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Wednesday 1.30 - 4.00pm.

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Contact the committee

Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm.

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Wednesday 7.45 - 9.30pm.

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Thursday 5.00 - 6.30pm.

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stopping points and times shown.

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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

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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, The Annual General Meeting

will be held in the Community Centre
on Monday 7th September
at 8.15pm.

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Telephone 01474 704062 1 School Lane, Bean DA2 8AL.**

**THE COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER 2015
BEAN'S TALK is SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER.**

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 April May & June meetings.

Secretary's report:

At the July meeting Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 38 items of correspondence on 12 topics since the previous meeting:

- 4 x Paramount
- 1 x Ghosts
- 4 x Beacon Drive/Drudgeon Way - Conditions
- 3 x Beanstalk
- 2 x Bean Parish Council
- 1 x Broadband
- 9 x Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
- 2 x Consultations
- 3 x St Clements Way (Phase 2)
- 4 x Bluewater
- 1 x Bin Collections
- 4 x Meetings

EDC Stakeholder.

Ashley Johnson was voted to be part of of the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation local Stakeholder Working Group.

St Clements Way Phase 2.

DBC deferred a decision; not liking 2 x 10 storey apartment blocks. Developers have to re- think as the plans are not in keeping with the surrounding area. Revised plans for 156 homes approved 6th August 2015.

Parish Council / Country Park

Vandalism still an issue in CP. Any information re culprits is welcomed. Have got to regularise the hall name as not Youth Club. Groundworks did not attend-double booked. Heritage Lottery Fund Application meeting re-arranged for 20th August 2015.

DISCLAIMER: The Editor and Association Officers of the Bean Residents Association do not necessarily agree with all the views and advice expressed within this newsletter and whilst every care has been taken to ensure accuracy of the information cannot accept liability from erroneous information published herein.

A note from the Parish Council 's Annual Report.

We are frequently approached about the poor state of The Mount footpath. This is not actually the responsibility of the parish council, but of Kent County Council. They only cut and clear 2 times in the year which is clearly not enough. The Parish Council have stepped in where feasible and arranged cuts.

We also have the problem of leakages onto the pathway. We constantly report the problem and try to liaise with Thames Water to find a solution. However, as the problem seems to be rooted in private land we are very limited as to what we can do.

We continue to work in conjunction with Bean Residents' Association on any planning issues that may impact our village. They have a keen eye and a lot of experience that we appreciate. We achieve greater results when we work together. Apart from planning applications within the village, we are closely watching developments with London Paramount. Anything detrimental to us will not go unchallenged

**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.
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Month May 2015 and Location**Crime figures**

Month May 2015 and Location	Category	On	Outcome status
or near Bean Lane	Vehicle crime		Under investigation
On or near Bramble Avenue	Other theft		Under investigation
On or near Bramble Avenue	Violence and sexual offences		Under investigation
On or near High Street	Violence and sexual offences		Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near Highcross Road	Vehicle crime		Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near Page Close	Anti-social behaviour		
On or near Page Close	Criminal damage and arson		Offender given a caution
On or near Sandbanks Hill	Burglary		Investigation complete; no suspect identified
On or near Shellbank Lane	Burglary		Under investigation
On or near Shellbank Lane	Burglary		Investigation complete, no suspect identified
On or near Sports/recreation Area	Vehicle crime		Under investigation
On or near Sports/recreation Area	Violence and sexual offences		Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near Sports/recreation Area	Violence and sexual offences		Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near Stonewood	Violence and sexual offences		Unable to prosecute suspect
On or near The Thrift	Vehicle crime		Investigation complete, no suspect identified
On or near Turner road	Anti-social behaviour		
On or near Turner Road	Burglary		

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

Paramount:

The Planning Inspectorate had been copied letters from Paramount to residents on the Bean Triangle. They replied saying, LRCH have requested our authorisation to enter two specific pieces of land without the permission of the landowner, but no decision has been made on that request yet. Those landowners know all about it. Other than that, any letter you get asking for information is simply that.

Thirty-two people signed the attendance list at the Paramount Exhibition prior to the RA Meeting. Paramount intend to open in 2020, but Highways England are working to Start Works in 2019/20 and Open to Traffic 2022/23. We had until 5th June to comment on proposals.

It was unanimously agreed to object to Paramount acquiring land in Bean without proposals of its own. Land for improvements to Bean Interchange is a matter for Highways England. Paramount must not open before major highway improvements at both Bean & Ebbsfleet.

Drudgeon Farm (Travellers)Applications:

The Parish Council (PC) had been asked by the applicants Agent for permission to undertake an Ecological Impact Assessment at Beacon Woods and a survey of the great crested newts. If within 500m will be a material planing consideration.

Village Design Statement (VDS):

The feedback from the PC regarding the VDS was very good. Ken Jeavons was praised for an excellent piece of work. Dave Hammock had passed a draft to Teresa Ryszkowska and DBC's Mark Aplin had given encouragement and suggestions in a recent letter. Funding its completion awaits a decision on how to progress it

Bean Interchange:

HE (Highways England) not ready to meet re the Bean Interchange. KCC-extra road markings; hatching at junctions were the only items accepted, following an earlier meeting at Bluewater; Another meeting to be agreed with KCC and Bluewater; {Arranged for 25th June 2015}.

Press Officer

Peter Luker wished to step down . This will be discussed further.

Royal Oak:

Has been advertised as a Fantastic Development/ Conversion Project for two large detached houses , auctioned with a guide price of £450,000 to £460,000.

Beacon Drive / Drudgeon Way:

Plan now for 5 houses. Can not start yet- conditions have not been met -

Knotweed still present - concerns re spread of knotweed if people going in and out of the site, without protective clothing.

AOB

Broadband-still slow (1 June 2015) on Longfield Exchange. Southfleet Exchange programmed to have faster Broadband, soon.

Notes from 6th July meeting with guests **Ebbsfleet Development Corporation.**

Robin Cooper; Lorna Hughes and Nicky Linihan from Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) came to the residents meeting to outline their progress and to answer questions. The EDC Team, led by Chief Executive Robin Cooper, said,

- *Based at Northfleet Police Station at present.*
- *Newsletter not yet up and running.*
- *Will fully take over planning applications from local authorities in six months.*
- *Aim to accelerate housing development, more schools, doctors', etc.;*
- *Provide start-up spaces for businesses.*
- *Will involve local communities.*
- *Will support Paramount.*

Concerns raised:

- Traffic problems at Bean Junction won't be dealt with until 2 years after Paramount opens according to Highways England. We cannot support opening before road works.
- Put people out of misery; Garden City boundary blights homes and businesses.
- Threat of compulsory purchase from EGC & Paramount in Bean and Northfleet.
- Cllr. Hammock asked at Paramount meeting for Bean Triangle to be removed from their plans. Bean RA and Bean PC also asked for it to be excluded.
- Schools before houses; local schools cannot cope with more pupils from new homes.
- Make sure enough affordable houses are built.
- Bean Triangle is separate from Eastern Quarry as it is Green Belt/Ancient Woodland.
- 140 businesses in Northfleet will be affected by Paramount. Not possible to relocate in area. Most will have to go outside.
- They have already suffered with Euro star and have only just received compensation.
- Paramount application will go direct to the Inspectorate not EDC.
- Only 28 days to lodge concerns after the plans are put in



17 April 1938

Wedding of William Parks and Dorothy Alexandra Hayes.

Dorothy was the daughter of Arthur Hayes who had a small holding in Shell Bank Lane.

If you recognise anyone on this photo would you please let the Editor know.

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We need volunteers to help us offer our service.

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You don't need qualifications or previous experience of this kind of work to volunteer for Victim Support. All you need is the willingness to help, and a little time. Age matters so you will need to be 18 and over in order to take on certain roles.

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- Cllr Mote wished focus to be on a high quality Garden City. Would like to see encouragement for 'self-build' unique homes.
- EDC said that they will meet Bean Residents and Northfleet businesses again. After thanking the EDC Guests, the Special Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

**The next Residents Association Annual General Meeting
will be held at the Community Centre,
on Monday 7th September at 8.15pm.**

**REMINDER– The October RA Meeting to be moved to
2nd Monday of the month at PC request.**

Wildlife at Spirits Rest

Hi,

As you know we are working hard to help our wild life at Spirits Rest and the results are promising.

As well as our rescues work with horses, which will always be a priority, we have rehabilitated more feral cats this year, for cat protection, than ever before many staying with us.

As from to-day we will start receiving our fox cubs from the fox project, *for* dehumanizing.

We have recently worked with Niall Lester AWO DBC regarding dog issues that have landed with us.

We have been visited by swans and water birds this year as the pond on this site has now matured.

The Environmental team was out to do our survey yesterday and admitted they were pleasantly surprised with what they saw when they came through our gates.

Prompted by the little creature Hollie filmed at Spirits Rest on Saturday I have just been researching about wildlife .1 was right about the lizard it was a common garden lizard , also the other little reptile we saw two weeks ago was slow worm .In the year that I have been a regular volunteer I am delighted to see with my own eyes that Spirits rest is teeming with wildlife , hopefully the bat boxes and bird boxes Reg & Lee installed will encourage yet more.

You may want to share this knowledge with DBC , I am sure they will be pleased that land in the middle of roads , housing and a large shopping complex is such a haven for our native wildlife.

Kathy

BEAN COMMUNITY BUS

Colin will cease all bus driving from November 1st, if he is not stopped before then.

The Treatment that the hospital now plan for my eyes mean that I will not be able to see to drive for a few days after the treatment.

I do not want to drive the Thursday evening contract now that it requires returning in the dark, as oncoming headlights are a serious problem due to my cataracts.

THEREFORE IF NO ONE COMES FORWARD (MALE AND FEMALE DRIVERS ARE WELCOMED) TO DRIVE FOR THIS CONTRACT, AND THE THURSDAY SHOPPING TRIP WE WILL LOOSE THE INCOME AND EVENTUALLY THE BUS.

THE BEAN COMMUNITY BUS PLANNED TRIPS.

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Sunday 6 th September	Sevenoaks Heavy horse show & fete	£5-00
Tuesday 13 th October	Polhill	£5-00
Tuesday 17 th November	Lakeside	£6-00
Tuesday 8 th December	Canterbury	£10-00



Harry Page and Page Close

The photo of the young man is Harry Page (or to give him his full title Henry Hindmarsh Page) in whose honour Page Close was named.. He was born in the Dartford area in 1918, and married Elizabeth Tryphena Stevens in 1939. He lived for some time in Bean. During the 1940's his parents lived at Ightham Cottages and his wife was living with her parents at Hope Cottages During Harry's time away at war. His two elder children went to Bean School.

During the war Harry was in the Merchant Navy and travelled to various places. Indeed the photo of him was taken in Sydney Australia. In July 1942 he sailed in the PQ17 convoy in the Arctic Ocean. Of the 35 ships that started the voyage, only 24 survived.

In his book entitled PQ17 the author, Godfrey Winn, recalls a conversation with Harry Page during that time, in which Harry said that he wished he was having a pint in the Black Horse at Bean. He also mentioned that he had two sons, Brian and Barry, and that by 1942 he had previously made three trips to Dunkirk. Godfrey Winn wrote to Harry's wife to say he had seen him, and in her reply she said that Harry had not seen his elder son Brian since he was 2 months old and had yet to see his younger son Barry. As with most members of the armed forces returning from the War, Harry did not speak of his war years.

By the time of his death Harry and Elizabeth had moved to Keary Road in Swanscombe.

Tony Tickle

We have been advised that Tony Tickle (Drudgeon Farm) died on, 30-July 2015 having been unwell. We extend our condolences to Shiela and family.

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Broadband.

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In the mean time you may wish to investigate the progress by filling out your line details at: <http://vwww.productsandservices.bt.com/products/manager/?Id=bb> this will identify which cabinet you are supplied from and the progress of the installation.

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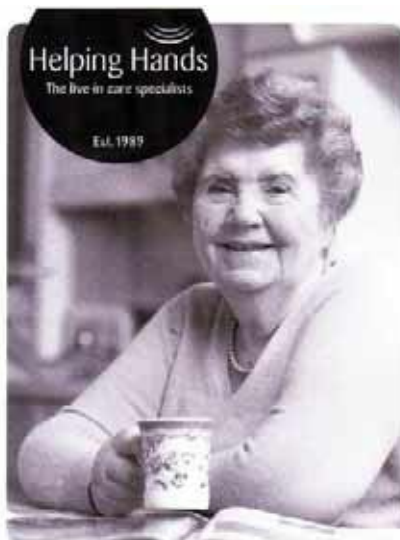
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Subject: Paramount and Highways - Useful Information

BEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Honorary Secretary, Linda Collins, 26 Turner Road, Bean, DA2 8BA

My ref: 15-16/E085

2nd June 2015

Dear all,

Re: Yesterday evening's Paramount Exhibition and Bean RA meeting. I've pasted below the gist of the contents of two helpful e Mails. "LRCH" is the London Resort Company Holdings, the paramount promoter. They wish to open for Easter 2020."

Linda

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1. From Planning Inspectorate re Bean Triangle Letters to Occupiers

LRCH have requested our authorisation to enter two specific pieces of land without the permission of the landowner, but no decision has been made on that request yet. Those landowners have been told of the application to enter their land and are also writing to us, so they know all about it.

Other than that, we aren't considering any applications from LRCH for powers to enter or demand information about land so any letter you get asking for information is simply that; a letter that anyone could send. I'm sorry if you find them upsetting, but it's perfectly normal for applicants to ask these questions.

2. From Highways England about the timing of Works at Bean

Interchange. The A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet junction improvements are still at a very early stage of development. Highways England published its Delivery Plan earlier this year and are working towards a date for the Start of Works of 2019/20 and Open to Traffic 2022/23.

POLICE NOTICE

Recovered Property - is it yours?

If you have been a victim of crime where property was stolen, visit the Kent Police Website:

http://www.kent.police.uk/appeals/is_it_yours/is_it_yours.html

Note the 4 u/l characters

Officers working to investigate crime in Kent often find

and seize items which may be able to be returned to the owner.

**Draft Notes of Paramount attendance about Bean Triangle Residents
Concerns Part of Bean Residents Association Meeting at 8:45 to 9:30 pm
on 27th April 2015**

25 people completed the attendance list (others were also present):

6 Apologies:

Andy Martin (Paramount/PPS Group) and Richard Hutchings (Paramount/WSP) were welcomed to the meeting.

Residents were told that Paramount were in the final stages of consultation. Concerns were raised over letters sent to residents living at Ightham Cotts and Watling Street. Andy said that there were no plans for Compulsory Purchase Orders. Have to write to people in or near red line. The Bean Interchange is not included in plan. Any changes would be down to Highways England (HE). Hope to open resort in 2020. Construction materials for the resort will be brought by river. Will be stored at Tilbury until needed. Alternative plan will leave 4 lanes on A2 on Swanscombe Cutting until the Footbridge (listed). HE will deal with that. Final plans will be submitted on 12th August 2015. Red Line can shrink, but not expand.

Paramount agreed to return on 1st June with display boards from 6-8 pm to further explain Paramount's Resort proposals.

Highways England to also be invited to a meeting regarding the Bean Junction*. The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

**[Subsequently, Highways England said, I apologise for not responding to you before your meeting on 27 April. Highways England are still in the process of developing and carrying out the assessment of options for improvements at both Bean and Ebbsfleet junctions.*

Currently our focus is on constructing a traffic model to adequately represent the developments proposed in the area, and we are liaising with the planning authorities and Kent County Council to agree the scale of those developments that need to be accommodated.

Once this has been agreed, then we will be in a better place to assess how well certain styles of junction improvement perform to meet these demands. As a consequence of this, our original programme for public consultation in summer 2015 has slipped, and we expect that this will now take place in January or February 2016].

Bean Recreation Ground

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. *BPC*

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Advertising rates are on page 27.

Contact the Editor, See page 1

St Nicholas at Bean



Year after year we have seen an increase in the amount of knitted garments that YOU have donated to the Mustard Seed organisation. I am sure that the children who receive them will be absolutely delighted. A very big THANK YOU to all who contributed to this appeal.

The holiday season will be almost over by the time this edition of the Bean's Talk arrives on your door mat. The beginning of the holiday period this year brought sadness with the loss of lives in Tunisia. We are living in a time when terrorism is trying to dominate our lives and rule the world.

We, St. Nicholas at Bean, pray that nothing has brought tragedy to any family whilst enjoying their holiday away from home. Let us look for the day when all men, no matter what colour, class or creed they believe in may learn to live in love and peace with one another

Christ came into this world to show us that there was only one way for the world to live in peace and harmony and that was by showing love to all men. That is very hard for many of us to contemplate when we, or our loved ones, have been harmed in any way. That is what Christ did even when he was crucified – "Father forgive them for they know not what they do".

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 4th October at 10 o'clock. This will be the last day for the collection of Shoe Boxes and any individual items that could be used to make up a complete box.

All are welcome to our regular Sunday Service at 10.00am

ARCHER COTTAGES PART 3

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



Archer Cottages 1927

3 Archers Cottages

The earliest reference to 3 Archers Cottages is in the Stone Cemetery records with the burial of Charlotte Allen aged 13 a labourer's child who was buried 19 Sept 1899. There was an Allen family living at No. 13, in 1901 but I do not think there was any connection. Whoever

Charlotte's parents were they had moved by 1901, but the house was then unoccupied.

By 1911 No. 3 had two households. In two rooms was Mary Ann Fleming a 66 year old widow who had been born in Bridge, Kent. She recorded that she had had seven children, five of whom survived. Mary was the widow of William Fleming and had previously lived at No 2 EC Cottages. She died in November 1922 at West Hill Hospital and, as with her husband, was buried at Stone Cemetery.

In the same house in three rooms was the family of Arthur Henry Brett, a labourer, his wife Emily Lewis and their two children, William Henry (born 1909) and Arthur F (b1910 but sadly this boy died a few months after the census without reaching his first birthday). Arthur Henry had been born in Stowmarket and Emily in Maidstone, but they had married at Darenth church on 28th March 1908. They would have a further two sons, Edward Richard (b1912) and Victor John (b1914). Emily died in her early thirties and was buried at Stone cemetery on 18th November 1918 Arthur died in 1966 in Sidcup, appointing his two sons William and Edward as executors. The only son I can trace who married was Victor John who married Joan Elizabeth Emma Bird in 1942 in the Chatham area, and they had at least two children.

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EMAIL FROM A FORMER RESIDENT PASSED TO THE EDITOR

I lived in Bean in 2006. My 4½ year old son, got in my bed, whilst Daddy was away. At 4 in the morning he woke me up and said "Mummy I'm frightened". I said, "Why?" He said, "There was a **lady** standing at the end of the bed. **She** woke me somehow and then walked into the wardrobe....." I asked him to describe **her**. He replied, "**She** had blonde hair and was wearing an army uniform". I was frighten that day, but then forgot really, as I hadn't seen **her**....

.... until I got up one School day and we had no electricity in the house. I checked with the neighbours and their's was fine. I dragged a chair to the front door to check the fuse box, while on the phone to the electricity company, but all switches were on II They didn't know what had caused it. I left to do the School run and came home to all the electrics working. At the time I thought nothing of it, but then it clicked. I think I had upset **her**, I think **she** was there for my son and I probably had told him off.

I then did see **her** one night. I heard the stairs creek and said to the other half, could you check on our son. So he went upstairs (he was fast asleep) he came down and walked into the back room where I was sitting. I didn't shut the curtains in there and I saw **her** walking out towards the front door, **her** reflection in the window and sure enough **she** had light hair and a ladies army outfit/uniform on with a belt. I did only see **her** from behind.

The house was very cold and, even in the summer, my cat and dog knew **she** was there as they would never go past the back room!

I do drive past and wonder if **she** is still there. Has **she** appeared for them? I think she wants to look after children? CT

Previous unexplained events in Bean (2010 and 2012) were: 'woman dressed in white' and 'having ghostly experiences'. Two of the homes are quite close to electricity pylons.

Have you witnessed a paranormal event? Let me know. Ed

Scam alert **Crimestoppers 0800 555 111**

We are not cold calling people

We have discovered that a group of scammers are falsely using our 0800 555 111 number on telephone displays in a bid to make calls seem genuine. The scammers are calling people, saying they are Crimestoppers at the Home Office" then asking for personal details.

- We are not calling people.
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What to do if you get a call claiming to be from Crimestoppers:

Never give out your personal information,

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Better Media Solutions scam

We have also been made aware of the Better Media Solutions scam. You may receive a phone call from someone from this company who claims they are selling advertising space in a Crime Prevention Booklet that we support. After sending you a "mock-up" of the booklet, they also send you an invoice asking for £595.

The truth about this scam:

- We do not work with a company called Better Media Solutions.
- We do not support or endorse their booklet.
- Any use of Crimestoppers imagery in this booklet is unauthorised.

What to do if you are contacted by Better Media Solutions:

1. Hang up - don't engage in a sales conversation,
2. Report the incident to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

**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.