipes go against the gradient of the road, and they are not designed to cope with things like sanitary products/ wipes etc. So we would politely request that people do not put anything other than toilet paper in their toilets! *Southern Water have been asked to investigate.*

Vandalism

I had to report an act of vandalism to the police on Wednesday 10th December. It would seem that overnight, the local group of boys who seem to be causing mischief around the village decided to collect a large number of stones from our driveway and scatter them down the road, in addition throwing one at the windscreen of my car and causing it to crack. I spent yesterday sweeping up the road as best I could to prevent any stones flicking up and chipping another car.

It has been reported to the police, and we are now installing CCTV cameras on the front of our property. It is disappointing they have to resort to this sort of entertainment and I think a clear warning needs to be sent in the form of police presence every so often in the evening. Whilst I do see the police cars doing rounds during the day, it is not often you see them in the evening when the increasing no. of large groups of teenagers are wandering round the village.

BT

On a side note the ongoing Internet issue. We have had a persistent phone line fault for 4 weeks leaving us unable to use our home phone. Finally a BT engineer came round and said there was a major earth fault along a piece of cable located outside No. 60 Stonewood, which I see is currently being replaced. His insight was that BT just keep fixing small pieces of cable when in fact it is all so old, they should just replace the whole thing. He indicated the broadband speed would increase 10 fold if they just did that. He also said the approx. cost to replace the cables as they are doing now (outside no. 60) is £500 each time, if you times that by the no. of junctions down the road, it makes no financial sense for BT to keep doing it this way as the fault will eventually move further down the road and in a few months and they will be back again doing the same thing.

Sabina.

Bean Football Club circa mid 1920s.



The man standing six in from the right hand side of the photo with the white shorts and a shock of hair is William Brown, son of William Brown of 6 Archer Cottages. William Brown senior died in WWI.

The man sitting on the right hand side of the photo Eddie Lee, whose uncle Elvey Lee lived at 7 Archers Cottages.

If you recognise anyone else on the photo could you please let the Editor of Bean's Talk know

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Answers to quiz on page 10

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| 1 Smarties | 11 Minstrels |
| 2 Mars bar | 12 Rowntrees pastels |
| 3 Quality street | 13 Black magic |
| 4 After eights | 14 Fruit gums |
| 5 Yorkie Bar | 15 Cadbury crème eggs |
| 6 ALL Gold | 16 Sugared almonds |
| 7 Dolly mixtures | 17 Whisper |
| 8 Picnic | 18 Lion bar |
| 9 Walnut whip | 19 Toblerone |
| 10 Jelly babies | 20 Love hearts. |

Darent Valley Hospital.

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<http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/>

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Our special funds are:

Darent Valley Hospital Little Buds Fund helping the hospital provide the best special care for babies.

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[<http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/little-buds-appeal/>](http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/little-buds-appeal/)

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Cancer can be a devastating diagnosis for anyone and that is why we want to ensure that it can be detected as early as possible with the benefit of the most up-to-date systems. <http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/cancer-fighting-fund>

[<http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/cancer-fighting-fund>](http://www.dvh.nhs.uk/about-us/fundraising/cancer-fighting-fund)

Darent Valley Hospital Lollipop Fund - to benefit sick children from babies to teens

Heartbeat Fund to support our Heart Centre

If your email is a request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please visit the Trusts website (www.dvh.nhs.uk)

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Bean Parish Memorial

The Parish Council is investigating the purchase and installation of a granite stone memorial (glacial boulder — similar to the Shoreham Aircraft Memorial outside Darenth Court Farm on Darenth Hill) for those from Bean Village who gave their lives during WWI and subsequent conflicts.

The stone would be sited on the triangle, between High Street and Shellbank Lane at the entrance to Bean from the A2, adjacent to the Bean Village Sign.

We will be asking Heritage Lottery for funding for this project. When they assess our application, they will take account of the outcomes for heritage, people and communities that the project will achieve. It is unlikely that our project will achieve a large number of these outcomes, but as a minimum, they expect it to achieve at least one outcome for people and it will be important to tell them how our project will achieve these Results.

The outcome that they value most is that 'people will have learnt about heritage' and is described as a weighted outcome. We need to show the project could achieve these outcomes. Competition for grants is high and showing how we have assessed the demand for this project is very important and we would need to work hard to show the benefits to the wider community.

We need your help to do so this by receiving your support in the form of letters/emails explaining what a memorial in Bean would mean to you and the Community and how it would benefit the community.

Please send your comments either by letter to the Parish Office, Oast View, Betsham Road, Southfleet, Gravesend, DA13 9PD or by email to beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com

The Onset of Winter

The last golden leaves cling stoically to sullen, dripping boughs,
Like beggars' rags, a sop to false modesty of rich and poor.
I wander gloomily along wooded paths; drizzling rain my mood endows
With unbidden thoughts of sadness, memories drab and dour.

Even the dog, lagging behind, long in years and stiff of limb,
Reflects my mood of unremitting, deepening sorrow.
Why so sad? Such morbid doubts and portents grim...
Winter's baleful shadow; ah, tomorrow, tomorrow...

And this, dear friends, is only the beginning.
The months ahead bring little hope of better times.
Festivals will come with hours of spinning
Yarns and talk of warmer climes...
Will that suffice to bring us safely through
To Spring's gay bounty once again?

JWT

Crime Figures for Bean _ December 2014

Location	Category (See page 27)	Outcome Status
On or near B255	Criminal damage and arson	Under investigation
On or near B255	Public order	Under investigation
On or near Beacon Drive	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near Bean Lane	Drugs	Offender given penalty notice
On or near Bean Lane	Drugs	Under investigation
On or near Bramble Avenue	Anti-social behaviour	
On or near Bramble Avenue	Violence and sexual offences	Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near Claywood Lane	Drugs	Under investigation
On or near High Street	Criminal damage and arson	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near Page Close	'Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near School Lane	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near Shellbank Lane	Violence and sexual offences	Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near Sports/recreation Area	Other theft	Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near Sports/recreation Area	Other theft	Under investigation
On or near Sports/recreation Area	Violence and sexual offences	Under investigation
On or near Stonewood	Criminal damage and arson	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near Turner Road	Anti-social behaviour	
On or near Turner Road	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified

The Crime figures will no longer be supplied through Tony Quilter But will be available on the police web site on line, however the figures shown will cover a greater area than Bean, and therefore the Bean figures will have to be extracted

What do the crime categories on page 26 mean?

Anti-social behaviour

Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour.

Burglary

Includes offences where a person enters a house or other building with the intention of stealing.

Criminal damage and arson

Includes damage to buildings and vehicles and deliberate damage by fire.

Drugs

Includes offences related to possession, supply and production.

Other theft

Includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment.

Public disorder and weapons

Includes offences which cause fear, alarm, distress or a possession of a weapon such as a firearm.

Violence and sexual offences

Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, Grievous Bodily Harm and sexual offences.

For information a full list will appear in the June Issue.

MOTH SEARCH IN BEAN

There was an unusual eerie look about Ashley and Kay's garden in Stonewood a few days after Halloween until the end of November. The garden was brightly illuminated each night to attract a special species of moth called Black-spotted Chestnut. The ultra-violet light belonged to David Brown, a lecturer on lepidoptera at Warwick University who has spent a lifetime studying all the British moths.

Black-spotted Chestnut is a species that has spread north and westward across mainland Europe in recent years before finally crossing the Channel in 2011 to establish itself in the area between Gravesend and Dartford.

It is on the wing from November until April during which time it semi-hibernates. David was delighted to see four Black-spotted Chestnuts in Ashley and Kay's garden indicating the moth has strong colonies in the village of Bean. It is expected to spread to other parts of the UK over the coming years.

David Brown

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

The Bean Village Web site and e-mail addresses are on the front page.

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

BYCC Hall Bookings

Tuesday 4.00 - 7.00pm. Dance fever
Wednesday 1.30 - 4.00pm. Young at Heart
Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm. Cubs
Wednesday 7.45 - 9.30pm. Scouts
Thursday 5.00 - 6.30pm. Brownies
Friday 4.30 - 5.30pm. Mc Dowall Dance (Ballet)
Sunday 10 - 11.00am. St. Nicholas Church,
Mon - Fri 9.15 - 12.00 noon. Jumping Beans Pre-School

Bean Parish Council 01474 832 999

Jo Regan 07927 196307

Contact the committee

Neil Warburton 707382

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Janette Williams 07908274153

Sarah Mc Dowall 07940 205295

Don White 705430

Allison Barrass 07771864937

Mobile Library

Black Horse 4.05 - 4.25pm.

Beacon Drive (Lower end) 4.30 - 4.45pm.

The service is on a Monday at the
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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