

Newsletter of The Bean Residents Association

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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.

**The Next Bean Residents Association meetings will be Held on
Monday 4th March at 8:15 PM**

See page 9 for details

**Highways England will be presenting details of the new Bean
Interchange plan from 8:15 PM in the Hall**

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**THE COPY DATE FOR THE June 2019
BEAN'S TALK is the 1st May 2019**

Common abbreviations used in the newsletter

KCC Kent County Council

Cllr. Councillor

EDC Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

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 on the Monday the 6th August and Monday the 1st October 2018

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 30 items of correspondence on 11 topics since the previous meeting:

- 6 x Police
- 1 x KCC
- 4 x Highways England
- 2 x Peninsular Management Group
- 2 x DBC
- 1 x BeansTalk
- 5 x BPC & Country Park
- 1 x Bean Triangle
- 6 x EDC
- 1 x Consultation
- 1 x Meeting Notice

Updates:

- **Policing** - No NPM Meeting prior to RA Meeting – Both PCSOs on leave and PC Quilter no longer covering the Bean area. May, June and July crime figure below.
- **HE Meeting at Forestall Timber** 10th July. Representatives from Highways England visited Forestall Timber to inspect impact proposed Works might have. Seemed surprised where A2 boundary is. [*Later HE letter said, land not required*]
- **3 Abandoned vehicles Watling Street** - 1 vehicle has been removed, but 2 remain. KCC appear not to have the money to remove them.
- **Atkins** re-start A2 Surveys at Bean/Southfleet from 30th July lasting about 1 week.

- **Bluewater** are due to attend the AGM Meeting on 3rd September. They will talk about future proposals and update us on current ones.
- **Springhead** - Pepperhill Recycling Plant is due to re-open on Monday 13th August.

Consultations:

- **A2 Bean/Ebbsfleet Improvements** - KCC, DBC & Bean RA all objected to the planned improvements. Now using Draft Order documents - 6 weeks for comments.
- **KCC Rural Transport** - KCC want to change bus services. Bean RA commented.
- **KCC Rights of Way** - Improvement Plan ends on 12th September. Not sure what it means for Bean - maybe cycle paths to connect with Ebbsfleet Garden City.

Parish Council:

- **Report** – War Memorial will be sited at the junction of High Street/Shellbank Lane. Some money from DBC to help with cost.
- **Country Park** - Nothing to report.
- **Radar signs** - Radar signs for High Street - preliminary stage at present; with KCC.
- **Community Bus** - New bus has arrived. Trip to Hastings and a private hire. More drivers wanted. Seating on new bus can be rearranged; also has a wheelchair lift.
- **Additional Bus Shelter** - Decision on location may not be until 2019.

AOB:

- **Royal Oak** - planning application re Pond Management Condition. Previous application was inadequate. RA to reply by 22nd August 2018. Future Owners of 33 School Lane were present and expressed enthusiasm to look after Pond. It was agreed to copy them the Bean RA interim response.
- **BD/DW Site for 6 new Houses**– Slow Worms relocation to Country Park agreed.
- **Broken glass in recreation area** - deliberate placing of broken glass under climbing frame and in toddlers' area. Keith said Parish

Council aware and are trying to stop it.

- Compliments made about improvement to front garden of 35 Beacon Drive.
- Email from Bean resident seeking CCTV to catch criminals. Seems to work in Car Parks, but Keith said benefit not proven in Rural Housing Areas. Unclear where it would be installed as crimes not confined to one street. Who would pay to operate it and search for faces/ vehicles. Matter to be raised again when Police present.

1st October 2018

Secretary's report:

Ashley Johnson (Assistant Secretary) reported that there had been 71 items of correspondence on 11 topics during August and September:

- 1 x Police
- 1 x KCC
- 3 x Highways England
- 1 x Peninsular Management Group
- 16 x DBC
- 4 x Beans Talk & History
- 1 x BPC & Country Park
- 3 x Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
- 1 x Campaign to Protect Rural England
- 2 x Bluewater
- 31 x Showmen Travellers Application
- 4 x Meeting Notices
- 3 x Royal Oak Pond

Updates:

- **Showmen Travellers** - 621 objections, mostly against building on Green Belt land. Cllr Hammock thought Application may go to DBC Board, possibly in December.
- **Royal Oak Pond** - Maintenance matter regarding pond. Buyers for No. 33 School Lane pulled out. PC not maintaining pond unless they own it. Have offered to buy it for £1 from Mayfair. Waiting to see if any new buyer for No. 33 will take it on.
- **3 Abandoned commercial vehicles** - matter has been reported to

DBC and EDC but KCC concerned about removal cost. The surrounding fly-tipping has been removed.

- **Bluewater** – Unable to attend the AGM. New date to be arranged.

Consultations:

- **HE-A2Bean & Ebbsfleet Junctions** – HE to attend 5-Nov meeting. Area required has reduced from 35 acres to 17 acres. A meeting with RA and PC being arranged.
- **KCC** - proposed to introduce charges for recycling soil, plasterboard etc. After discussion it was agreed to oppose this as it could increase roadside dumping. Charges to use Kent sites should only apply to people living outside of the County.
- **EDC** - Report re Bean Triangle Environmental Improvements - not yet released.

Parish Council Report:

- Installation of Defibrillator and War Memorial being arranged. KCC to inspect potential site for radar speed sign.
- 13 Travellers attended the 10 September PC meeting to state their case.
- Said they only wanted to provide a stable home for their families outside of the show season.
- Wanted to clarify previous misunderstandings.
- When asked, they said that they are currently based in several sites which can no longer accommodate them.
- Cllr Hammock had informed them that the PC was only a consultee in this Planning Application and as such had no decision-making powers. BPC would be making comments on the development application, but not on the applicants themselves.
- When applicants were asked why they had chosen to purchase Green-Belt land to develop there was no reply.

Country Park –

- Environmental survey recorded that the Country Park was well run.

Communnity Bus -

- More drivers are wanted. Colin Smith very poorly.

AOB:

- Stonewood – a mobility impaired resident had heard that the number of disabled parking bays outside flats was only 2, but should be 3. DBC have replied regarding matter and will repaint the bays. Cllr Hammock said this had raised awareness.
- Crime figures - Unreliable figures for July. The August figures were awaited.
- Horse manure outside Post Office - who cleans it up?
- Rubbish in Bramble Avenue front garden has now been cleared up.
- Rubbish left in Stonewood parking bays by contractor- reported to DBC.

Crime:**May - 19 reported crimes:**

- 2 x B255 (1) Criminal damage & arson (1) Vehicle crime
- 1 x Bramble Avenue - Anti-social behaviour
- 1 x Drudgeon Way - Violence & sexual offences.
- 1 x Highcross - Drugs
- 2 x Page Close - (1) Anti-social behaviour, (1) Criminal damage & arson
- 6 x Pedestrian subway - (2) Public order, (4) Vehicle crime
- 1 x Sandbanks Hill - Public Order
- 2 x School Lane -(1) Vehicle crime (1) Criminal damage & arson
- 2 x Shellbank Lane - Violence & sexual offences
- 1 x Stonewood - Anti-social behaviour

June - 26 reported crimes:

- 1 x B255 (N of A2) - Possession of weapon
- 2 x Bean Lane (S of A2) - (1) Public order, (1) Violence & sexual offences
- 2 x Bramble Avenue - (1) Criminal damage & arson, (1) Violence & sexual offences
- 3 x Drudgeon Way - (1) Anti-social behaviour, (1) Vehicle crime, (1) Violence & sexual offences.
- 2 x Foxwood - (1) Criminal damage & arson, (1) Other theft
- 1 x High Street - Vehicle crime
- 2 x Page Close - (1) Other theft, (1) Violence & sexual offences
- 3 x Pedestrian Subway - (1) Violence & sexual offences, (2) Other

crime

- 1 x Sandbanks Hill - Violence & sexual offences
- 1 x Sandy Lane - Other theft
- 1 x School Lane - Violence & sexual offences
- 4 x Sports/Rec Area - (1) Anti-social behaviour, (3) Violence & sexual offences
- 2 x Stonewood - (1) Anti-social behaviour, (1) Burglary
- 1 x Turner Road - Violence & sexual offences

July - 7 reported crimes (Interim from PCSO)

- 1 x Burglary & Theft
- 2x Theft from motor vehicle
- 2 x Attempted criminal damage
- 1 x Harassment
- 1 x Assault

Planning

PLANNING MATTERS

- 1. SHOWMEN TRAVELLERS:** Objectors had a letter from Dartford Borough Council to say the Application has been “Withdrawn”. We understand that it was likely to be refused for several reasons and the applicant decided that he wished to withdraw it rather than it be rejected.
- 2. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND PUBLISHED ORDERS FOR BEAN & EBBSFLEET JUNCTIONS IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980:** There will be 6 weeks to make comments on the latest documents. It is unlikely that we will be satisfied that it is essential to demolish eleven homes in Bean for an enlarged Ightham Cottages roundabout or to remove the Spirits Rest Horse Sanctuary for a new eastbound slip road to the A2. Highways England and Atkins will attend the monthly Bean RA meeting at 8: 15 pm on Monday 4th March 2019. (See page 9)
- 3. EBSFLEET GARDEN CITY MASTER PLANS FOR 5,000 HOMES:** These are in addition to 1,200 homes at “*Castle Hill*” at the eastern end of Eastern Quarry. The new plans are for a central Village called “*Alkerden*” and one at the western end called “*Ashmere*” The road access would be onto Watling Street Bean and St Clements Way. We made comments to Ebbsfleet Development Corporation.

4. **OPTIONS FOR NEW AND IMPROVED ROUTES FOR NON_MOTORISED USERS:** Highways England have concepts for upgrading Footpaths/ Cycle Paths and a new Bridle Way in Dartford and Gravesham. We have made initial comments favouring a Sandy Lane Cycle Route.
5. **APPLICATION FOR 4th DWELLING ON FORMER ROYAL OAK LAND:** The Planning Officer has asked for extra information and expects re-consultation to take place.

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8:15 – 9:15 pm Highways England
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Scheme Orders Presentation

by Stephen Binkuweir (HE) & Carol Harris
(Atkins)

Followed by question and answer session

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Concluding with Bean RA Monthly Meeting: -
Minutes of 4th Feb 2019 Meeting and Matters
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'Shoe boxes' are also an important part of our giving to those in need. They can be brought to the Community Centre on a Sunday morning from the beginning of September. If you are unable to complete a whole box then any suitable items will help us to make up more boxes.

We continue to support 'Prostrate Cancer' by collecting plastic Milk bottle tops (with a '2' or '4' cast in a triangle on the inside), also used postage stamps for the RNLI. They can be brought to the Community Centre any Sunday between 8.30am – 10.45am.

This year on Mothering Sunday 31st March, our Services in the Community Centre will have been taking place for 29 years. Come and celebrate with us. Is there anybody who would like to come and play the Keyboard at our weekly services. This would be for two services a month and would involve accompanying the hymns. It would be a good help for somebody, young or old to gain experience and confidence. If you would like to join us ring Don (01474705430)

Prayer is a very important part of the Christian life. The present world is finding itself more and more in local wars, terrorism, killings and dreadful acts of violence. We need to come together and pray that the love of Christ may overcome this way of life. We have a Prayer list at the back of the church each week which is for those known who are 'Sick and Bereaved' in the village. It is open to all to contribute the names of those known to them. These names are read out during our weekly services. If you know of any who would like their name to be included please get in touch and it can be added.

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Kelly's Directory 1913

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As I write it is pouring with rain outside and blowing a gale – not uncommon for 7th February... February Fill-Dyke as it used to be commonly called once upon a time, which indicates to me that we are experiencing ‘weather’ NOT climate change!

We have finally arrived at Spring, although the Met Office (in its ignorance) has re-scheduled Spring to begin at the Vernal Equinox, which is actually the middle of Spring. We enjoy four seasons that last three months each and are centred on the Sun events – ie: the equinoxes (roughly 21st April and 21st September give or take a day or two) and the solstices (roughly 21st June and 21st December – the longest and shortest days respectively, again give or take a day or two).

By those ancient rules of thumb, the first day of Spring falls on or about 6th February, a day – unlike today – when daffodils often brighten our roadsides and gardens. It is also the time when our garden birds begin to pair off for mating, which anyone who enjoys watching our feathered friends will have noticed.

The Romans insisted that 1st March was the first day of Spring and the beginning of the new year. According to their ancient custom Spring began when the Chief Priest in Rome stuck his finger into the ground in his garden at home and said it was now warm enough to start planting seeds.

Those with even a passing knowledge of Latin will realise that the ancient Romans only had a ten-month year, most of which were known by their Roman numeral. The first four months being a bit special were named after Gods or Goddesses, Mars (the god of war but also of cultivation), Aprilis (a half-forgotten goddess of fertility (I think), Maia (Mother Earth) and Juno (the wife of Jupiter, the Father of the Gods). The months of January and February were only inserted, when it was realised that the priesthood was useless at predicting the weather and a more ‘scientific’ method of governing the dates was needed in order to get the progression of the year right.

The fifth and sixth months were re-named successively after Julius Caesar and his successor and nephew Caesar Augustus. Thus we arrive at the seventh month, September after the Roman numeral, 'septem'. When December was over, presumably the ancient Romans retired to their beds to keep warm and wait out the cold weather, hoping their supplies of stored food would last them through till the year became productive again.

Thank heavens for our modern calendar and our wonderful village store I say!

JWT, Bean, 7th Feb 2019

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I would like to say a big public thank you to my good Samaritan, Syed who helped me up Beacon Drive in the snow with my suitcase on Saturday night 1st February. I wouldn't have got home without you. You are a star and I hope you found your other glove :)

Down on the Allotment

We have had a relatively mild winter with only the occasional cold spell so it has been possible to dig many of the plots & manure them ready for spring planting. The down side is many of the pests will have survived the winter so we will have to control them this spring.

March can still be a cold month but if we get some strong sun the ground may be warm enough to sow hardy crops like peas, leeks, parsnips & some brassicas. However many plants will benefit from being sown indoors & planted out once they are established. They should be “Harden off” first before planting out by being moved to a cold frame. Here the lid should be kept closed for the first week or two & then opened on dry frost free days. Finally the lid should be left open both day & night for a further week before planting out.

March or April is the time to dig the trenches for your runner beans which should be 1-2ft wide & 1ft deep. Fill them with compost or well-rotted manure ready for planting in May or June. By late March it should be warm enough to plant the first early potatoes followed in April by the 2nd earlies & main crop which will have been chitting since February. Many of the seedlings raised indoors will be ready for transplanting outside but we could still get a hard frost in April which would kill off tender plants overnight so do cover them if a frost is forecast.

By May many of the vegetable seeds can be sown directly outdoors but you still need to sow cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins & squashes indoors to ensure germination before planting out the next month.

If you would be interested in taking on an allotment plot please contact Elaine on 07941760428 or visit the site and speak to Ted or Jim who are normally on site most mornings

Landlords of The Black Horse, Bean

The Black Horse, as with all pubs, would have been the centre of the village. Coroners Courts would have been held there, and all manner of information could have been obtained from the pub, as to the sale of horses, purchase of fruit trees, etc. below is a pictures of the Black Horse (sometimes called The Black Horse and Fruit Cart) .

John Munn

In the Tithe Schedule for Bean 3 Aug 1838 it states that John Munn was the occupier of The Black Horse comprising of the house and garden. He had to pay the Rector 2 shillings for the tithe. The owner of the property was John Black Miskin who was a brewer and owned a brewery in Dartford. Miskin Road and the Miskin Theatre are named after him. 2 shillings being a considerable sum in those days the Black Horse must have been an established concern.

John and his family appear in the 1841 census for Been (sic) Street. At that time he was said to be 40, a beer seller, his wife Mary was said to be 35 and they had a son John living with them who was 13. Also in the household was Ann Goult, a 70 year old widow, and the possibility is that she could be Mary's mother. There was the marriage of John Munn and Mary Goatley on the 14 May 1815 at St Michael's West Wickham, which might prove the point (spelling was always a flexible matter in those days). As well as son John, there was a daughter Harriet who was baptised 25 Feb 1821 at St Mary's Stone, and she will feature in the next licenced victualler's story. At the time of Harriet's baptism John her father was said to be of Bean Stone and his occupation was given as a labourer.

In the 1851 census John was still in Bean Street and listed as a retailer of beer, and he is recorded as being blind. His birthplace was given as Stone and there is the record of John, son of James and Mary Munn born on 16 August 1794, being privately baptised and then received into the Church at Stone on 7 September 1794. Mary his wife had put

her age at 58 making her birth date about 1793 and her birthplace was given as Essex. Son John was also born in Stone, about 1830 and there is the baptism of John, son of John and Mary Munn at Stone on the 23 November 1828, when the father's occupation was that of a Labourer.

Neither John nor his wife Mary appear in the 1861 census, but there were two burials at Stone Church, the first of John Munn aged 58 who was buried there on the 27 Feb 1853, to be followed the next month by Mary Munn aged 60 who was buried there on the 27 March 1853, and these could be this couple.

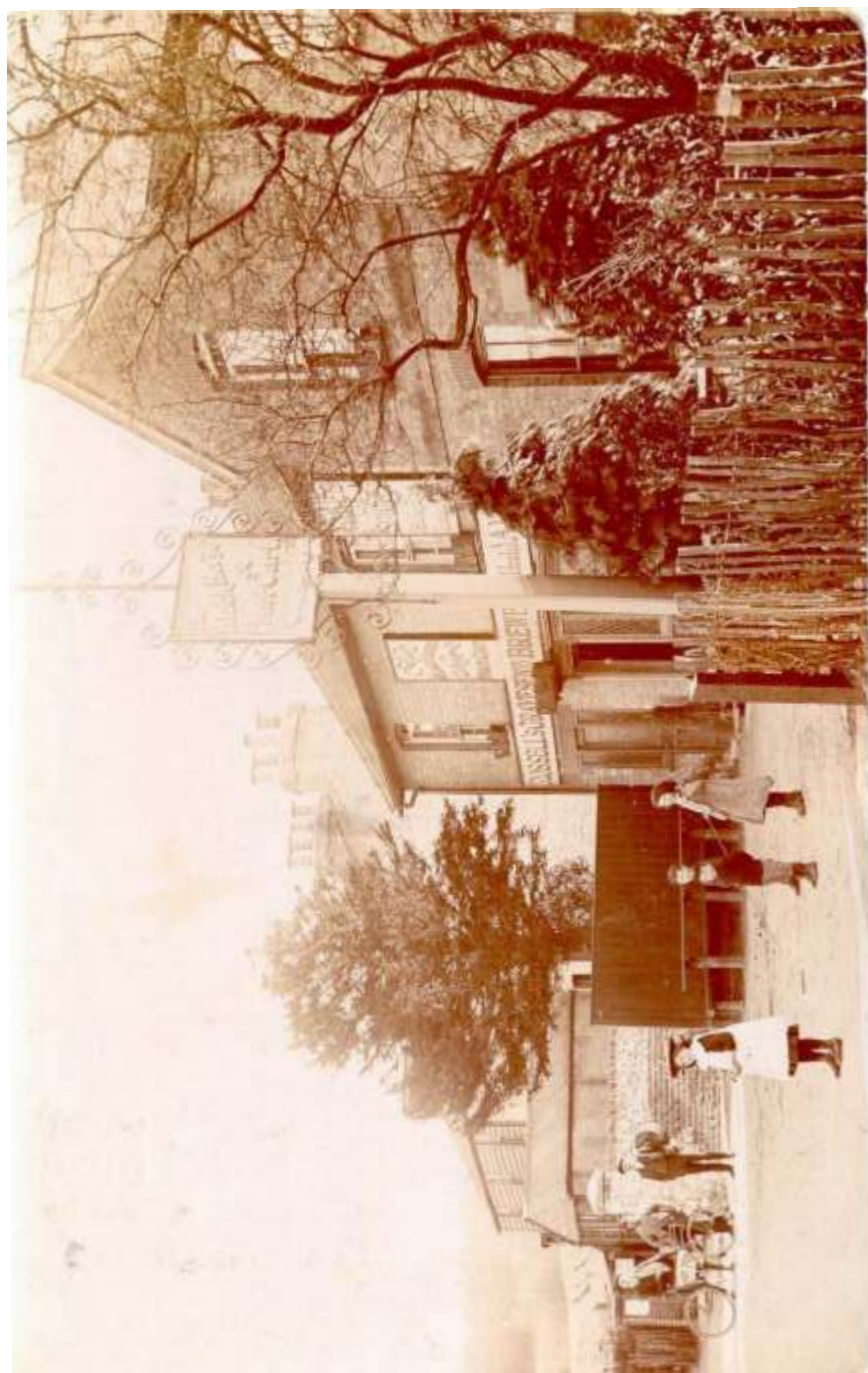
Thomas Cooper

In 1861 John and Mary Munn's son, also called John, was a lodger in Old Bean with Thomas Cooper, Beer Seller. Thomas Cooper was born in Darenth, and baptised at St Margaret's Darenth on the 10 Dec 1815, the son of Thomas and Mary Cooper. He was married to Harriet Munn who was sister to John the lodger, and the daughter of John and Mary Munn. Thomas and Harriet had married at St Alphege Greenwich 3 March 1839. They both gave their address as Limekilns and probably they were both working there at the time. Thomas and Harriet had at least six children, their descendants probably still living in the area.

The Gravesend Reporter of the 23 Sept 1865 states that Mr. Russell (of Gravesend brewery) applied to Mr. Thomas Cooper of the Black Horse in the parish of Bean. As there was no opposition the licence was granted.

Thomas Cooper died on the 3 Jan 1867 aged 51 and was buried at St Mary's Stone on the 13 Jan 1867. His Letters of Administration were granted to his widow Harriet Cooper. It states that Thomas was late of the Black Horse public house, Bean.

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To all those residents who have recently moved to Bean. With the cat on the sign.

We extend a huge welcome and hope you enjoy your new home. We would welcome you all at both the residents association and at the Bean Parish Council meetings to help keep Bean a great place to live. The Residents association meet on the first Monday of the Month, where as the Council meet on the second Monday of the month (except August).

Oasis Counselling Service

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As of January 2018, the service is based at Bizniz Point, Crown House, Home Gardens, Dartford DA1 1DZ, telephone number 01322 424509 / 07749 948407, website address www.oasiscounsellingservices.co.uk, email address info@oasiscounsellingservices.co.uk.

Oasis Counselling is a charity offering clients a professional, quality service. We cover general counselling issues, anger, depression, low self-esteem, self-harm, abuse, bereavement, and relationship issues and more. We also work with couples and families.

We don't have set fees but we do ask for a donation for each session. We value one-hour sessions at £45 each and £55 for couples. We appreciate people's honesty about what they feel able to donate, such that they value the service

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES and USEFUL NUMBERS.

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

POLICE

Emergency calls 999 /112	Non emergency calls	101
Neighbourhood Police Officer	Awaiting new information	
PCSO	Linda Down	07772 226125

Dartford Borough Council and Kent Community Wardens

Crime Support Unit DBC	Mark Sailsbury	01322 343434
Community Warden.	John Newton	07974183693
Community Warden	Control Centre	01732 885712
Crime Stoppers		800 555 111
Power Cut		105

Bean Village Hall Bookings

	Bean Parish Council	01474 832 999
Tuesday 4:00 - 7:00pm. Dance fever	Jo Regan	07927 196307
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
Thursday 5:00- 6:30pm. Brownies Sabrina	1stbeanbrownies@gmail.com	07789647970
Thursday 7:30 - 8:30pm Fitsteps	Kay	07751 497716
Sunday 10:00 - 11.00am. St. Nicholas Church,	Don White	01474 705430
Mon - Fri 9:15 - 12:00 noon. Tues, Thurs & Fri 12:30 - 3 pm Jumping Beans Pre-School		
Karen Hastings	07981520446	

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.

Priest in Charge: Rev'd Josh Young 07484154613 01474 833252

Sunday Service is held in the Bean Village Hall at 10am

Bean Residents Association

Bean Residents Association meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:15pm. in the Bean Village Hall. All Bean residents are welcome to attend.

Bean Parish Council.

E-mail Beanparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Web Page <https://www.hugofox.com/community/bean-parish-council-13254/bean-parish-council/>

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

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