

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 51st Year

SEPTEMBER
3 / 16

BEAN'S TALK

Issued free to every
Household in Bean.

Web site: www.beanvillage.org.uk

E-mail: beanra@waitrose.com

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.

BEAN RA ANNUAL GENERAL - MEETING OF THE YEAR
8:15 pm MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016
In Bean Community Centre.

Presentations: -

Garden City Master Plan by AECOM
Minor Works at Bean Junction funded by Bluewater

We welcome a new Editor to the Bean'sTalk (Keith Burgin),with
effect following this edition.

A short note from the outgoing Editor see page 5.

Travellers Application Refused see page 13

New Application for houses in Beacon Drive / Drudgeon Way
See page 9

To contact the editor; e-mail: thebeanstalk02@gmail.com
Telephone 01474 703179 2 New Cottages, Bean, DA2 8AW.

THE COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER 2016
BEAN'S TALK is TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER.

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

KCC Kent County Council	KHS Kent Highway services
Cllr. Councillor	NPM Neighbourhood Panel Meeting
CLG Dept. for Communities and Local Government.	RA Residents Association
DBC. Dartford Borough Council	PCSO Police Community Support Officer

Information from the, June, July and August meetings:

The June Meeting.

18 people attended.

Secretary's Report.

Ashley Johnson reported that there had been 30 items of correspondence on 10 topics since the previous meeting.

The Bean's Talk.

The June issue had been on time, however volunteers are still required to deliver the Bean's Talk to the Beacon Drive and Stonewood Flats and a section of Beacon Drive.

Keith Burgin has volunteered to take over as Bean's Talk editor following the September issue. Any new items should be sent to Keith Burgin on the new e- Mail Address thebeanstalk02@gmail.com in future.

Updates:

EDC (Ebbsfleet Development Corporation), Ashley and Celia have attended meetings. Questions submitted to the 18th May Board received a 3 page reply. Comments were made on EDC Planning Applications.

Car Wash it - was agreed to support the request for a further 3 year extension for the business in Watling Street, but remind EDC why Bean Triangle was in EDC area.

Ightham Cottages -no 7 had to seek EDC planning permission for a shed for their mobility scooter. Will seek a refund for the ladies costs. Why not permitted development?

Bluewater- Road markings review by KCC paid for by Bluewater. £20K from West Village unused. DBC trying to get hatch markings at the Blue star Roundabout. The same should be done on the Bean Roundabouts. Greenhithe had "Keep Clear" markings.

Bluewater Forum- Ashley and Linda attended on 26th May. Forum had speakers talking about what there was available for young people. They included Kent police action on ASB, Greenhithe Sea Cadets, Charlton Football Club, Scouts and the Street Pastors.

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.

Paramount - Application has been put back to 2017, but consultation to re-start 2016.

Consultations:

Showmen Travellers - 16th June 7 pm is tentative for DBC decision. Notice of DBC meeting to be sent around when date confirmed.

[Removed from Agenda-await new date] HE - Bean Interchange options — In 19th May e-mail agreed to attend Autumn meeting.

Lower Thames Crossing - Decision later this year.

Active Travel Strategy - 18th May e-mail - Martin Nicholls asked to advise.

Parish Council:

Country Park: Awaiting decision on Heritage Lottery bid.

Stonewood - Damage done to road and footpath near concrete pump lorry in Stonewood. DBC Housing Manager met with Highways on 11th May. Sherri Green (Director at DBC) to contact Jan Becket. Cllr Dave Hammock is chasing for a response.

High Cross - on 25th May Jan Becket was advised that the Traffic Engineer had met with Dartford District Manager following a meeting with Jeremy Kite on the same subject. The Traffic Engineer is drawing up designs for additional signage and will keep Jan Becket updated. Fire had damaged a block of garages off Stonewood. Mercedes car gutted. Circumstances to be followed up with DBC by Dave Hammock; Parish Newsletter possibly June/July.

AOB:

- Community Bus - more drivers still needed. Trips to Harvel Farm and coast to come.
- 2A Beacon Drive/ 1 Ashwood Place parking — DBC Enforcement dealing with requirement for four parking places as marked on plans + widening of cross-over.
- Chris Bates (Spirits Rest) - Horses, cats and wildlife sanctuary. It was noted that Peace Haven Horse Sanctuary in Sandy Lane is not part of, or anything to do with, Spirits Rest Horse Sanctuary.
- Litter - Still around the village. Weeds growing out of footways and channels. Gullies not being cleared; therefore, flooding when it rains. Cllr Hammock will get back on what is schedule. Ashley to provide copy of last Bean RA letter and DBC reply.
- Fly-Tipping on TW access at Highcross Junction, also Sandy Lane
- If anyone Sees Fly tipping:leave it for the Police as this is evidence.

July meeting : 16 people attended with 3 apologies:

Minutes of previous meeting on 6th June 2016:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Minutes were signed by Duncan Wood (Chair). There was a clarification to the Reported Crime information for March. The description of the one in Bramble Avenue was “Drugs - Offender given a drugs possession warning”.

Secretary’s report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 23 items of correspondence on 7 topics since the previous meeting:

BeansTalk:

Bill Headde (Editor) reminded everyone that the copy date for the September issue of the Bean’s Talk was 1st August. More copy is needed. Volunteers needed to deliver Bean’sTalks to all of the flats in Beacon Drive and Stonewood. Keith Burgin will be taking over the position of Editor after the September issue.

Updates:

Ebbfleet Garden City (EGC) - Ashley attended the last board meeting. Master Plan is still unknown. Need to be on toes re Bean Triangle. A guest speaker from EDC is due to attend the Bean RA September AGM to explain the Master Plan.

Mobility scooter shelter - application approved by EDC, but shelter must be removed when no longer needed by user.

Bluewater - Road markings for Bean roundabouts. A review, funded by Bluewater, has been completed by KCC’s contractor, AMEY, with recommendations. An action plan is now being formulated and are awaiting the likely timescales. Proposal will be presented to Bean residents. Bluewater had also repainted the white chevrons on the perimeter of Ightham Cottages roundabout.

Consultations:

Showmen Travellers application - due to come before Development Control Board on 14th July. Officer expected to recommend refusal.

Bluewater West Village – a revised application is expected to be made. Previous outline approval for 20% expansion has lapsed.

Highways England (HE) Bean Interchange options - Try to get HE to visit before any decisions are made.

Lower Thames Crossing - A decision due to be made later this year. DBC have written regarding the problems suffered at present by tailbacks in the area. Have asked for a quick decision.

Parish Council:

Newsletter - hope to have newsletter in the next few weeks.

Country Park - Still awaiting decision on the Heritage Lottery bid.

Kent Highways updates – KCC to check visibility at the large hedge on bend in Beacon Drive between The Thrift and Stonewood. Cllr Hammock noted new Highways staff.

AOB:

Community Bus - Colin Smith sent a message saying that he was applying to KCC for a grant for the bus. John Perry is helping with the audited accounts request.

Parking Beacon Drive/Ashwood Place - work now in progress for the required 4 parking spaces to serve the houses in Beacon Drive and Ashwood Place.

Garages in Stonewood – Cllr Hammock agreed to seek a Fire Brigade report following the fire that damaged 3 garages in Stonewood.

Highway Maintenance - A reply from KCC would be chased.

Street Cleaning – Cllr Hammock spoke to Dave Thomas. Needs detail of problem areas.

101 Calls - Very slow in answering calls on the 101 number. Duncan and Keith are due to meet the new Police Commissioner and will speak to him on this matter,

Royal Oak hoarding - On 2 occasions over the last 3 weeks’ offensive graffiti has been daubed on the hoarding surrounding the derelict pub; possibly between 3 and 6 pm. It has been painted over and BPC and the Community Warden are aware. Residents are asked to be vigilant. It is thought that the proposed development may start in the autumn.

Lowfield Street - Cllr Hammock said that plans were imminent from new owners.

PCSOs - will PCSOs be given the power to issue parking tickets? - Duncan to ask the Police Commissioner at meeting.

Note from the editor.

After 10 years as Editor of the Bean’s Talk I have had to retire due to health problems and the passing of time. I feel that I have taken it as far as I can.

I would thank all those who have helped me over the years.

The new Editor will be Keith Burgin and I trust you all will support him by submitting copy of the activities in the village to ensure that our news letter continues for many more years. Wishing you All the Best - Bill.

The Bean Community Bus

On Sunday 2nd October The bus is going to the Welling Jazz Club, the Fare is £5-00 per person and the bus leaves the village at 11am.

If you are interested please contact Colin on 01474 832 793.

At the time of writing we are waiting to hear from KCC Ref the Grant.

I would like to thank both of the pensioners who wrote letters in support of the grant.

The Bus is still in-need of volunteer drivers

Colin.

House Plans, Planning Permission And Building Prices - Local

(FREE QUOTES) - since 1982 – happy to help

We have lived in Greenhithe and Bean for the past 10yrs
Chris Cowley Mob: 079-86340719 c.cowley@tiscali.co.uk
Tel: 01322-384388 References and work to view locally



BEAN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

**Interested in growing your own vegetables then put
your name down now.**

**Half plots (approx 5 rods) expected to be available for
rent from October.**

For information ring Elaine on 07941760428

Rosemary Lucking

Some of the older folk still living in Bean may be saddened by the news of the death of Rosemary Lucking (nee Clarke).

Rosemary lived for many years in Hope Cottages before moving in 1952 to New Cottages in the High Street, formally known as Archer Cottages

In 1978 Rosemary remarried and moved to Manchester where she died age 91.

REFINED BAKLAVA

Baklava is here!

Why not treat a loved one or yourself to fantastic Gift Box of Baklava. Price start from £4.50.

We are based locally in Bean and can deliver to a 5 Mile radius for free and nationally for a small fee

We also attend Aylesford and Tonbridge Farmers Market.
So come down and sample our full range of this classic Ottoman dessert

Like us on Facebook for all our latest offers and events

Contact us on 0777621 6343

E mail: refinedbaklava@gmail.com

Reflexions

LATE NIGHT THURSDAY
Until 7pm.

½ Head Highlights
With Cut and Blow dry
From £59-00.
Vouchers available

Unisex Hair Salon

Tel: 01322 224740

1A. Princes Avenue
Fleet Estate Dartford
Kent DA2 6NE

Professional Stylists offering a wide range of Treatments
at affordable prices.

We look forward to seeing you.

DAC

Vehicle Repairs Ltd

01322 271462



Services, Exhausts, Cam belts, Brakes, MOTs, Clutches,
Starters, Shock Absorbers, Batteries, Alternators,
Tyres and Exhausts etc.

Full Service
£90-00 plus Parts and VAT.

Courtesy car
and van available

www.dacvehiclerepairs.co.uk

01322 271462
07958 674247

1A Princes Avenue
Fleet Estate
Dartford DA2 6NE.

NEW APPLICATION BEACON DR/ DRUDGEON WAY

3 Pairs Semi-detached 3 Bedroom Houses (6units) and Access Road off Beacon Drive between 68 & 70

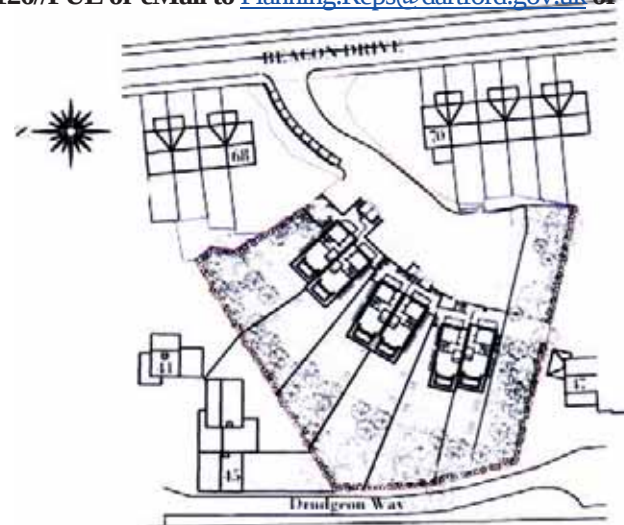
On 19th July 2016 DBC notified us that Vision Homes had submitted an application for 6 homes instead of the 5 previously approved on this steeply sloping site. Reasons given for not building the five include too expensive, failure to get detailed approvals within the 2 years allowed and discovery of an exceptional population of Slow Worms.

Vision Homes accept that the ownership of some of the land is disputed, but say it is not to be built upon and can be sorted out later. The application makes no mention of Japanese Knotweed and shows no details of foul drainage or disposal of surface water from the large paved areas and roof tops.

Comments can be made up until a decision is made. This could be a while as there are 16 drawings and 6 reports. An initial look shows various errors and omissions.

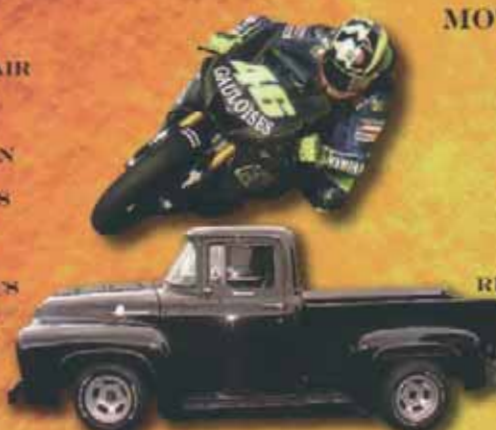
It is disappointing that this has come so soon after DBC designated the land as Borough Open Space in the Development Policies Plan. The applicant says the site currently makes literally zero contribution.

You should make your views known to DBC either by letter quoting reference DA/16/01126/FUL or eMail to Planning.Reps@dartford.gov.uk or use the online form.



Site Location Plan

**POWERHOUSE
PAINTWORKS**
HIGH CLASS VEHICLE REFINISHERS

CARS		MOTORCYCLES
ACCIDENT REPAIR		RACE REPLICAS
RESPRAYS		CUSTOM PAINT
CUSTOMISATION		RESPRAYS
MODIFICATIONS		FRAME & PARTS POLISHING
RENOVATIONS		WHEEL REFURBISHMENTS
VINYL GRAPHICS		STICKER SETS
FOR ALL YOUR BODYWORK NEEDS		

CALL 01474-834223
UNIT 2, WESTWOOD FARM, HIGHCROSS RD., SOUTHFLEET, KENT DA13 9PH

**HIGHCROSS ROAD
MOT**

CLASS I & II MOTORCYCLE MOT
CLASS IV CAR & Vans (UP TO 3000 KGS)
SERVICING and BODYWORK ON ALL MAKES

FAST FRIENDLY SERVICE
BASED IN WESTWOOD FARM HIGHCROSS ROAD
BETWEEN BEAN AND LONGFIELD

CALL 01474-833116
10% Discount off MOT Test Fees on production of this advert.

**HIGHCROSS ROAD
MOT**

CLASS V1 And V11
MOT TESTING FOR
MINIBUSES and VANS up to 3500kg
LARGE CAMPERS
& MOTORHOMES

FAST FRIENDLY SERVICE
BASED IN WESTWOOD FARM, HIGHCROSS
ROAD, BETWEEN BEAN AND LONGFIELD
CALL 01474 833116

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR
FLEETS AND TRADE.

St Nicholas at Bean



A huge thank you to all who came and enjoyed the Woollies Exhibition on 24th July at the Community Centre. It was a fantastic event and good to see so many of you who came along to enjoy the excellent items on display. It was impossible to count everything this year as there was such an abundance of your charitable giving. The whole idea behind the exhibition is to inspire each other in what can be achieved with this project and not just to bag everything up and send it off to charity HQ without even looking at what talent we have in this village and beyond. Of course this initiative is two-fold. The knitters [and many are housebound] enjoy their hobby and it gives them a purpose. The child living in poverty enjoys the warmth of a lovely garment knitted by someone who cares which surely must bring hope at a very difficult time.

From the comments received on the day everyone was inspired and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and this was all washed down with a sumptuous 'Bean' Cream Tea. What more do we want!

Thanks also to those who donate wool regularly and also money for the purchase of new wool. We can never fill the needs of the thousands around the world in poverty, but we can make an effort in that direction. If you would like to knit one or a hundred woollen articles we would love to hear from you.

All the woolies were transported the next day to Eastbourne for their onward journey to the Syrian Refugee Camps for this Winter. This was an amazing effort and thank you once again to all who took part. This project has been on going since 2001 sending items to various countries of the world where the need has been greatest and if you would like to knit an item for next year, then we look forward to seeing you next Summer (date to be confirmed).

Don White



"I needed clothes and you clothed me" Matthew 25 v 36

THE TRAVELLING SHOW PEOPLE APPLICATION, DRUDGEON FARM SCHOOL LANE - REFUSED

On 14th July 2016, DBC Development Control Board

Members unanimously refused permission.

We summarise the reasons for refusal as: -

- Inappropriate development in the Green Belt
- Very special circumstances do not exist
- Negative impact on the rural landscape
- Significant loss of versatile agricultural land
- Site not sustainable, economically, socially and environmentally
- Significant increase in traffic and highway safety concerns
- Conflict with public rights of way DB24 & 25
- Application conflicts with Planning Policies.

The 25-page Officer Report comments include: -

- 365 individual letters of objection received, a 201 signature petition and 1 letter of support
- The site area is over 25% of the designated area of Bean Village
- The 25 static mobile homes would house 100 people and increase the population by 5% and be likely to place extra strain on local services and amenities
- About 40% of site covered by hard standing
- KCC Biodiversity Officer is satisfied that ecological impact could be minimised

The best interests of the child, personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to clearly outweigh harm to the Green Belt.

The Applicant has 6 months to Appeal the decision.

HOME and BUSINESS COMPUTER SERVICES

Maintenance, System Building, Networking, Wireless
Networking, Data Recovery and Consulting

T: 01322 276821

M: 07960 253528

E: alan@alanripley.co.uk

W: alanripley.co.uk

Alan Ripley



Specialist Boiler Service Ltd



SBS is a local company providing a fast, friendly, reliable and quality service for all your gas needs.

- Boiler & Central Heating Servicing & Repair
- Gas Fires & Cookers Serviced & Installed
- Power Flushing of Central Heating System
- Free Quotes & Fully Insured

Tel: 07957 160 926 or 07908 769 183

Email: info@sbsboilerservice.com

HIGH WAYS ENGLAND 19th MAY 2016 UPDATE A2 BEAN & EBBSFLEET JUNCTIONS IMPROVEMENT

Works could commence in early 2020 to both junctions and be completed by early 2023.

We will advise you on our options when we know which ones we're taking forwards and we will be happy to attend one of your monthly meetings in due course.

EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC)
Bean RA submitted questions to the 18th May 2016 Board Meeting. These included: -

Can you report progress on: -

a) The EDC Master Plan and Planning Document?

Response

We are completing work on the draft Master Plan and Implementation Framework (the Ebbsfleet Masterplan). We propose to run a public engagement programme through the Summer and early Autumn.

b) Timing of A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet improvements?

Response

Highways England are responsible for delivering improvements to the A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet junctions to enable major development in the vicinity of Ebbsfleet. The works are currently programmed for construction to start in Spring 2020, to be fully open in 2022/23.

We are working with Highways England to try to secure the earliest possible start date for improvements to be implemented to improve on this timetable.

A poster for a health talk and introduction to juicing. It features a large, colorful wheel of various fruits and vegetables. The text on the poster includes: 'Health talk and introduction to juicing', 'Do you know what is in your food? Learn about fruit, vegetables and how to read labels.', and a logo for 'SAB' (Sustainable Agriculture Business). At the bottom, it says 'Chris and Barbara Cowley' and provides a phone number '079-86340719' and an email address 'barbara.cowley@gmail.com'.

LONGFIELD ROCK SCHOOL



DRUMS, BASS and GUITAR

Lessons for Ages 8 to 108

£12-00 per hour

with a FREE TASTER LESSON

Live Gigs

☎ 01474 707 430

www.longfieldrockschool.co.uk

E-mail longfieldrockschool@gmail.com

No 7 Archers Cottages

In 1901 William Martin a farm labourer, and his wife Bertha together with four of their children, Thomas George, Ellen, Charles Alfred and Ernest were living here. William had been born in Wrotham in about 1843 and had married his wife Bertha White in Wrotham in 1874. They had been living at Southfleet ten years previously in 1891, but by 1909 William had died and was buried at Stone Cemetery on the 13 April 1909. His address was given as Blue House Cottages, Stonewood. Bertha had moved to Swanscombe by 1911 with four of her unmarried children, then in their 20s and 30s. Bertha died in 1934. All the sons were farm labourers. All the family seemed to have moved away from the Bean area.

By 1911 a new family were living at No 7. Elvey Lee, born in Southfleet about 1887, his wife Alice, born in Sternfield Suffolk also in 1887, and their two children, Herbert Elvey Lee and Muriel Laura Lee, born 1907 and 1910 respectively in Stone. Elvey was a general labourer in the Gunpowder Factory and he had married Alice Smith at Stone on the 6 August 1906. At the time of her marriage Alice was living in Bean. Elvey and Alice had another child, Dudley, but the family moved away from Bean. Elvey lived to 93 dying in 1981 at Joyce Green Hospital and he was buried at Stone Cemetery on the 6 March 1981.

No 8 Archers Cottages

No8 was unoccupied for both the 1901 and the 1911 census.

No 9 Archers Cottage

This house was occupied for the period of the 1901 and the 1911 census by John Stevens and his family. John was born in Fawkham in 1853. He had married his wife Mary Ann Acton on 15 Nov 1879 at St Botolphs Northfleet. John was an agricultural labourer, and the birth places of his children showed how the family had to travel around for work. Children were born in Betsham, New Barn, Longfield, Meopham and Southfleet until they ended up in Bean. In 1911 Mary stated that she had had five children of whom four survived. Their youngest child Ernest died and was buried at Stone Cemetery on the 10 March 1909. In the 1911 census she also included her three sons who had moved away from home, but these had been heavily scratched out by the enumerator. Her son Albert Frank died in World War I on 9 April 1918. He had been born in 1890 when the family were at Downs Farm Northfleet and is buried at Cuinchy, France. I cannot trace their other sons, John born 1881 in Betsham and Thomas George born 1885 in Southfleet. They also had a daughter Eleanor (also known as Nellie) born 1888 in Longfield. However I cannot trace what happened to the Stevens' family.

J.C.



Stephen P. Gay

Funeral Service and
Memorial Masons

*serving the local community
for over 27 years*

Funerals tailored to suit
individual requirements
Memorials made using the very
best materials available

Funeral Home

25 Station Road, Longfield, Kent DA3 7QD
Tel: 01474 700194 (24hrs)
www.stephengayfuneralservicelongfield.co.uk

Memorial Showroom

120 Old Road West
Gravesend, Kent DA11 0LR
Tel: 01474 321003

www.stephenpgaymemorials.synthasite.com



BRAMM
Accredited



**We are the only independent
family funeral service in Longfield**

*"Remembering you on this day,
comforted by so many memories"*



Now Open
**Locally
Sourced
Produce.
Homecooked
Meals.**

Under New Management

Open from 6:30am till 6:30pm Monday, Tuesday and
Friday
6:30 till 10pm Wednesday and Thursdays
8am Till 2pm Saturday 8am till 6pm Sundays.

Big Screen Television

Venue Hire

Free Parking

Gaming club night

Tea Room area

Sunday Roast Noon till 6pm

Seating Area inside and outside

**Bar open from 10am daily.
Noon on Sundays.**

look for us on Facebook @merrychestcafe

**Call us today! For Bookings or
Information 01474 834747**

**MerryChest Cafe and Bar
Watling Street
DA2 8AH**



"Happy Feet Are Healthy Feet"

Visit your local friendly Registered Podiatrist Atty

Get help for foot pain, hard skin and corns, fungal nails, verrucae, ingrowing nails, diabetic foot management...hopefully you wont have them all at once!

The Mill Clinic
Horton Road,
South Darenth,
Dartford DA4 9LW

Call now to book an appointment 01322 864499

www.themillclinic.co.uk

Open Monday to Saturday

ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

DBC have invited suggestions for Assets of Community Value.
Those put forward in Bean are: -

- Bean Community Centre
- Bean Post Office and Village Stores
- Two Doctors surgeries
- Village Pond (School Lane/ Sandy Lane)
- Spirits Rest Horse Rescue Centre (beside Ightham Cottages)
- Beacon Wood Country Park.

Comments and other suggestions are invited.



Debbie Crumpton
OSTEOPATH 4 ALL

The Mill Clinic

Horton Road, South Darenth, DA4 9LW

Osteopathy can provide natural relief from aches & pains, and much more.....

- Muscle aches, strains & pulls
- Back pain, sciatica and 'trapped nerves'
- Shoulder, joint & limb problems
- Pain from arthritis
- Headaches & neck pain
- Sports & work related injuries
- Pregnancy related symptoms
- Rehabilitation after joint operations
- 'Growing pains'
- Stress related conditions and much more!

Call now: 01322 864499

Or book online www.osteopath4all.co.uk

Open Monday to Saturday including some evenings.



RED STREET GARAGE

Established 1960



Red Street, Southfleet, Kent, DA13 9OJ.

Full service £80 + parts + VAT on all

Small service £50 + parts + VAT on all

All MOT's

Free local collection and delivery

Free body damage estimates

Breakdown recovery service available

Helpful and friendly staff waiting your call



01474 833249

01474 833674



LOOKING FOR TIMBER?



Your Timber On Time, Every Time...Guaranteed!
Bean's Favourite Timber & Fencing Merchant
since 1979

**NO.1 FOR RAILWAY SLEEPERS, FENCE PANELS,
DECKING,**

**MOULDINGS, JOIST TIMBER, FIRRINGS, BOARDS
AND SO MUCH MORE.....**

CALL 01474 444159 TODAY

Why not ask us to send you our latest Price Booklet?

"Forestrall came to my rescue recently when my existing supplier fell behind on my supply of Oak beams and I now put my trust in them above others when it comes to guaranteeing speedy supply. I can't recommend them enough. They have such a fantastic timber range and also a versatile fleet of delivery vehicles even when access on site is tight."

Anthony Kirton, Kirton & Sons Ltd (Rochester)



Your Timber on Time every Time

The Old Woodyard, Watling Street (A2/A296), Bean DA2 8AH
(Next to Merry Chest Café) E: sales@forestrall.co.uk,
W: www.forestrall.co.uk

Mobile Service - Fitted by experts

paul stapley
tyres

Mobile Tyre Fitting Service...

...just a phone call away!

01474 700 400

or visit our website
www.stapleytyres.co.uk

Email: paul@stapleytyres.co.uk

In just five years our customers have helped us become the leading Mobile Tyre Fitting Service in the area. They keep telling us that it is our **RELIABILITY** and continued focus on **SAFETY, PRICE, & CONFIDENCE** that keeps them coming back.

Thank you for your support.

■ FREE Tyre Check ■ Tracking Service available ■ All Major Credit Cards accepted

Bringing convenience to your door...at competitive prices.

AT HOME **AT WORK** **OUT SHOPPING** **ON-SITE**



Molly Longtongue's Getting Older

It's six years now since Molly Longtongue took the road to rural Kent.
 Five she was with elder brother, rescued from divorcing gent.
 Relict now, eleven summers, she's much slower than of yore,
 Still she has her madness moments, Boxer owners all adore.
 Time has bent her left front tootsie, slowed her down to just a crawl,
 Gives her time to read her p-mails – or is it pace to suit us all?

Doses daily of two medicines, started just a year ago,
 Can't undo the cruel twisting, can't undo the bones that grow
 On the knuckles of her forepaws, just like mine as years go by,
 Like my Mum's that stopped her knitting, brought her pain and made her sigh.
 Veterinary advances; kindly vet nurse tells our Moll that she'll improve.
 Hydrotherapy and massage keep her bravely on the move.

Now she wears supportive booties when we take our shortened walk.
 Worn with patterned baby socksies, shown with pride, when people talk.
 A few more years we pray will bless us, keep 'our lovely' at our side,
 Let us hear her shout at pigeons, let her chase that Yorkie pride.
 Forgotten all her pampered pawsies, when she spots them up ahead.
 "Now it's time to tow, dear Daddy, we'll catch 'em yet or strike me dead!"

JWT, Bean, 29 July 2016

Molly In Her Booties



Watch out for fake unmarked police cars, warns police force

Police in Essex have warned motorists not to pull over for anything other than a marked police car following a number of thefts by fake traffic cops.

It has been revealed that multiple vehicles have recently been stolen in Essex by thieves dressed in police uniforms, who pull other motorists over in an unmarked car equipped with blue flashing lights.

In one incident, one of the fake police officers was seen with a firearm, and in a separate incident one was seen with a pair of handcuffs. A silver Ford Mondeo with blue flashing lights was used in both incidents.

Detective Chief Inspector Stuart Smith said: "In a direct response to these incidents occurring, a directive has been given to our officers that they should not, unless in emergency circumstances, be in an unmarked car and attempt to stop a driver.

"We have taken this decision to safeguard motorists in Essex while these offenders remain outstanding. Our victims have told us that the suspects are purporting to be police officers and are wearing body armour to further enhance this deception in order to steal these vans."

DCI Smith also urged anyone signalled to stop by a vehicle that may appear to be an unmarked police car to call 999 immediately to verify whether the vehicle and its occupants are genuine.

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 are Welcome to Attend

Would you like to advertise in The Beanstalk?

**The news letter is delivered to all of the 654
houses in Bean four times a year, in March,
June, September and December.
If so please contact The Editor.**

**When replying to an advert please
mention The Bean's Talk.**

2016 ADVERTISING RATES per issue Or buy 4 get one free.

Full page £35-00
2/3 page £29-00
1/2 page £26-00
1/3 page £18-00
1/4 page £12-00

Reported Crime Figures for Bean April 2016		
Location On or Near:	Category	Outcome status
B255	Violence and sexual offences	Under investigation
Beacon Drive	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Beacon Drive	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Bean Lane	Anti-social behaviour	
Bean Lane	Criminal damage and arson	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Bramble Avenue	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Bramble Avenue	Vehicle crime	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Drudgeon Way	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Drudgeon Way	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Fallowfield	Burglary	Under investigation
Page Close	Anti-social behaviour	
Page Close	Criminal damage and arson	Under investigation
Page Close	Vehicle crime	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Pedestrian Subway	Anti-social behaviour	
Pedestrian Subway	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Sandy Lane	Burglary	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
The Thrift	Other theft	Investigation complete; no suspect identified
Turner Road	Anti-social behaviour	

Crime Figures for May 2016:

- 1 x Bramble Avenue - Vehicle crime
- 1 x Drudgeon Way - Anti-social behaviour
- 1 x Highcross Road - Violence & sexual offences
- 2 x Page Close - Other theft/Violence & sexual offences
- 2 x Pedestrian subway - Other theft/Violence & sexual offences
- 1 x Sports/Rec Area - Criminal damage & arson
- 1 x Stonewood - vehicle crime
- 1 x The Thrift - Criminal damage & arson
- 2 x Turner Road - Criminal damage & arson/Vehicle crime

It was noted that there were no burglaries.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

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

Phone Numbers 01474 unless shown otherwise.

POLICE 999

Non emergency calls to Maidstone 101

Neighbourhood Police Officer - Tony Quitter **New Number** 07870 252 387

PCSO Ruth Webb

07772 226 177

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

Neil Warburton 707382

Thursday 5.00- 6.30pm. Brownies

Janette Williams 07908274153

Friday 4.30 - 5.30pm.

Sunday 1000 - 11.00am. St. Nicholas Church,

Don White 705430

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

Allison Barrass 07771864937

Doctors

Swanscombe and Bean Partnership

Dr.Bora

Bean Surgery, High St. Bean.

707236

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

Oasis Counselling Centre

01322 294430

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

**BEAN'S TALK is published by the BEAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Correspondence to The Secretary, Linda Collins, 26 Turner Road, Bean,
DA2 8BA. © All Material is copyright protected - Bean Residents
Association.**

Printed by Darenth Print & Design Ltd

Unit 1, the Old Powder Mill, Powder Mill Lane DA1 1NT Tel: 01322 288627