



# Beetley Buzz



(Covering Beetley, Old Beetley and East Bilney)

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## Friends of St. Mary's Community Primary School, Beetley

Have a Car Boot Sale without having to leave the comfort of your own home.

**On Saturday 20th May**  
from 9am to 11.30am

For just £5 you can open your garage, yard or drive and display all your wares for sale. The school's PTA will plot your location on a map which will be on sale for £1 each from the school.

For other details, please contact the school office on 01362 860114.

We look forward to your support.



## Mid Norfolk Workout Group

Thanks to the National Lottery's Heritage Lottery Fund, the new Mid Norfolk Workout Group offers local people the chance to have a great free day out - activities include tree planting, creating paths, identifying wildlife and restoring habitats - at local sites including Longham Claypits and Hoe Rough.

People DON'T need to be fit or strong to take part or have any previous knowledge. A minibus picks up outside Dereham Post Office at 10.45am on Fridays, returning there at 2.45pm. Or people can meet us on site: sessions run from 11.15am to 2.15pm.

For a full programme of this friendly group's activities (with site locations) or any other enquiries, contact Mark Webster on 07843 069 567 or via [m.webster@tcv.org.uk](mailto:m.webster@tcv.org.uk) or see [www.tcv.org.uk/norfolk](http://www.tcv.org.uk/norfolk)



## Craft Fairs

25th June  
Beetley Village Hall

10am to 4pm

A fundraising event in aid of Pancreatic Cancer

**And**

20th August

Beetley Village Hall

10am to 4pm

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

## Meeting Point

STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2.00PM – 5.00PM

£5.00 PER TICKET

SUPER RAFFLE

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF SHEER INDULGENCE

at

Meeting Point, Jubilee Suite, St Withburga Lane  
Dereham NR16 1ED

Tickets available from:

JAN PHILLIPS - 01362 860859, CHRIS STUART  
- 01362 860047 OR MEETING POINT - 01362  
698866

Organised by Friends of Meeting Point (A Small  
Charity)

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Please send items by the 20th of the month to  
[juliahighgables@hotmail.com](mailto:juliahighgables@hotmail.com)

## **BEETLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Beetley Parish Council was held on Thursday 11 May 2017 at Beetley Village Hall. There were present five Parish Councillors one of whom, Councillor R Richmond, is also the District Councillor for Beetley Parish and County Councillor M Kiddle Morris.

Elections. Councillor Joanne Baldwin was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Councillor Jacqui O'Donovan Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Planning Applications. The Parish Council raised no objection to the detailed plans for the four dwellings and garages to the rear of The Paddocks. This site had received permission for four dwellings in 2016 as an outline plan and the members could see no reason to object to the detailed plans. No objection was also raised to remove the single storey extension to the rear construct new single storey extension to the rear and re-roof the garage at 19 Fakenham Road. A letter had been sent to Breckland Council regarding the development at 1 The Drift East Bilney. The Parish Council is to submit a further comment about this letter refuting some of the claims which are misleading. The members were pleased that a bat survey has been carried out at this property which was requested in the initial response.

Local Plan. The next stage of the consultation has been delayed and it is now expected in June or early July.

County Councillor Report. The County Councillor reported that Norfolk County Council following the elections on 4 May has a Conservative majority and the full Council will meet on 15 May to confirm the Leader and Deputy Leader plus the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of all Committees.

District Councillor Report. The District Councillor reported that the housing plans for Thetford are still in outline and so no new houses have been built which affects the housing allocations in other areas of Breckland. Breckland Council is still stating that it has a five year housing supply but several developers have disputed this but at present there has been no legal challenge.

Highways. The members were disappointed with the re-surfacing at the junction at Corner Nurseries and will be writing to a landowner requesting that he cuts back the vegetation around the road signs on the approach to East Bilney. Norfolk County Council had confirmed that the potholes on Fludges Lane from the church in East Bilney through to Brisley are to be repaired. The vandalism on the footbridge on Folly Lane had been promptly repaired by Norfolk County Council.

Beetley River Meadows Play Area. Clarification has had to be obtained for the fencing at the play area but this has now been resolved and it is hoped that this will be erected by the end of June.

Finance. The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 had been audited by the Internal Auditor and these were approved at the meeting. The accounts will be posted on the website and any parishioner has the right to inspect these accounts by contacting the Clerk. All the information regarding the accounts will be posted on the website.

Recycling. The payment from Breckland Council for the year from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 was £1018.23. This compares with £1449.59 for the previous year. The income from the bottle bank at the New Inn was £583.32 which compares with £400.45 for the previous year. Unfortunately the income from the textile bank at the Village Hall was only £434.91 compared with £1049.104 the previous year. Breckland Council changed the contractor for the textiles and the new contractor will not take cushions, pillows or quilts which it is believed has reduced the tonnage considerably.

Meetings. The next meeting of Beetley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1 June 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](http://beetleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk), or by contacting the Clerk on 01362 861112 or

## **BEETLEY PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME**

This 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 be it 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.

The contact number to book a journey is  
01362 861112.