

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

Our 53rd Year of Publication

**March
1/18**

BEAN'S TALK

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We welcome all new residents to the village and to the Residents Association's Quarterly Newsletter.
Please feel free to contribute your thoughts, ideas and comments.

Bean Residents Association meetings pages 2-5
Next meeting Bean Junction Proposals
Highways England and Atkins Presentation
Community Hall 5th March 8:15 pm

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THE COPY DATE FOR THE June 2018
BEAN'S TALK is the 1st May 2018

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

KCC Kent County Council

Cllr. Councillor

DCLG Dept. for Communities and Local Government.

DBC Dartford Borough Council

KHS Kent Highway services

HE Highways England

RA Residents Association

PCSO Police Community Support Officer

Items of interest from the BRA meeting's held in 2nd October & 6th November

Matters Arising:

It was agreed by those present at the AGM that the Bean RA should continue to chase matters on behalf of Bean residents.

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 37 items of correspondence on 9 topics since the previous meeting:

- 1 x Police & Fire
- 3 x Highways England
- 1 x LRCH/HE A2B/PINS
- 1 x Peninsular Management Group
- 13 x DBC
- 3 x BPC & Country Park
- 3 x Bean Triangle
- 8 x EDC
- 4 Royal Oak

Updates:

- Royal Oak pond. Residents want the pond back to its original state. Developer wants a grassed Swale instead that acts as soakaway instead of constant water level.
- EDC Board – questions submitted. Discussion on Eastern Quarry shops not in public.
- Bluewater Forum 28th September - talks from disabled groups - Arrow Riding School, KASBAH etc. Very interesting.

Consultations:

- EDC - Meeting held on 13th September at Merrychest Café. Landowners have not yet been contacted regarding environmental improvements of the Bean Triangle. 3 more meetings are planned.

- Eastern Quarry – DBC strong objection to Application for Retail adjacent Bluewater.
- London Entertainment Resort (LER) - application due April/June 2018.
- A2 Bean/Ebbsfleet junctions - nothing has changed except the cost. Work due to start 2020 with site clearance. 6 months for new bridge over A2; 6months for part of new slip road. HE say pylon may have to be raised. Possible opening December 2021.

Parish Council and Country Park:

- Parish Newsletter - nothing as yet - Keith Burgin to check
- Country Park - some changes with those on board

AOB:

- DBC - parking of lorry in Stonewood – documents request with DBC Legal Officer.
- 2A Beacon Dr/1 Ashwood Pl - 2 car places required for each dwelling. This was in hand.
- Skip at junction BD/DW – – DBC considering if they can take action.
- Old tree obscuring street light opposite Bean Hill Cottages.
- Gullies are still not being cleared out. KCC have been informed on several occasions.

November 2017

Matters arising:

- High street Gullies - some have been cleaned but others still awaiting cleaning.

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- 4 x Highways England
- 1 x Peninsular Management Group
- 7 x LRCH/HE A28/PINS

- 3 x DBC
- 6 x BeansTalk & History
- 9 x EDC
- 3 x CPRE
- 1 x BD/DW

Updates:

- Pond - Application by the developer for a Swale, KCC - contrary to planning consultation with condition. The new 4-bed house on sale for £595,000.
- A separate application for Bat/Bird boxes on site approved.
- Ashwood Place - Blue container has been removed. Further work in progress.
- EDC Board - Questions put at Board Meeting. One noting that the Planning Inspectorate confirm that Highway Applications for a Development Consent Order can now include housing. EDC say they have written to HE asking if they might include relocation of Ightham Cottages nearby. If not, would EDC arrange them?
- London Resort Community Liaison Group met on 24th October - not very satisfactory. Waiting for copy of minutes. LRCH confident of go ahead. £50m spent.

Consultations:

- EDC - Bean Triangle Environmental Improvements - Janet Davies has applied for £60k for Master Planning Work. Next meeting to be held on 14th November - venue tbc. Further meetings planned on 9th January and 13th March - both venues tbc.
- Eastern Quarry - Land Securities want to have shops adjacent Bluewater on retained land. DBC strongly objected plan, Land Securities to submit revised plan.
- A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet Junctions - Formal consultations to begin in January 2018. Meeting arranged with HE at Guildford on 15th November at 10.30 am. Bean RA and PC attending. New consultants – Atkins will be there. We are to submit an Agenda.

Parish Council:

- Nothing to report

- Newsletter - nothing as yet.
- Country Park Steering Group - nothing as yet.

AOB:

- Lorry parking - sight of documents re Freedom of Information request. Reply from Head of Legal to say they will come back in 21 days or sooner - still waiting. Separately, a summary received of package sent to Local Government Ombudsman.
- Traffic blockage 3rd November due to fatal crash on bridge at Dartford Crossing.
- Lower Thames Crossing changes announced. Now dual 3 lanes Kent to Essex and no junction with A226. Opening put back from 2025 until 2027.
- Drivers needed for bus re morning shopping trips. No-one coming forward. Anyone interested should contact Colin Smith or Keith Burgin.
- Invitation from NHS about workshop on 21 November passed to Keith Burgin.
- Trailer full of used lorry tyres parked in Watling Street.



Your Residents Association needs you. We are currently looking for someone to take on the roles of both Treasurer and Vice-Chairman. These are vital roles within the association, especially the treasurer. The role will only require basic knowledge of book keeping and the ability to send out, receive and process invoices.

The residents association do a lot of work on behalf of this community and need your support to continue. If your able to offer some time come and speak to us at the next meeting (first Monday of the month in the village hall) or contact the editor, full details on the front cover. Use and support us or you risk loosing having this great resource.



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EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bean Residents Association were in attendance at the Dec 2018 Board Meeting for the EDC. Below is a key question posed by the BRA and the EDC response

Question:

We were pleased to welcome Ian Piper and Paul Boughen to make a presentation in Bean Community Centre on 4-Dec-17. There was concern about provision of Health and Education Services. To what extent do EDC have control or influence over their adequacy?

Answer:

The Corporation has a number of roles in respect of health and education. As Development Management authority we are responsible for considering applications for the siting of provision within the area; as a facilitator of the Garden City we have a broader role to encourage and support the delivery of facilities that will create a sustainable and healthy community.

It is in this latter role that we are working closely with the health providers in the area to facilitate new ways to deliver services efficiently and effectively. As part of our core role and the Healthy New Towns programme, we recently held a workshop attended by 120 people across the health sector to generate and hone this new thinking.

There is much that we can and are doing, but ultimately it will be the health and education providers themselves that will determine and fund the form and quantum of services provided in the Garden City. It is evident from our work with these providers that there is significant good intent to ensure the provision is of the high quality we would wish for.

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St Nicholas at Bean



It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas. By the time you get your copy of this issue Easter will be upon us.

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

At our weekly services we pray for those in need, the sick and the bereaved. Whether you wish to attend the service or not a book is always at the back on a table just inside the door which is used to record names of those who need our prayers. Please feel free to come and write the names of any persons you would like us to pray for. Our prayers are a very positive step towards recovery, also a help and comfort to those whose loved ones have problems.

There is still time, for those who love to knit during these cold dark evenings, to use their spare time to make hats, gloves, jumpers or whatever for those young children in the Third World, who have nothing like it in their own country, to keep them warm. If knitting is not your expertise but you have some odd Wool tucked away at home please bring it to the Hall any Sunday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am. We are always wanting as much wool as we can find.

Mothering Sunday is on the 11th March this year and the regular Sunday services will have been held for some 28years on that day. Easter Day, a time to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, is on the 1st April. Do come and join us on these special occasions.

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

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To compensate for Pub Forecourt loss, where cars could pass in narrow School Lane, is a Passing-place, signed to show it isn't a Parking-place.

In an update on 1-Feb-2018 the Planning Officer said, "With regards to the pond issue, I have sent a chase-up email and requested that they respond within 1 week of today with a clear route forward. If I don't hear back within this time limit I will have to refuse the current details submitted and pass the case to planning enforcement".



The Four Seasons

I DO HAVE to admit that I not infrequently get a bee in my bonnet about something that 'the powers that be' get – in my humble opinion – very deliberately and ignorantly get wrong. At this time of the year I am always reminded by the arrival of Christmas and – just before it – of the Winter Solstice on 21st December.

Now, when I were a lad, everyone knew perfectly well that the Winter Solstice marks MIDWINTER, NOT the beginning of Winter just as the Summer Solstice marks MIDSUMMER, NOT the start of Summer. Surely it stands to reason that the shortest day and the longest day are the signs that things are changing for the better.

In days of yore our ancestors depended on knowing that Midwinter had at last come to help them judge whether or not they had enough food to last them and their sheep and cattle until grass was lush enough to put meat on bones and goodness into milk; when at last some vegetables could be harvested to keep starvation at bay. Likewise the arrival of Midsummer was a festival time to celebrate the coming harvest and milder weather (hopefully) after hours of backbreaking work in the fields for the local bigwig ploughing, sowing, reaping and mowing in blistering heat – or whatever.

Similarly the Spring Equinox and the Autumn Equinox mark the middle of Spring and Autumn respectively and were times of celebration, the first to mark relief that all the crops were sown and the second to mark relief that they were all safely gathered in. Our Roman conquerors, who ruled these lands for nigh on four hundred years, got it right.

And yet, the Met Office insists on telling us that these ancient festivals mark the beginning of the respective seasons – how ignorant of our traditions can you get? Even the missionary priests who brought Christianity to these pagan islands in the third and fourth century AD were bright enough to realise they would make converts to their new religion, if they had the sense to recognise the existing festivals and mark them with Christian ones. They even built their churches, for heaven's sake, on the holy sites long revered by the native people who had worshipped their gods there since time out of mind. (The Romans before them even had the good sense to recognise some of their gods as the same as their own).

JWT, Bean 23 Dec 17

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND 6 WEEKS CONSULTATION BEAN & EBBSFLEET JUNCTIONS IMPROVEMENTS

From 21st February – Last Comments 4th April 2018

This is the Formal Consultation. The programme to display the latest proposals includes:

- Sat 24 Feb 2018, 10 am – 3 pm: Bean Community Centre
- Sat 3 March 2018, 9 am – 9 pm: Bluewater
- Mon 5 March 2018, 8:15 pm HE and Atkins presentation at Special Meeting in Bean Community Centre

Questions to ask: - If 1-11 Ightham Cottages and Horse Sanctuary are to be removed, will they be relocated nearby?

Does larger roundabout need land in front of Hope Cottages?

How close to Beacon Drive is Contractor's Compound to be?

What is route for pedestrians and cyclists across junction?

Will slip road, Bluewater -> Bean and -> Hospital be closed?

Who will deal with Bluewater peaks if it's not in new design?

What is effect if 2 lanes south at Bluewater are removed?

Has any allowance been made for London Resort?

HAVE YOUR SAY – WHICH 3 KENT HOSPITALS SHOULD HAVE SPECIALIST STROKE CENTRES? & -AGREE WITH NEW WARD BOUNDARY FOR BEAN?

1. **NHS** want your views on plans to establish three 24/7 hyper acute stroke units in Kent and Medway. The consultation ends midnight Friday 13 April 2018.

<https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stoke-consultation-questionnaire/>

2. The **Local Government Boundary Commission** is asking for comments on draft recommendations for new ward boundaries across Dartford.

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<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/10379>

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Daisy Bowman, nee Roper, Headmistress of Bean School

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Next I know of Daisy is when she married on the 22 December 1923 to Arthur John Bowman, he was 28 she was 23. Arthur's occupation was given as a car painter, and he was living at 140 New Colney Road Dartford. Daisy and her family were still at Darenth Wood farm at that time. Sometime after their marriage Daisy and Arthur set up home at 5 Ightham Cottages, Bean. Daisy was an elementary teacher at Bean School and by 1958 at least she was the head mistress. At that time there were 48 children attending the school, six of whom were from Betsham who were picked up by a council bus at 8.30 a.m., the other 42 being children from Bean.

Daisy and Arthur continued living at 5 Ightham Cottages until Arthur's death on the 31 Oct 1958. He was cremated at Eltham Crematorium and the entry in the Book of Remembrance states that Arthur had been in the Royal Garrison Artillery during WWI (he was a corporal) and had been awarded the Military Medal for an act of courage during that time.

By 1961 Mr Ivor Jones was the headmaster at Bean School. At some time Daisy moved away to the Huntingdon, Cambridge area where she died during July 1999, just a year short of her 100th birthday.

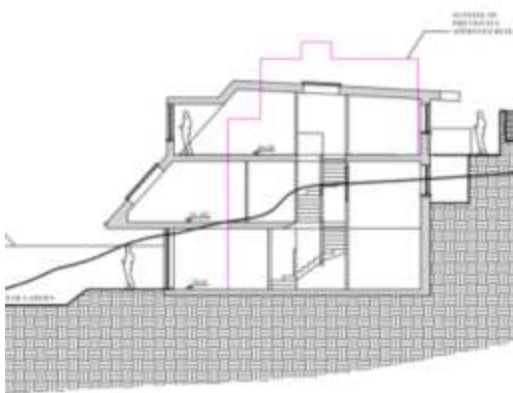
This is a very short article on Daisy Bowman. If you have any memories of Daisy's time at Bean School and can provide any further information, or remember your parents' stories of her, perhaps you would kindly let the Editor know. Thank you

APPLICATION BEACON DRIVE/ DRUDGEON WAY

3 Pairs Semi-detached 3 Bedroom Houses (6 units instead of 5 previously approved) with Access Road between 68 and 70 Beacon Drive

This is the 7th Application by Vision Homes. It was submitted in July 2016 but not able to be decided until 8th February 2018. Assistant Secretary, Ashley Johnson, spoke against approval and Ian Coward of Collins & Coward spoke in favour. After debate, 15 Members of the Development Control Board voted for the Officer's recommendation, 1 against and 1 abstained. Approval is subject to 23 Conditions including Slow Worm translocation to Beacon Wood Country Park, Japanese Knotweed removal, prevention of damage to trees/ hedges and the applicant being "... advised that the soft and hard landscaping plans are not considered acceptable ...". Approved, but not yet approved!

OSM Architects Plan and Section



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Burglary

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

Criminal damage and arson

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

Drugs

Includes offences related to possession, supply and production.

Other crime

Includes forgery, perjury and other miscellaneous crime.

Other theft

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

Possession of weapons

Includes possession of a weapon, such as a firearm or knife.

Public disorder and weapons

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

Public order

Includes offences which cause fear, alarm or distress.

Robbery

Includes offences where a person uses force or threat of force to steal.

Shoplifting

Includes theft from shops or stalls.

Theft from the person

Includes crimes that involve theft directly from the victim (including handbag, wallet, cash, mobile phones) but without the use or threat of physical force.

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Bean Village Hall Bookings

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Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30pm Zumba	Laura	07731 303925
Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00pm. Young at Heart	Contact the committee	
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15pm. Cubs	Amanda King	07715 169250
Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00pm. Scouts	Neil Warburton	01474 707382
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Friday 4:00 - 6:00pm Elite Academy	James 07730 445624, Natasha	07928 050414
Sunday 10:00 - 11.00am. St. Nicholas Church,	Don White	01474 705430
Mon - Fri 9:15 - 12:00 noon. Jumping Beans Pre-School	Allison Barrass	07771864937

Doctors

Swanscombe and Bean Partnership	Bean Surgery, High St. Bean	01474 707236
Dr. Bora	Beacon Drive, Bean	01474 708672

Church

St. Nicholas Southfleet Serving Bean, Betsham, New Barn and Southfleet.

The Rector post is currently vacant 01474 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@btintenet.com

Bean Parish Council meet on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. in the Bean Community Center. All Bean residents are welcome to attend. 01474 832999

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