

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 50th Year

**June 2015
2/15**

BEAN'S TALK

Issued free to every
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 1st June
following a Paramount exhibition with Display Boards and
information **from 6pm to 8pm.**

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2015
BEAN'S TALK is SATURDAY 1st AUGUST.**

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.

The following notes are from the March, April May meetings.

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 27 items of correspondence on 10 topics since the February meeting:

- 2 x KCC Minerals
- 1 x Crime Police
- 8 x Paramount
- 1 x DCLgU & Garden City
- 8 x Highways Agency
- 2 x Beacon Drive/Drudgeon Way
- 1 x Royal Oak
- 2 x Meetings
- 1 x Travellers and
- (Dormer roof)

From the 30th March meeting

Matters Arising:

There were concerns over the Paramount questionnaire sent to Bean Triangle occupants.

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 29 items of correspondence on 9 topics since the March meeting:

Press Officer:

Peter Luker mentioned that the Doctors surgery in Beacon Drive would be placing an item in the June edition of The Bean's Talk.

Travellers site:

DBC officer - Paul Nicholls has written to applicant listing key issues needing attention.

DBC want to cover all aspects before taking a decision. - could take several months.

Royal Oak: Application to turn pub into a four bedroom house plus 1 new 4 bedroom house. The pond will remain. Approval was granted on 19th March with 16 conditions.

Maintenance of the pond unclear.

Beacon Drive / Drudgeon Way:

Plan now for 5 houses. RA have helped Beacon Drive residents with objections and land issues. One dwelling and access road are higher than previously shown. Two areas of land not owned by developer; Responses received to some conditions attached to approval of five houses. Sonia Bunn (DBC) can see quite a delay before building can begin. Knotweed still on site. Part of the site was previously used to tip building waste, it has been found to be up to 4 metres deep, which will be a big job to remove.

Bean Junction - resurfacing of bridge and two Roundabouts

KCC were expected to put in additional road markings (lane destination wording and Keep Clear boxes on the roundabouts) but did not. RA to send letters to Bluewater and KCC.

Highways Agency:

Duncan Wood, Linda Collins and Ashley Johnson attended a meeting in Dorking on 16th February with HA and Hyder Consulting. They were informed that HA/Hyder were not taking Paramount into account as they had not submitted an Application. They were also thinking of going back to original option, but not sure if they have the money. Thinking of closing Watling Street eastbound link and making a new entry slip road onto the A2.

Paramount and Eastern Quarry:

Alex Hill (CPRE) wrote re concerns about impact of traffic, air quality and environment. Advised that Tony Sefton has left Paramount - for personal reasons.

Letters/maps sent to occupants of Bean Triangle with a questionnaire seeking information for "acquiring land and rights over it in order to operate the resort." Ashley to check if they have similar authority to Garden City Urban Development Corporation.

Concerns over dust in homes in Watling Street — [may be from additional Tipper Lorries permitted by KCC to use the Watling Street entrance to Eastern Quarry]. Residents advised to invite James Fox (DBC Environmental Health) to take samples for analysis.

Ebbfleet Garden City:

Letter from Matt Prescott saying (DCLG) will take account of local residents' views.

Paramount are holding workshops on different subjects. Ashley had attended the first on Traffic and Transport and Peter Luker was booked on a later one on same topic.

Commuter Car Park Application:

Application says Keith Winchester received rent from Kings Ferry Coaches for 25 years for use of land for car parking. Purpose of application unclear as use is established.

Car park needs lighting and cameras, but unclear if any improvements planned

Village Design Statement (VDS) progress:

On 28th April 2015, Bean RA passed a 24 page Draft VDS to Bean Parish Council. This is an Outline of a Village Plan.

After the Parish Council have looked at it, we will discuss what needs to be done before DBC Officers are invited to comment on a Draft.

If favourable, the next stage would be to seek a budget to develop it and consult local residents. Adoption would require sufficient local support.

To see a completed VDS, you may care to look at the one for Hartley (Sevenoaks). The Link is: -

<http://www.hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk/userfiles/files/Document%20Archive/Public/Miscellaneous/Village%20Design%20Statement.pdf>

Community Bus:

Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Many areas were not covered. The lack of Volunteer Coordinators was disappointing.

Parish Council/Country Park:

RA have written to PC to support the idea of a War Memorial in Bean. PC elections in May. Duncan Wood has put his name forward. Jan Becket asked that residents write saying why we want a Bean War Memorial.

AOB:

Tracey Williams sent an email suggesting CCTV in Bean might be available from Council, to combat crime. Agreed to ask Cllr Dave Hammock.

- The KCC Minerals & Waste Examination starts April. Ashley will attend on 16th re Bean.

**Please Note The October RA Meeting to be swapped to
2nd Monday of month at PC request.**

PARAMOUNT – SPECIAL MEETING – BEAN TRIANGLE

Paramount were invited to a Special Meeting on 27th April 2015 after their Land Agents, Ardent, sent letters to Bean Triangle occupants saying they will seek powers to **acquire land and rights over it in order to construct and operate the resort.**

Who decided the boundary at Bean and Southfleet? Paramount said, “We defined the red line. It was always a 'belt and braces' approach which allowed for assessments, infrastructure works and the widest of inclusion for possible revisions to the road network”.

We asked if the forthcoming consultation would include specific proposals for Bean Interchange. They said, “We won't be proposing specific changes to the Bean interchange as this is a matter for Highways England who will be bringing this forwards separately”.

We were dismayed to hear that Paramount envisage the Resort opening in 2020 might be two years before the Bean Interchange Works.

We have asked Paramount to hold a Bean Event, with display boards, from 6 to 8 pm on 1st June, in the BY&CC to further explain the London Paramount Resort proposals. It will be followed by the Bean RA monthly

The next Residents Association Meeting will be held **on Monday 1st June at 8.15pm following the the Paramount Exhibition as above from 6pm to 8pm.**

THE EASTER FUND RAISER.

We would like to thank those few of you that turned up to the Easter Fund Raiser, where we raised a total profit of £363-47.

All raffle prizes have been delivered.

URGENT NOTICE.

Due to eye problems Colin will have to cease night driving by the time the dark evenings come in, and eventually he will have to stop altogether. As he is on a three year renewable licence, at next years renewal it may be refused.

We therefore need some other drivers or the bus will no longer be able to earn enough to keep it running.

We have two regular contracts that will need to be covered or lost, the Wednesday afternoon the fortnightly run and also the every Thursday evening run.

And the paper work when he can no longer see it.

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS PLANNED TRIPS.

If you want sea-side trips, please phone Colin on 01474 832 793 So we can book some in.

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 5th June	HARVEL FARM	£5-00
Tuesday 16th June	Brighton	SOLD OUT
Tuesday 7th July	TENTERDEN Steam train to Bodium.	£10-00
Friday 7th August	Whitstable	£8-00
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Sunday 6th September	Sevenoaks Heavy horse show & fete	£5-00

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BEAN INTERCHANGE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS - UPDATE

The Highways Agency became Highways England (HE) on 1st April 2015. On 29th April their Bean and Ebbsfleet Junctions Team told us: -

HE are still in the process of developing and carrying out the assessment of options for improvements at Bean junction.

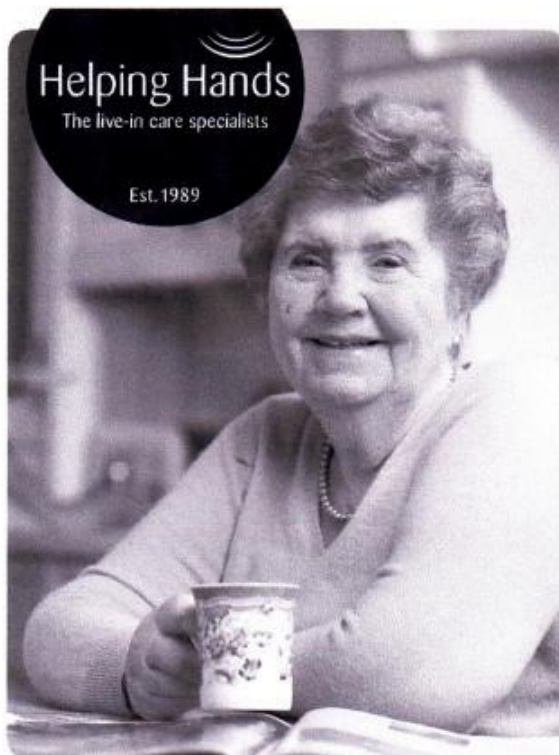
Currently the focus is on constructing a traffic model to adequately represent the developments proposed in the area.

HE are liaising with the planning authorities and KCC to agree the scale of those developments that need to be accommodated.

Once this is agreed, HE will assess how well certain styles of junction improvement perform to meet these demands.

As a consequence, the original programme for public consultation in summer 2015 has slipped to January or February 2016.

HE and KCC continue to liaise with the promoters of the London Paramount Resort with respect to their proposals for the Ebbsfleet junction, and how this may impact on the A2 and Bean junction



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Spirits Rest Bean Horse Sanctuary - April 2015

My name is Christine Bates I have been involved with horses all my life. I have owned my own horses and followed BHS teachings. About fifteen years ago I became interested with the teachings regarding natural horsemanship, learning to become part of the herd, understanding and reading the needs of our Equines. This has helped later with our rescues.

We started to work with horses that had no hope of fitting in. Often these horses came to us as victims of serious neglect both physical and mental, even vets had given up on them.

Sometimes, no matter how hard we worked with these horses, they could not forget what had happened to them, they could not be safely passed on to new owners as they were not safe. We called them the special ones. There was nowhere for these horses to go and through no fault of their own the only option left was to put them to sleep. To prevent this Spirits Rest was born.

We rented a piece of land known as Bean Triangle cleared it of rubbish and with the help of Bean Parish Council gained permission to erect stables. This was eleven years ago.

We soon became known in the area and work closely with local authority, charities, Kent Police and members of the public.

We help with horses that are no longer wanted by their owners, left on land that does not belong to them. These horses are often in a terrible condition requiring care often for the rest of their lives. We use carers that foster these horses raising funds to pay for their care which often runs in to the £100s.

This year has seen a dramatic rise in neglect cases. Bean has been named as the dumping ground for dead and dying horse by the RSPCA. We have assisted with all cases.

We rely heavily on our volunteers, fosterers, and people who donate money and items we can use. Donors include local Councillors and Councils, DBC, Bluewater Forum, Bean Primary School to name a few. Education is an important part of our work.

We also take in local wild life' and this line of rescue has increased over the years due to the amount of building work in the area. We work closely with the Fox Project and local Animal Welfare Officer at DBC.

As every year, this is a busy time for us. We have 29 horses in our care and are called out to assist daily others requiring help. Our paddocks need re-sowing, stables need maintaining, cages cleaning and made safe. We have a never-ending list to complete but as long as we are needed we will do our best to help. We could not carry on without the kind donations and support we receive. Thank you.

Christine Bates (Founder Spirits Rest Bean Horse Sanctuary)



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St Nicholas at Bean



As I sit down to write this the sun is shining and although a cold wind is keeping the temperature down, Summer is definitely approaching. That in itself makes us feel better and the thought of holidays, for the majority, are not now too far away.

In the March copy of the Bean's talk I asked if anybody had any wool which they would care to donate to our good friends who use it to make garments for the poor children in parts of Eastern Europe. The result was overwhelming we are most grateful for all of those who turned out their cupboards and supplied us with such a wonderful collection of different colour wools. The last collection day for knitted items is on 12th July.

Our media continues to concentrate on the bad things that go on not only in the world but also locally. It was very good to read about the good work that is going on in the village. The way so many rallied round and supported the family whose house was burgled and set on fire.

That was just one outstanding example of the care and concern that brings out the best in the majority of people. It is true to say that there are many more good deeds carried out each day here, most of which are never even heard about.

Should you during your holiday find any suitable articles for inclusion in a Shoe Box, or even fill one, to add to our collection that would be appreciated. The last day they can be brought to the Village Hall is between 9.30am and 11.30am is Harvest Sunday 4th October.

May God's Blessing be upon you and keep you safe wherever you may travel during the coming holiday season.

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**Report from Bean Residents Association Chairman, on the
Past year, to the Parish Meeting at 7pm (before the Parish
Council Meeting) on Monday 13th April 2015.**

The event that has caused most concern since our AGM last August is, of course, the application for a permanent site for travelling show people on the land at Drudgeon Farm. Our September meeting recorded over 100 people in attendance and became quite heated. A smaller meeting was arranged for the following week to cater for those unable to get in to the first meeting. The nett outcome was well over 200 objections being registered with DBC. DBC Planning Department is still considering the application and appears to be being extremely thorough.

We have been very successful by getting the plans for the Royal Oak site reduced from 5-6 houses (retaining the pond and not) to 2 large houses, 1 using the existing building with the second built in similar style, retaining the pond and creating a passing place in School Lane.

Less successful was our attempt to have Bean triangle excluded from the perimeters of both Ebbsfleet Garden City and the London Paramount plans. We are given the impression that both want to include it in order to have a say about the Bean interchange update.

Ken Jeavons has been working on our Village Design Statement and it will be presented to BPC shortly.

The Residents Association has been pushing Openreach/BT to complete the installation of optic fibre cables to Bean in order to give our residents a decent broadband speed. At times it has felt like pushing marbles uphill with our noses but hopefully it will reach large parts of Bean by July.

We are continually in talks with Bluewater, especially regarding the traffic at Bean Bridge in peak times. Over the last 2-3 years the traffic system at Christmas/new year has been tweaked each year but it remains a problem. We will continue our talks with them and hope that this year's tweak will be more successful. In October 2014, BPC and Bean RA met Bluewater and KCC to seek better road markings. Whilst these were agreed to be sensible, it is regrettable that the opportunity to put them on the March resurfacing of the bridge and 2 roundabouts was missed. We await KCC's explanation.

Our on-going fight to get the air quality improved continues to be vexatious, it seems that both central and local government assume this will come about due to improvement in car technology!

While all this has been going on we have had presentations including from Bluewater, Paramount and the Planning Inspectorate

Continued

which have been informative and useful.

It has been a pleasure to work with BPC, may this continue to be so.

Duncan R Wood

Chairman, Bean Residents Association 2nd April 2015

Messy Church at Southfleet



Who is it for? Families together, all ages, children & caring adults who are not necessarily family members (no unaccompanied children).

Where? At St Nicholas Church, Southfleet

When? Last Sunday of the month, 31st May, 28 June & 26 July

What time? 3 - 5 pm (including eating time)

What will we do? Make crafts, singing and worship, then eat a light, homemade meal, all together.

Where do I park? Village Hall car park

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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.

ARCHER COTTAGES PART 2

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

No 2 Archers Cottages Bean

Mark Ludlow and his family were living here by 1901. Mark had been baptised at Darenth Church on 14 November 1847, the son of John Ludlow and his wife Harriet Treadwell. John Ludlow's occupation was given as a farm labourer, but from the 1851 census onwards he gave his occupation as a licenced victualler, although in the main the sons were farm labourers.

Mark married Fanny Edwards 15 May 1869 at Darenth. Fanny's father was given as William Edwards, a labourer. Mark and Fanny were still at No. 2 in the 1911 census, when Fanny recorded that they had been married 41 years, she had given birth to 12 children, 9 of whom had survived. Indeed her first two babies (both girls) had died within the year for the first, and a few months for the second. Another daughter Florence had died aged 19 in 1896. Then their son, Robert Julien Ludlow, was one of the fallen in World War 1, dying in 1917 aged 34. He had married Edith Wood in 1912 and they had two sons, Robert in 1914 and Edward born in 1915. Edward was not baptised until 1918, when the records declared that his father was a rifleman, deceased. Perhaps Edith had been waiting for her husband to come home to be at the baptism, but sadly that was not to be.

Fanny died on the 10 July 1923 aged 73 and Mark Ludlow on the 1 June 1934 aged 85, and both are buried in Stone Cemetery. Most of their children seemed to have settled in the Dartford area, but there were a lot of Ludlows, many of whom had the same Christian name

Robert's widow Edith remarried Arthur Pankhurst in 1918 and they were then living at Melbourne Cottages Bean. (Do you know where Melbourne Cottage was?)

Report from the Friends of Beaconwood - April 2015.

Since last April the coppiced areas were covered with bluebells and early orchids, showing regeneration where light could get through.



We put wire mesh over the pond-side viewing point and some on the wooden paths where it had worn and the paths were slippery.

Mountains of wood-chip was delivered by Connick, just in time for use in woodland path laying with two groups from SGN and Laing O'Rourke who managed about 50 metres between them.



We were also lucky to get a days support from the Community pay-back team who cut back perimeter fence sight lines



The local school that received some input from NWKCP sponsored by FOBW via a grant from Lafarge came and proudly put up the bird boxes and insect habitats they had made for us, happily we could report back that some of the boxes were in use within weeks.

The Friends of Beaconwood have arranged and been actively involved in all of these volunteer activities as well as putting in a new set of woodland steps and revamping others, removing dangerous trees, erecting fencing to protect rare flowers, repairing and topping up woodland paths, clearing rubbish and debris from ponds.



We litter pick and empty the bins regularly and open and close the gates daily.

Bryan and James installed Dormouse boxes that James made and donated, these are monitored by Bryan on a regular basis, happily we have this endangered species, although we do not tell too many people in case they are disturbed.

Car-parking money paid for our insurance, miscellaneous items needed within the woods eg timber, cement, membrane, screws and nails etc. and five picnic tables which were installed in June.



Despite being bolted into the ground two tables were stolen within weeks but we managed to source replacements which were also bolted down.

We have suffered our share of vandalism, the lakeside viewing platform was kicked off the supports and has had to be closed off, and minor thoughtless incidents are dealt with on a regular basis.

The container was set on fire in January, destroying all our tools and equipment. Initially we thought we were down and out but thanks to the generosity and support of Dartford Borough Council, Bean Parish Council, Asda and members of our local community we have more than enough money to replace the container. Some tools have been donated by local people and if we could count the number of supportive messages and amount of verbal support we have received from people you could understand how we will not give up and let a few thoughtless individuals ruin it for many.

To end on a positive note this year we have started thinning the Silver Birch trees as part of an environmental scheme to allow in more light and encourage the growth of new trees. The felled wood is being piled to provide animal habitat. We have had two beautiful benches installed, which were donated by the people of Bean to commemorate Neil Pearson-Coffey.



Our future aims include setting up the new container and revamping the old one, looking at areas of woodland path which still get too muddy during the winter months, cutting back and vegetation, investigating the vandalised platform and repairing if possible.

We are looking forward to the installation of play gym equipment around the picnic area and hope this will encourage more young families into the woods. We have an orienteering group coming to use the woods and a moth recording evening soon.

Beaconwood is a popular leisure area for people throughout the year and one we are proud to support.



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LETTERS AND EMAILS RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR

- I would like to suggest a matter regarding the burglaries/attempted burglaries that are happening in the vicinity of Bean. I draw to your attention, if the community apply for a Neighbourhood CCTV Scheme with the Borough Council, that this be looked into and possibly implemented in targeted areas. Nothing is being done and the problem is progressing. It's about time for more measures and intelligence to be put in place.

T.W. Bramble Avenue 21st March 2015

- Just for your information. There are some young lads with nothing better to do, going around throwing eggs at properties. Have had our property egged for the second time in about a month.

J.B. Page Close 22nd March 2015

- Please let the cocky little man in his camouflage trousers and dark jacket, who strolled round my garden and stole the chain from my gate, then got into your white van with two friends and drove away, that YOU WERE CAUGHT ON CAMERA and the Police have seen it.

C. R. D. Sandy Lane 27th April 2015

BEAN WAR MEMORIAL

The letter below was sent to Bean Parish Council on 26th March 2015: -

Proposed War Memorial in Bean

Our Committee are pleased to confirm our support for this proposal.

We were very moved by June Conway's articles on World War 1 written for our quarterly BeansTalk newsletter. Even more so by her booklet, "Lest we Forget". With permission, this is reproduced on our Website; see link below: -
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We envisaged that the memorial would be inscribed with the names of 10 Bean Villagers who died as a result of "answering the call to defend their country in the First World War"

However, if this is impracticable, we are content that it be inscribed in the memory of those that lost their lives in WW1 and more recent conflicts.

The preferred location would be at the junction of High Street and Shellbank Lane.

Alternatively, a site close to the Bean Youth & Community Centre would be suitable.

We look forward to hearing of progress

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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.

St Nicholas Southfleet

ART EXHIBITION

29th – 31st August 2015

This is an opportunity for both hobby and professional artists to display their paintings in Southfleet Church during the August bank holiday weekend of 29th - 31st August 2015.

If you would like to show your work it must be delivered to the church on Thursday 27th August between 5pm and 7pm.

Festival Opening Times:

Free entry at all times.

Exhibition & Sale Saturday 29th August 10am – 5pm

Morning Service featuring favourite hymns. Come and join us then stay for refreshments and view the exhibition. Sunday 30th August 10.30am

Exhibition & Sale Sunday 30th August 12noon – 5pm

Exhibition & Sale Monday 31st August 10am – 3pm

Tea with delicious homemade cakes and light lunches will be available. Live concerts and music recitals will take place over the three days. Programme details are available on the website.

Enquiries or offers of help: Sarah Youseman 077929 47958

www.stnicholassouthfleet.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch:

Scam operating at cash machines, One person produces a map to ask for directions whilst another steals money/valuables.

Another scam purports to be your pharmacy asking for bank details to debit for medicine delivery. Pharmacies do not charge for delivery of prescriptions.

Patients called should contact the police and tell their GP.

Never give bank/personal details over the phone. It's a scam

BEAN INTERCHANGE AIR QUALITY - UPDATE

On 8th April 2015, James Fox, Scientific Officer, Environmental Health Partnership — Dartford & Sevenoaks, wrote to Bean RA: -

The action plan for Bean interchange was prepared in 2009. We are awaiting further clarification from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs over the future of Local Air Quality Management before revising this.

The Bean Air Quality Management Area currently does not extend along the length of the A2 because there were no other identified residential properties where levels were in excess of the objective. Some locations are due to be reassessed in the 2015 updating and screening assessment.

Environmental Health are currently in discussion with consultants representing Paramount about the air quality impact assessment to accompany a planning application.

During 2014 there were issues with the maintenance of the air quality stations which culminated in the liquidation of the company that were contracted for the support and maintenance. The contract was awarded to a new company and the sites were given a major overhaul in January 2015. We are currently working on the diffusion tube data for 2014. Due to the issues with the real time analyser the diffusion tube data will need to be bias adjusted using a nationally derived factor, which is not yet available. We will publish this data online in due course.

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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

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

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Thursday 5.00 - 6.30pm. Brownies

Janette Williams 07908274153

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
stopping points and times shown.

Beacon Drive (Lower end) 4.30 - 4.45pm.

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. 832999

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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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