



Beetley Buzz



(Covering Beetley, Old Beetley and East Bilney)

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For information on Beetley, Old Beetley and East Bilney please refer to the parish website: beetleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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NOTICES FOR MEETINGS

At present the Parish Council displays notices and agendas for all its meetings on the notice boards sited around the parish. These boards are at the Village Hall, Beech Road, Beetley Church, Gressenhall Road/Fakenham Road junction, Church Road East Bilney and Hall Road East Bilney.

The Parish Council also posts the notices and agendas on the website. It is considering only posting these in future on the website but did not wish to proceed with this until the parish has been consulted.

If any one has any comments to make regarding this change please contact the Clerk 01362861112 or bryan.leigh@btinternet.com

BEETLEY CHAPEL

Invites you to a
COFFEE MORNING

Saturday

24th March 2018

9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Traidcraft, books, bric-a-brac, cakes

Beetley and East Bilney Village Hall

Craft Fair

On

25th March 2018

10am-4pm

Varied stalls including

Cake stall (some gluten free)

Tea, coffee and bacon rolls also available

In aid of SERV (Norfolk Blood Bikes—a small charity who transport blood or expressed milk to hospitals)

For more information contact Erika Bovill
01362 860174

BEETLEY PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

The scheme is available for all residents of Beetley, East Bilney and Old Beetley. A car can be booked for any health related appointment: doctor, dentist, hospital (including Addenbrookes and Papworth), chiropodist etc., and visiting the sick and elderly. The only criteria is that the person does not have use of a vehicle on a temporary basis (unable to drive due to illness, injury or treatment which is to be given at the appointment) or permanently, and there is no suitable public transport available or the person would have difficulty in using public transport.

This Car Scheme is an organised non-profit making community transport scheme which is subsidised by Beetley Parish Council and Breckland Council. Please see the details below for charges and contact details.

To book a journey ring 01362 861112.

RETURN CHARGES ARE INCLUDING ONE RELATIVE / FRIEND IF REQUIRED.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn.....	£11.00
Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital	£9.00
Norwich Community Hospital (Old West Norwich Hospital).....	£9.00
Spire Hospital Norwich.....	£9.00
Global Clinic Norwich.....	£9.00
Cromer Hospital.....	£15.00
FAKENHAM.....	£4.50
LITCHAM.....	£3.10
DEREHAM.....	£2.00
NORTH ELMHAM.....	£1.70
SWANTON MORLEY.....	£1.70

ALL OTHER JOURNEYS ARE CHARGED AT 22.5P PER MILE-THE MINIMUM CHARGE IS £1.70

BEETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Beetley Parish Council was held on Thursday 1 February at Beetley Village Hall. There were present seven Parish Councillors one of whom, Councillor R Richmond, is also the District Councillor for Beetley Parish, County Councillor M Kiddle Morris and seven members of the public.

Planning. Applications. The Parish Council objected to the application to demolish the existing garage and erection of two storey extension, detached garage and renovation of existing dwelling at 49 Conway Elmham Road. It was felt that this two storey extension was out of keeping with the street scene and it would be a cramped form of development. Decisions. Approval had been granted by Breckland Council for the single storey extension to form garden room adjacent to lounge at Ferndale House The Drift East Bilney.

County and District Council Reports. The County Councillor reported that the portion of the council tax for the County Council will rise this year by 5.99%. This increase means the County Council will not have to cut the subsidies for bus services or cut back on the number of roads that are gritted. The District Councillor reported the Local Plan Examination in Public will take place over 12 days of hearings. Breckland has also been awarded £10 million to improve the infrastructure at Thetford which hopefully will allow houses that have had planning permission for some time to be started.

Highways. All items that have been reported are programmed for repair but it is not yet known when the maintenance will take place. The potholes on Fakenham Road near to the school flashing sign, the ironworks close to the bus shelter at High House Road, the junction with Church Road East Bilney and just north of Church Road have all been reported.

Footpaths. The Parish Council was pleased to see that several new finger posts had been erected but was disappointed that one had been placed in the same position as the last, in the hedge, so that it was not visible. Norfolk County Council will be requested to re-site or have the hedge cut back.

Community Car Scheme. Following the request for new drivers in the last edition of the Beetley Buzz two new drivers have volunteered. This should enable the scheme to maintain its service to the parish.

Bus Shelter. The roof of the bus shelter near to High House Road had lost its roof in Storm Ffion. The Parish Council has contacted its insurance company and is awaiting two quotations to send off a claim to have the shelter repaired.

Meetings. The next meeting of Beetley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1 March at the Village Hall, Beetley at 7.30 p.m. Planning applications are available for viewing from 7.15 p.m. Minutes. The full minutes are available for viewing on the Beetley Parish website, beetleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk, or by contacting the Clerk on 01362 861112 or bryan.leigh@btinternet.com.

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Please send items for the next Buzz to juliahighgables@hotmail.com by 20th of the month.

Beetley and District Preschool

Spring Time Afternoon Tea

Saturday 10th March

At Beetley Village Hall, NR20 4BY

From 2.30—4pm

£10 per person including afternoon tea and a glass of fizz (non-alcoholic alternatives available)

Crafts and food available at an additional £2.50 per child

Must be pre-booked in advance

Contact Debbie or 07917440229 or deborahlannon@hotmail.com

Welcome to the Workhouse

A special **FREE** event for players of the National Lottery at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Saturday 10 March, 10am - 5pm

Join us to mark the culmination of the Voices from the Workhouse project. This three-year project, generously funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and a range of local supporters, has completely transformed the museum displays, helping us to tell the real stories of the people who lived and worked in the workhouse.

Free for Norfolk Museums Pass holders and Friends of Gressenhall.

Free admission for up to 8 people on presentation of a National Lottery Ticket for draws between 6 and 19 March 2018. Includes Lotto, EuroMillions, Thunderball and Lotto Hotpicks. For more information, visit www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall

RECYCLING

Please use the recycling facilities as listed below as they generate income directly to the Parish, the Methodist Chapel and to the School and not any other third party.

Bottle Bank: New Inn Fakenham Road

Textile Bank: Village Hall Beetley

Paper Bank: Methodist Chapel Chapel Lane

Paper Bank: School Car Park Fakenham Road