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WELCOME TO A NEW VILLAGE VOICE

"Your Village Voice" will now pop through your letterbox early every month.

It is the idea of the Parish Council and it is open to every resident or local group to exchange news and publicise events.

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MAJOR VILLAGE SPORTS PLAN

Belton with Browston Parish Council are leading a bid to provide full sports facilities for players and spectators in the villages.

Exciting plans to be put to villagers in the spring would see New Road playing field developed in phases to eventually provide a full soccer pitch, 5 a side pitch, bowling green, cricket square and a hard surface court, with flood lighting.

BELL LANE PROBLEMS
The Fight Back Starts Now!

Bell Lane precinct - could be paved and re branded 'Village Centre'.

A look at the past shows how much our Village Voice Monthly Magazine has come in 16 years since Malcolm Scott started it all. Number 1 in April 2000 was a 4 page mono edition, the first item through our letter box when we moved into Belton in that year. We now have a lovely glossy 24 page edition each month which is due to much hard work that Brian Swan the past editor contributed to the magazine.

When you look through the past 16 years of the magazine the thing that has not changed very much is the news. It keeps recycling. I wonder if the other items on the sports field will ever happen? Bill Richmond (VV Board)

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FROM THE DOG WARDENS

Please be aware there has been an increase in dog fouling around the village lately, it is such a disappointment to see our lovely village being spoilt by a few lazy dog owners. The whole of the borough is covered by the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, meaning those who fail to clear up after their dogs can incur a fine of up to £1,000 in the courts, or an £80 fixed penalty notice. If you see a dog fouling and you have the chance please get a photo and identity of the dog and owner time and place and get in touch with either me on 07899947981, email lesleychalmers8@btinternet.com or Kerry on 01493 846677 email kph@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

There have been several people fined in The Borough lately don't let it be you!

Whilst on the subject of our beautiful dogs have you had your dogs micro chipped? From 6 April 2016 all dogs in England, Scotland and Wales will be legally required to be micro-chipped and their details registered on one of the authorised databases such as Petlog. Northern Ireland has already introduced this measure.

There are many places offering free micro chipping although the cost is relatively small anyway usually under £15, talk to your local RSPCA, Dogs Trust or other animal welfare trust to see if they are offering it free. This will help get your dog back safely if it is lost or stolen, it will also help get you informed if your dog is involved in an accident. There is also a petition going at the moment to stop micro chipped dogs being destroyed without trying to contact the owners where if your dog gets out and was not micro chipped it could be put to sleep after just a few days of not being claimed, so again don't let this happen to your dog get it chipped! Please also be aware micro chipping does not replace a dog needing an identity tag all the times it is out in a public place unless it is working (example Gun Dog working on a shoot)

I would also like to warn you please don't leave your dogs tied up outside shops or anywhere else where you cannot see them it only takes a few seconds for someone to steal your dog, often they are stolen as bait dogs which means they will be used by dog fighting rings as practice for fighting dogs, in these cases their teeth are often filed down so they cannot protect themselves and they are killed by fighting dogs so never leave your dog unattended as any dog can be bait! The people who steal your family pet for this sport if you can call it that are not bothered if your dog is old, young, pedigree or mongrel, they also watch the local papers looking for dogs advertised free to a good home so never advertise your dog that way always give it to the breed rescue. These people can turn up looking very smart and tell you your dog will have a great life with a lovely garden etc. never trust anybody with your dog they are a love and a treasure to you but to someone else they could be just money. Please also be aware that dogs are not allowed in the small children's area or the fenced hard court area on the Bell Lane playing field. With all that said enjoy your dogs, they are a big part of your family ours will enjoy many camping trips this year, and many lovely walks. Having three keeps me very busy but never too busy to enjoy meeting your dogs too.

Lesley on behalf of all the village dog wardens and Borough Rangers.

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EDITORSHIP

Its with a sad heart I find that I am no longer able to continue as Editor of the Village Voice. In the short time I was Editor I found the role interesting and challenging.

I appeal to anyone out there who is looking for a role within the community to take up the mantel. Please contact Brian Swan for more details.

May's Edition

Will all contributors please ensure your articles and photos are with us by April 13th at the latest. Earlier if possible to help with printing.

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BELTON PARISH PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

Norfolk County Council and many Parish Councils throughout Norfolk are combining for a share of over £750,00 for highways related schemes in their areas.

Although there are a total of 122 schemes there are only two in the whole of the Great Yarmouth Borough area and these are both for Belton with Browston Parish Council. The cost of £4407 will be equally shared between the County and Belton to construct a "Trodd", a hardcore footpath to fill in one of the last gaps in the parishes network of paths, this will run from the Waveney Drive bus shelter along Bracon Road to link with the existing path near to the Ranworth Close entrance and will also involve cutting back of some of the brambles in the area.

The same payment plan will apply to a scheme costing £3548 to install a set of flashing 20MPH "Wig Wag" signs on Bracon Road at the junction with Moorland Way, these will only operate at school arrival and departure times and will assist the control person as well as making it safer for pupils on their way to and from Moorlands Primary Academy. Both schemes will be completed in the 2016/17 financial year.

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BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL



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FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Twelve parish councillors, county councillor Colin Aldred, borough councillor Brian Lawn and two members of the public attended the February meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, John Rudrum was in the chair. The points raised in the public section were an increase in dog fouling in the village, a request for more litter bins including re-siting of one of the two at the entrance to the Wild Duck Holiday Park and a request for more lighting on the Bell Lane Playing Field.

Councillor Aldred reported that the missing warning sign on the A143 at Belton Cross Roads will be replaced, the road surface there will have on going temporary repairs until a full resurfacing planned for September, Regarding the lack of signs on the A12 indicating the new link road goes to Belton/Bradwell temporary additions will now be placed on existing boards as long term the main A12 roundabout at the Links Road junction will be remodelled. Members reported on two meetings with Anglian Water involving Belton, Burgh Castle and Bradwell councils over sewage capacity concerns, it was stated that answers to questions and action is still needed, it was agreed that further meetings would be needed with the company involving all the local parish councillors, the company have indicated that the Stepshort pumping station is one to be updated this coming winter.

The community caretaker has been asked to see which hedges are causing access problems in the pathway from Heather Gardens to Station Road North so that action can be taken to get them cleared.

There were two new planning applications, a slight increase in roof levels for the recently approved plans at 35 St. James Crescent and change of use of the former school caretakers bungalow on Bell lane to a family therapy support unit for Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, the comment on both of these was no objections subject to the views of neighbours. It was reported that the Borough Council had not implemented the Community Infrastructure Levy as they felt that it would have an adverse effect on new property sales as prices would be increased by developers to pay for it however the clerk was instructed to find out how much the Section 106 fund monies were likely to be from the proposed development behind Bland Corner and to make the Borough aware

that the parish would be applying to use these funds in due course.

There have been two accidents involving vans on the corner by the shoppers car park recently one certainly causing serious injury to a pedestrian and councillors are concerned about general safety in that area.

COUNCIL DIARY

Belton with Browston Parish Council holds its meetings at the at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre, Belton and for the last three months has been experimenting with just one monthly meeting, as members will not take a decision on retaining that system or reverting to the two meeting system till after Village Voice has gone to print we will just give the one confirmed meeting this month and ask that you watch the notice boards for any earlier meeting in April, the meeting booked is for Tuesday April 19th. All council meetings are open to the public, commence at 7.30pm and questions can be put to councillors during the first 15 minutes of each meeting (normally restricted to one question per person present).

The Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer is available at the same location, again monthly for the trial period, on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 10.30am to meet with and take note of residents queries, the next date will be on Wednesday April 13th. If you wish to confirm that Kate will be available before visiting please ring 01493 602960 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

The clerk can also be contacted in writing at 5 Middleton Gardens, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 7AE.

BELTON & BROWSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

New Road Sport & Leisure Centre
Tuesday April 26th (7.30pm)
- Everyone welcome -
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Happening on in Belton & Browston

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Norfolk County Council	County Hall	0344 8008020
County Councillor Lothingland Breydon	Colin Aldred Alan Grey	07919 386862 01493 601591
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Gt Yarmouth B.C	Planning	01493 846430
Gt Yarmouth B.C	Environmental Health	01493 846478
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Borough Councillor	Brian Lawn	01493 720083
Parish Clerk Belton with Browston	Kate Palmer	01493 602960
Parish Clerk Burgh Cast.	Brenda Hoskins	01493 440731
Parish Clerk Fritton/St Olaves	Ms L Clarke	01493 780094
Local MP	Brandon Lewis	01493 854550

ENTUA



ENTUA (East Norfolk Transport Users Association) is a voluntary independent body which monitors bus and rail provision in the East Norfolk Area.

Please visit our web site www.entua.org.uk.

The traffic chaos in Great Yarmouth due to a burstwater main from Monday 7th – Friday 11th March 2016, illustrates just how inadequate our local road network is. Our local road system is not able to cope when an incident occurs that reduces capacity on either one of the two bridge crossings. Volumes of traffic increase year on year without any additional infrastructure being put in place and it is the sheer volume of cars which cause the tailbacks. The local bus services get caught up in these traffic jams and they are unable to maintain their published timetables. It was reported that at certain times on some of the days, a bus journey from the James Paget Hospital to Market Gates (which on a normal day) takes 27 minutes, was taking anything up to 2 hours. What a chaotic state of affairs. The bus operators were unable to provide a decent bus service to their customers due to the large number of cars which in most road related incidents are the cause of traffic jams. There are just too many cars for our current road infrastructure!

So before the Highways Agency or Norfolk County Council even think about dualling the A47 Acle Straight, Great Yarmouth's road network system needs sorting out and this must include a third river crossing and a complete restructure of the A12/A47 Vauxhall roundabout and the dualling of the A12 Breydon Bridge (why it was constructed as a single carriageway in the first place is beyond belief). Dualling the A47 Acle Straight comes at the end of all other upgrades, if it needs doing at all, it is our view that dualling the Acle Straight would only satisfy the lust of the speed and greed motorists and would do nothing to reduce road crashes and would be pointless if remodelling of the Vauxhall roundabout was not in place first to remove the bottleneck.

Perhaps when we have a third river crossing, Southtown Road northbound can be made buses/taxis only ensuring that buses have a reasonable chance of adhering to their published timetable.

A reminder that ENTUA's next Public Forum will be on Tuesday 26th April, 2016 at 2.00 pm in Caister Community Centre.

A couple of issues ago we invited readers to write in to tell us of any problems you may be having using local bus and train services and equally if there were any comments of praise – to date we have received no comments, so we can only conclude that all is working well!

Still no news from First about the local bus review so any changes that may happen will not now occur until September. If you are interested in helping us campaign for improved bus and train services why not become a member. All we ask is a minimum donation of £5.00 per annum to cover printing/postage of our quarterly newsletter. If you are interested please write to ENTUA, 18 Wensum Way, Belton NR31 9NY.

Tony Grice.

PARISH COUNCIL PORT-FOLIOS

Who to contact on particular matters on Belton with Browston Parish Council

John Rudrum (Chairman)

Representative for Browston / Village maintenance / Schools & Compass Centre, Police
01493 780000

Peter Nichols (Vice Chair)

Representative for Browston, Sports fields, Play areas & buildings / Schools & Compass Centre / Health & Safety
01493 780703

Nathan Brown

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07771 731235

Richard Brotherton

Environmental Issues
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01493 781294

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BURGH CASTLE FORT:
Life outside the walls project – how you can get involved!

The Norfolk Archaeological Trust hopes to take forward a new project in Burgh Castle to learn more about the settlement that grew up outside the Roman fort walls, as well as recording more recent village history. **Mini Digs** As part of the proposal we hope to organise a programme of archaeological 'test-pits' in gardens and fields outside the scheduled monument area, starting in May. These mini archaeological excavations will help us to understand more about the size and spread of the Roman settlement - and we're looking for local people who would like to take part. Would you be willing to have a 1m x 1m pit dug in your garden? The pits are dug out carefully and all soil and turf put back tidily afterwards! If you live in Burgh Castle and would like to offer your garden for a 'mini dig' please get in touch. We would also like to hear from people living in the area who would be interested in actually digging the test pits - full training will be provided, and we hope to organise the digs from May onwards. Let me know if you would like to find out more. **Oral history**

We hope to carry out an oral history project as well, to capture memories of the village in the 20th Century. Did you grow up in Burgh Castle during the 20th. century? Do you have stories about Burgh Castle that were passed on to you by your parents or grandparents? If you would like to share your memories and stories about the village please get in touch!

Contact Caroline Davison at: info@norfarchtrust.org.uk Tel: 01603 462987 www.norfarchtrust.org.uk

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

There were four Parish Councillors and 14 members of the public at the March meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Trevor Greenacre was in the chair. The Chairman reported that due to a resignation there is now one vacancy on the council.

The only items mentioned by the public were soil on the road outside Welcome Pit and waste left on the road surface after Essex and Suffolk Water workings by the entrance to Back Lane on High Road, also there as a request for a re-siting of the speed awareness sign to be moved from Butt Lane, the chairman promised to arrange this.

There were two Borough planning decisions, extensions at 6 Coronation Terrace were approved but plans for eight houses on the frontage at Burgh Hall had been refused. An application to the Broads Authority for conversion of a detached outbuilding as short term holiday accommodation at Windale, Back Lane was

also refused. Members considered an application for an energy store at The Grange on High Road, whilst they had no problem with the building they were concerned about the proposal to store a combination of oil and gas cylinders so closely together and near to the main property as proposed.

The grass cutting tender for 2016 for the churchyard, burial ground and village hall car park was discussed, one tender was twice the price of all the others and discounted whilst there was little to chose between the other four, the work was given to a Burgh Castle based contractor on a one year basis but with the option that it can run for three years if the work is completed top a satisfactory standard.

St. Georges Day Celebration

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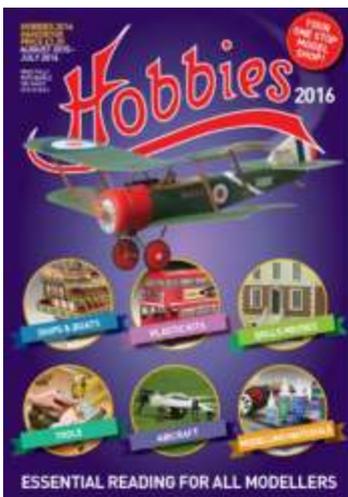
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BURGH CASTLE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Quiz -The quiz evening on Friday 5th March at the Queens Head in Burgh Castle, raised £95. Join us on Friday April 1st for more quizzing. teams of up to six, £1 per person, Raffle. 8pm start.

Craft Fairs -Our Easter Craft Fair is on at the village hall from the 28th to the 31st March 10 – 4pm plans for the next Craft Fair at the end of May are being made. Our usual stalls include jewellery, woodcraft, gifts, cards, knitted/crochet work etc. Refreshments are served and cakes are available to take home. If you would like more information or a stall please call 01493 780126.

St. Georges Event - A new venture this year is a St Georges Day Celebration, to take place on April 23rd. A simple English meal will be served and there will be a chance to join in some traditional English folk songs as well as old favourites. Entry will be limited to 60 as this is a nice comfortable number for seating in the main hall; tickets will be £10 per head. Bring you our drinks. Raffle. Contact details are below.

Your recipes - Don't forget the Burgh Castle Church Recipe Book -Several recipes have come in this month making it viable to publish in the Autumn, let us have your favourite recipes, everyone has at least one.

Coins - We will be glad to accept you unused Foreign Coins; these can be exchanged for valuable funds.

This is just a small selection of events that happen in support of our church, watch Village Voice for regular updates and information. (if you do not have a copy delivered it can be viewed at www.beltonandbrowston. and click on Village Voice page.

For more information about any of the events above, or any general queries regarding Burgh Castle Church Restoration please contact Margaret 01493 780126, Maureen 01493 781747.

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BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for a Councillor

There is currently a casual vacancy for one Councillor on Burgh Castle Parish Council which can now be filled by co-optation at the next available meeting. Anybody interested who is on the local electors roll can obtain further information from the Parish Clerk, Brenda Hoskins, 1 Shearwater Drive, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, NR31 9UL, bhoskins@btinternet.com, or telephone 01493 440731 If interested a letter of application should be submitted to the same address as soon as possible. The Council meets at The Burgh Castle Village Hall on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm

BURGH CASTLE HOLIDAY PARKS

Village Voice received a letter from Burgh Castle resident Rosemary Hayfield concerned about a proposed licensing variation requested by Park Resorts Ltd for Bure and Yare Holiday Villages which had only come to light from a notice posted on a nearby telegraph post. Included was a request for open air cinemas, wrestling and live outdoor music from 10am to 1am throughout the year.

Neighbours objected with a 60 signature petition to the Borough Council. Park resorts eventually withdrew the outdoor part of the application for Bure Park but not for Yare Village prior to the March 8th hearing. (they did reduce the times however so that music would end at 7pm, wrestling would be indoors but the outdoor cinema would continue till 11.30pm).

The outcome of the hearing was :-

- no outdoor actives on the Yare site.
 - The relaxed alcohol licence applies to indoors and the shop on Bure and everywhere on Yare.
 - The overall parks programme continues for their in-house customer but NOT general public
 - Boxing is not now included, wrestling remains likely for Yare and possibly occasionally indoors on Bure
- One of the objectors, Barry Symonds said he was disappointed at the outcome and lack of support from the Parish Council however borough Councillor Adrian Myers was thanked for his assistance as were local residents for their support.

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Belton Art Group
 Every Wednesday afternoon (2 to 4pm) for any form of art or crafts. Call Jan on 01493 486863 for information.

Weight Watchers
 Every Wednesday evening at 6.15pm

Needlecrafters
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Line Dancing
 Every Friday morning 10.30 am to noon. Modern line dancing with a touch of country. Call Tel: Jane 07788408801 for details

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

The next meeting will be on Friday 1st April at 7.30pm at the JGI. The topics will include setting ISO manually or auto, advantage and disadvantage. Looking at use of Flash extras and with Elements demonstration. How to make a 'Triptych' print. We all never stop learning.

The photo topic of the month is 'Shadows' in any form, so bring your print along. For more information call Bill on 780822

WEDNESDAY DROP IN

We meet for coffee/tea and cake every Wednesday morning between 10.30am and noon. Come along and meet new friends and catchup with the news in the Village.

For more information call Sue on 780822

LINE DANCING AT JGI

Line Dancing for beginners is every Friday 10.30am to noon. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Come and join a fun morning and participate in good exercise at the same time. Call Jane now to express an interest. £5 per session.

New beginners class just started on Thursday in mid March 10.30am to noon at Hopton Village Hall. Modern Line Dancing with a mix of New Country, Latin and Pop Music.

Further details - Tel, Jane on 07788408801 (J T's Line Dance Club).

EASTER BINGO

Belton Events committee will be holding their Easter Prize Bingo at the JGI on Friday April 8th at 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm), come and join the fun, everyone welcome, information from 01493 781294.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

The next monthly Coffee Morning at the JGI is on Saturday April 9th. (10.00am - Noon), also available between 10.00 and 11.00am as an additional item to tea/coffee are bacon butties so why not join us for a late breakfast.

Admission is free and there is always a raffle for one of the village groups or a local charity, this month it is being organised by Belton Over 50/60's Club. Thank you to everybody who supported the March raffle which was organised by The W.I, £97.00 was raised for their funds.

As usual there is also the bargain stall full of a wide range of items at ridiculously low prices, Belton Charity Fundraisers always welcome donations of items to sell, anything considered except mains electrical or clothing, **please call Gloria on (01493) 780776** or deliver to Skelmorlie, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle, local collection of items can be arranged.

PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

This edition delivered to properties in Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle, Fritton and St. Olaves will all have a copy of this years Belton and Lothingland produce and Crafts Show enclosed (the yellow sheet).

This years event, our 26th is at the JGI, Belton on Sunday July 3rd. and residents of all these parishes are invited to enter along with members of clubs based at venues in the same area.

There are the usual revisions in the photography and childrens classes plus all our regular sections with a few slight modifications, we have retained the wine class and added home made beer, please get planning now and come to the JGI in July. If you have any questions please ring 01493 780776 or e-mail bcswan50@gmail.com., If you misplace your schedule it is also on the Village Show page of the Belton web site at www.beltonandbrowston.com. And on display in the main hall at the JGI.

BELTON LUNCH CLUB

The next meeting of Belton Lunch Club is at the JGI on Thursday April 21st . (Noon-2pm), lunch is served at 12.15, two courses for £5.00. All dietary needs can be catered for and there is also a raffle. Everyone welcome, please book your place at this friendly club by calling Barbara on 01493 781294.

BELTON W.I

Belton W.I. Next meet on Tuesday April 12th at the JGI (7.30pm). There will be "A quiz with Bill" and a handicraft competition, please have your entries at the hall by 7.15pm for judging. The competition is for a decorated Easter Egg. For any further information please contact Sue on 01493 780822. A reminder to all members that the birthday dinner is at the Pier Hotel on April 14th (7pm) food served at 7.30pm.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Belton Village Quiz Night will be on Friday April 22nd at the JGI. (7.30pm) £5.00 for a team of up to four players. Good Company - Good Prizes - Good Raffle. Why not get a team together from friends/colleagues/family or from your club or group. Enter on the night, for any further information please ring Barbara on 781294.

BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the February meeting we had a very interesting talk on "Percy Hunters Lovely Ladies", the story of an old established broads holiday fleet and how some of the old boats have been restored for future generations to see and use, in March we will have had a talk on Iceland and the Faroe Islands

On April 24th at the JGI (2.30pm) we have our AGM with a mixed bag of supporting events, the AGM will last no longer than 15 minutes and this will be followed by a locally made film "The Loss of the Great Eastern Railway", a further short film on 2007 Belton in Bloom entry and if time a piece from a Radio Norfolk recording made in Belton. Admission is as usual £3.00 (members £2.00).

Membership fees are due from April 1st, the committee has agreed that they remain at £5 (£10 for a family). Forms are available at our events.

On Saturday June 4th the Society is visiting the David Howkins Museum in Yarmouth and following that with a meal at Caister Castle, club members costs will be subsidised, details are available at our events, please book early as we are limiting attendance to a maximum of 25 as that is the largest group the museum can accommodate.

For more details about the Society please visit our web site at www.beltonhistory.co.uk.



BRANDON LEWIS

We are only a few weeks into the European Referendum campaign, and it seems that much of the national media has been dominated with the various arguments advocated by either side in the debate. Village Voice isn't the place to set out my detailed views, but after much careful thought I have decided as an individual I will vote to remain in the

European Union. If you want to understand my reasoning, then you can take a look at the piece I've written about the subject on my website – www.brandonlewis.co.

Constituents will have different views, many will agree with my logic and others disagree vehemently with my opinion. It's important to remember that my vote is only one amongst many millions that will be cast. As a Member of Parliament, I am delighted to be part of a Government, which delivered its promise to give the British people a say on this vital issue, something none of the other main political parties were prepared to offer. Over the last two years I have written several times in this column about my concerns that a bloc of emboldened Scottish Nationalists, determined to break up the United Kingdom, would use their numbers to interfere with decisions that don't affect Scotland. We have now seen that happen, when they hypocritically voted down Government proposals, which would have allowed local councils to relax the Sunday trading rules in their area. Of course it's frustrating as a Government Minister to see changes that you want implemented, defeated in the House of Commons. Even more so, when those changes were supported by the majority of English & Welsh MP's. It's even worse, when those rules are already in operation north of the border. The Sunday trading laws in Scotland already allow shops to remain open for longer hours on Sunday, yet the SNP decided to play silly political games to deny that choice to my constituents in Great Yarmouth. There's a technical reason as to why they had that opportunity, but it demonstrates why I was right to warn about the risks of the SNP propping up a Government in Westminster.

AFTERNOON TEA

A date for your diary, on Thursday May 26th Young at Heart invite you to Afternoon Tea at the John Green Institute (2-5pm) to raise funds for the Sandra Chapman Unit at the James Paget Hospital

RECORD MAMMOTH SALE

There was a massive turn out for Belton Charity Fund-raisers Mammoth Sale at the JGI at the end of February with almost 100 people waiting for the doors to open, we raised a record breaking £669. A big thank you to everyone who supported us on the day or donated items to sell, there were some very generous donations, also thank you to our extra helpers including members of 221 Squadron ATC who turned out to help with the clear up at the end.

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TABLE TOP & CRAFT SALES

Monthly Craft Sales will return to the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre on Wednesday April 20th and then on the third Wednesday of each month, open this year from 9.00am to 1.00pm with stallholder access from 8.15am.

Please book your tables in advance, tables will be £6.00 each, call 01493 602960 or 01493 780776 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

MONDAY ACTIVITY MORNINGS



These exercise classes run at the New Road Sport & Leisure centre on Monday mornings.

Chair Based Exercise sessions 9.30 to 10.15am, aim to improve daily functional actions; by strengthening important muscles groups though gentle movement. Regular exercise improves circulation and increases daily activity levels.

Seated exercise can increase your confidence and improve your Posture, balance and coordination for performing daily activities essential to living.

Learn to Nordic Walk from April 4th through to September. These sessions will start from 10.30am to 11.15 am. Nordic Walking is an enhancement of ordinary walking - twice as effective and not to be confused with Trekking. It can burn 46% more calories than ordinary walking- is easy on joints and knees and great for neck and shoulder problems. Each 45 minute session costs £2.50 and includes refreshments at 10.15 am.

Monday 25th April we will be visiting Gunton Baptist Church in Lowestoft for a combined

seated exercise session. (No Class at Belton this day) **Any funds raised from this visit will help toward the fabulous extension they have had built. £3.00 a ticket and we will hold a raffle. Stay for Lunch for £3.50. Great value! Book your ticket for both with Sallyann.**

Our aim is to provide safe stimulating exercise for those whom movement and exercise does not come easy. The Belton Activity morning was set up by ECCH Physical Activity team in September 2011 and was handed some years later to Sallyann at up4fitness. It is still supported by ECCH and can be part of the Exercise Referral scheme used by local GP surgeries. Just contact Sallyann or come along on a Monday at 9.15 to take part in some gentle exercise and see for yourself or join us for coffee at 10.15 to find out more. We wish to send best wishes and speedy recovery to some of our members and we look forward to you joining us soon.

Finally a collection which took place between Belton, Gunton and Kessingland over the week from the 8th -12th December 2015 raised £105.00 for Walking for the Wounded as Sallyann Walked home from Kessingland on 10th approximately 10 mile. Thank you to all who contributed.

Please contact Sallyann to find out how the sessions can improve your health & fitness.
Call 07599 044 806
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GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP

Our picture shows the Gt Yarmouth Stroke Group enjoying a afternoon with country and western music recently. We meet every Thursday 2-4 at the New Road Sports Hall, New Road, Belton, new members always welcomed, for information Contact Sue Casey 01493 781846



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6.00 -7.00pm & 7.05-8.05pm.

Pilates classes incorporate foam roller, weights, bands, and circles Pilates helps reshape your body which will become longer, leaner and more toned. Hayley limits her class size to twelve members for all ages and all levels in each group and currently has a few vacancies in both Belton sessions which are both mixed classes. All mats and equipment are supplied. To book call her on 07767 864568 or email hayley@hayleyallenpilates.co.uk

Hayley also runs 18 other classes in the surrounding area, please phone or email as above for full details, as spaces are limited in some classes.

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This is a new fitness session every Wednesday at New Road Sport and Leisure Centre, Belton (7.30 - 8.15pm). Commercial, Hip hop, Voguing, House and Walking styles of dance, its fun for all abilities and ages from 16 plus, the cost is £4.00 per session (your first class half price) for information call Josephine on

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e-mail fabfitness1@hotmail.com (facebook search 'bounce Dancefit with Josephine')

SOMERLEYTON BOWLS CLUB

Interested in playing Bowls?

Then why not come and join us on a Saturday afternoon at 2pm for a friendly roll-up. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Our roll-ups start in May but in the meantime if you want any further information please ring our secretary, Peter Carter, on 01502 562972.

Our green is situated The Street at Somerleyton opposite the end of Station Road.

BOHEMIANS GALAXY

Winners of County FA's inaugural Respect & Fairplay Award-

In line with the FA's Respect Campaign, Norfolk County FA have announced the winners for its Respect and Fair Play Award 2015.

The awards allow anybody to nominate a youth team, up to the U18's age group, for displaying a mark of outstanding sporting behaviour and there were joint winners this year North Walsham Angels u15 and Bohemians Galaxy u12s..

Bohemians Galaxy U12's were nominated after they demonstrated a remarkable gesture of Respect at the culmination of the 2014-15 season. The Norfolk and Suffolk Youth League side sat second with one game remaining, when they hosted 1st placed Waveney Jaguars. A tense match, the scores were locked at 2-2 with around a minute to go, competing for the title. Bohemians striker Calvin was through on goal, and as the onrushing Waveney goalkeeper closed down, he received a blow to the head as he collided with Calvin's knee. Instead of the Bohemians player scoring in an open goal, to win the game and the league, he kicked the ball out for a goal kick so the goalkeeper could receive treatment.

Chairman of Bohemians FC, Adrian Simm, was delighted with Calvin and the award: "When Bohemians FC was formed in 2004 the concept was to enable all children to play football in an environment that was fit for purpose and follow the guidance from the FA's Charter Standard award scheme, encouraging them to continue to play for the club in one of our adult teams, to be nominated for a Norfolk County FA 'Respect and Fair Play Grant Award' is tremendous. The Grant Award that we have received will enable us to enhance the coaching qualifications of our volunteers that help run our teams. We have Calvin to thank for this award. For a young person to act in such a way sets an example to us all."

Local MP Brandon Lewis sent the club his best wishes on hearing of the award, saying "I am delighted that Bohemians are co-winners of the inaugural Norfolk FA's Respect & Fair Play award. It is a testament to the hard work of everyone at Bohemians FC that you have won this award, showing that the club is implementing the motto of "respect everyone, fear no-one". It is great news that a local club offering players of all abilities the chance to enjoy the beautiful game has been recognised, and I wish you all the best for the future." Photograph on left.



BOHEMIANS U10 LIONS

All at Bohemians Lions under 10's would like to say a massive thank-you to David Perry @ Perry Construction for sponsoring our new rain jackets which have been much needed in recent weeks

The team would also like to hear from any potential new players who'll be going up to school year 2 this year and any adults who would be able to help out. Photograph on right.

Team contacts are 07787911403 Alan (soccer school coach & club secretary) or 07909133886 (lee u10 lions & school liaison).

Lee Driver

1st BELTON SCOUTS

Beavers

Beavers had had great fun playing beetle for the evening, they finished the cooking badge by making peppermint creams for Valentine's Day and also made paper flowers for a vase

for Mother's Day. We had a games evening with the mini bows,, played skittles and a blanket game.

There are places at Beaver Scouts for children both boys and girls aged five and nine months to 8 years. Please contact Jane 01493 780965.

Cubs

The Cubs this month have started to prepare for Century Cub camp in May. The theme is the jungle book so the Cubs have been making a totem pole to decorate their camp site and a banner for the parade.

The Cubs have been doing some team building exercises to identify new sixers and seconders for the sixers.

Scouts

This month the Scouts are preparing for the annual district Cooking Competition held at Bradwell Scout HQ. A team of 4 Scouts will be preparing a 2 course meal on the theme of 2016 Olympics to be held in Brazil and the countries taking part. The meal has to be suitable for cooking on camp equipment. We have chosen Italy as our country and researched Italy and Italian customs as well as made a collage and designed our meal.

We have chosen chicken and bacon risotto for our main course followed by fresh fruit cheesecake on a biscuit base to look like a pizza for dessert. The picture shows the Scouts doing their first attempt at the pizza. We enjoyed eating it!!

Group

The Scout group had the usual February half term activity day at the scout hut, this was based around the subject "The Crystal maze". The young people, beavers, cubs and scouts were split into mixed groups and given a sheet with some 45 activities on which they had to complete in the time limit specified for each activity.

The activities ranged from Sam and his boat, a team building game getting a gummy bear and a dowel stick on top of a plastic cup, with 2 paper clips, to the atomic bomb, drawing a tree with your mouth and feet and passing a banana to your team members by doing a backwards roly-poly.

Each activity completed was rewarded with a piece of Lego (crystal) worth 5 seconds time in the crystal dome, which was a walking collection of balls depending on how much time they had in the dome. The winner collected 42 balls in 55 seconds of time

A good time was had by all and the group hope to make it a regular event in the coming year



SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton on Saturdays April 9th and May 7th please have papers outside properties by 8.45am. also remember not to make the bundles or bags of papers too large as some of the helpers with the collections are young members of the group.

Note that glossy magazines, leaflets and old phone directories can be included in with your papers.

The Scouts also collect any old mobile phones as well as the soft plastic bottle tops (those on milk bottles, drink bottles and similar) which are recycled by the Matthew Project who work with young people who have drug or alcohol problems. These can all be delivered to 15 Bracon Road, Belton, if you are putting bottle tops or anything else out at paper collection time please put these items into a separate bag as they all go to different locations.

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First on the cards is **Fashion X** – a celebration of some of the wonderfully fashionable donations received into the ECH Charity shops. The evening, hosted at the palatial Royal Assembly Rooms at the Masonic Lodge in Great Yarmouth, begins at **7pm** on **Saturday the 16th of April**.

Tickets are £ 8 in advance and this price includes entry into two fashion shows hosted by Helen McDermott; one showcasing quality pre-loved donations from East Coast Hospice Charity Shops and the other, a selection of high street designer fashion, in particular from Bubblegum Boutique. There will also be a selection of therapists and beauticians giving out free trials and samples as well as stalls selling fashionable goods and accessories such as Stella & Dot, Marissa's Hats and to top it all, there will also be free cake from Kirsty's Cakery!

The bar will be open all evening and a quality raffle will end the night. Prizes last year included a designer handbag, designer jewellery, Spa days and treatment packages to name just a few!

Tickets are on sale via the website and from all ECH Charity Shops, as well as at Bubblegum Boutique (3-6 Victoria Arcade, Gt. Yarmouth). There will only be a limited amount of tickets available on the door on the night.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Belton, Fritton and St. Olaves now have a four weekly service on Wednesdays, there is no service to Burgh Castle.

Belton- The next dates are April 6th and May 4th with the following stops - Aldersley (Station Road South) 1.50 – 2.05pm, The Tavern 2.10 – 2.20pm, Amhurst Gardens 2.25 – 2.35pm, opposite Dashwood Close 2.40 – 2.50pm, St Roberts Way 2.55 – 3.10pm and Moorlands School / Childrens Centre 3.15 - 4.05pm.

Fritton and St. Olaves – Again its April 6th and May 4th for the next visits, stopping at Priory Close, off Herringfleet Road, St. Olaves 10.30 – 10.40am and on New Road, Fritton (near the playground) 10.45 to 11.00am.



Spring time at the Rectory (Photo by Rosie)

GORLESTON COMMUNITY CINEMA

We will be showing the following films in April at Gorleston Library at 2.30pm, admission is Adults - £3.50, U18's - £3.00.

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DOWN THE GARDEN PATH



There is no doubt that most modern day homes have much smaller gardens than homes of even fifty years ago. I suppose it is inevitable that as the demand for even more homes increases together with higher cost of land than gardens will get even smaller. However, even the smallest of gardens designed with the right plants can offer a haven of peace and tranquillity away from the stress of daily living.

Here are a few ideas without it costing thousands - Firstly, most of us have fences separating our back gardens from those of our neighbours. Look to see which fence first gets the morning sun and the evening sun. Is there an area that gets little or no sun at all. Make a rough sketch and take it with you when visiting the plant centre. Get a book: I find the Dr. D.G. Hessayon books very useful, they are illustrated and give all the basic information that is needed, such as if the plant is evergreen, where to plant, how big the plant will get and its requirements. For climbing fences the must haves are in my opinion, Clematis, Lonicera (Honeysuckle) Ceanothus and Jasmine. If there is room then other climbers can be considered. e.g. Virginia Creeper, Solanum (Poisonous) Passion Flower. The Russian Vine (Mile a Minute Plant) is to be avoided and Wisterias are too big for most small gardens.

If room allows for a small border, then there are many small shrubs, perennials, patio and bedding plants that are suitable and it is a matter of personal preference, colour schemes, scented plants, plants for cutting etc. It is best to visit the Plant Centre and see the plants. There should be a Bed Label giving all the information and don't be afraid to ask. They will be willing to help.

Lastly container and patio and basket plants of which there are many thousands to choose from. Many of these plants will require protection from frost or are best bought from the middle of May onwards (earlier if you have a conservatory or greenhouse in which to keep them.) Things to consider are :-
a) Is the container/basket to be in sun or shade.
b) Do I have time to look after a basket which will need watering at least once a day.
c) Is the container to be large and the focal point of the garden in which case I need a centre plant such as a Cordyline or an upright Fuchsia surrounded by other patio or bedding plants.

Look at the labels and ask especially if you are an inexperienced gardener. Whatever you do all be it if you have a ten acre site or a smaller garden Enjoy.



Rev. Rosie Writes....

I have been thinking about what it means to live in the light of Easter.....

At Eastertime we remember Jesus's death on the cross and how he overcame death, and we celebrate his rising to life again. We will have eaten numerous hot cross buns and Easter eggs, created to help us recollect this life-changing event, and will have enjoyed two bank holidays, originally given for the purpose of holy

reflection and celebration.

What an amazing gift of love! In the Bible we read that God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life . What happened on that first Good Friday on a hill just outside the city wall of Jerusalem is, in some ways, difficult to grasp. Jesus, God's Son, went willingly to his death on a cross so that humanity may have the opportunity of a restored relationship with God himself. Looking back to that event we can see its significance. Through the eyes of faith it becomes a staggering, yet marvellously wonderful act of generous, self-giving love that opens the door to an amazing life journey with Jesus.

At the cross, the disciples were devastated; their dreams of Jesus being the Messiah were in tatters; they had not fully understood what Jesus had been teaching them over the previous three years. On Easter Day, at first, they still struggled in their grief until they met Jesus, the risen Son of God. After that, his presence with them transformed them totally. They enjoyed a few weeks when Jesus spent time with them - teaching them, eating with them, enjoying one another's company, before he returned to God, promising to send the Holy Spirit as a helper and comforter, to be with them (and us) always.

From being fearful disciples, hiding away, the men and women who followed Jesus faced life with a new purpose. The Bible records that life was not always easy for any of them, but they had a new hope, and a resolve to live their lives following the example set by Jesus.

I recently had the pleasure of spending time climbing snow covered slopes in the Cairngorms. Some folk were climbing up with skis and boards on their shoulders too! I enjoyed watching people skiing and snowboarding with such ease, comparing their downhill passage with mine as I slipped and stumbled both up hill and downhill through well-trodden and deep snow. My destination - either to get to the top or to return back down kept me going and I reflected how similar it is in the walk of faith; sometimes it is easy, but at other times it is really very difficult. It is the anticipation of my destination - the place that Jesus has already prepared for me, achieved through the crucifixion and Easter day events - that keeps me going, slipping and stumbling through life with my companion, Jesus ... that's living in the light of Easter.

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Ormiston Venture Academy are one of the first 19 schools across the country to be presented a new Award for schools that encourage pupils to take an interest in the

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The Discovering Democracy Award, created to support the need to develop character as well as a strong grounding in core academic subjects, was launched by the British Youth Council in partnership with the Cabinet Office and the Department for Education in September 2015. In November, Ormiston Venture Academy were recognized as one of the leading schools nationally for developing a democratic ethos within its students. The Award showcases those schools who engage young people with democracy from an early age. Whether that is voting for their representatives or a school council, or voter registration, or getting involved in social action campaigns. The award is a way to celebrate and share the success of schools and colleges

that go further in equipping their students with the skills and knowledge to use their voice in our society.

Jon Foster, Chair of the British Youth Council said: "The British Youth Council is delighted to highlight the great work of schools up and down the country. Schools are often the best place to offer the foundations to nature grassroots democracy and I'm really excited to find so many schools leading the way!"

Ormiston Venture Academy embraces extensive work on pupil voice through the Union of Venture Students, working on behalf of the students to promote democratic ideals. Whilst this is evident all year round it was recently showcased in the fantastic work that went into both the Union Elections and the Mock General Election in 2015. Work that will continue in the 2016 Union elections and the European Referendum.

For further information contact Andrea Cockrill Tel. 01493 662966 Email: pa@orminstonventureacademy.co.uk

MICHAEL CURRENT WALK - MARCH 5th SOMERLEYTON

Eight walkers and a very well behaved dog called lo set off eastwards as the showery rain cleared to walk from the Dukes Head at Somerleyton. Although muddy underfoot on the paths it was a real blessing to walk in the dry as it was clear others were still experiencing the frequent wintery showers.

We passed the Somerleyton boatyard, ancient brickworks and railway station on our right before entering the woods and detecting the Michael current as he crossed the path on his journey from Black Mill, on the west side of the River Waveney, heading towards Somerleyton church. We continued on the path through the woods with Michael, having swung right towards Wicker Well water, somewhere to our left. Turning left up the next track we just reached Michael again before turning sharp right to continue on a track to the next path junction with the Angles Way, where we turned left and soon crossed the lowest point of the small valley there. Meanwhile Michael kept to our left and swung northwards towards the church, which we could see ahead through the hedgerow.

Where the main track turned sharply to the right we crossed a stile and took a footpath at the edge of the field heading towards the church. This led us to the main road, which we immediately crossed in order to approach the church and turn right onto a track to reach it. As we entered the approach to the church we were aware that we were entering the Somerleyton Estate. Michael kept to the left hand side of the track and reached the church tower via a very large, oak tree just before it. There were several dowsers with us and at the oak they found a portal and a star formation and detected Michael entering the church then leaving again on the north side to head towards the statue in the adjacent field .

The church, which had been opened specially for us, it is very beautiful and has an outstanding rood screen, an interesting stone carved font and (apparently) a set of six very old bells. There is a small church history pamphlet available and most of us acquired a copy. There are other energy currents and water courses nearby.

Having spent a little time at the church we returned to the village of Somerleyton via the wide, grassy verge on the right hand side of the exit track, crossing the road itself to a clear footpath where the road swings sharply to the right. Turning left at the next, smaller road back to the Dukes Head we passed the village pond on the right, which is a delightful place full of flowers and ducks.

The next walk will be on Saturday April 9th. Please meet at Somerleyton church for leaving at 2pm.

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1st. BELTON GUIDES

Earlier this term Guides invited older Brownies from a Bradwell unit to join us for a taster evening where they joined in discussions about how to help wild life in the winter months and made fat balls for birds. After completing several projects over a period of time Guides were awarded their Animal Active badge, they have also finished the last part of Cooks badge after cooking a meal for all to try.

February 22nd was Thinking Day which celebrates the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the Scout and Guide movement founders. Guides took part in thought provoking activities and surprised themselves at how they could overcome challenges they first thought impossible by pooling ideas and working as a team.

Guides have begun work on Craft badge by making some beautiful Mother's Day cards. Brownies have been invited back to take part in our Easter craft night which is sure to be popular as it involves chocolate.

We meet term time and have spaces for girls aged 10 to 14 years old. We are a very friendly group and welcome new members. Come and give us a try. For further details please contact Linda 01493 667311 or 07919620759 e-mail guides.1stbelton@yahoo.com.

BERNEY ARMS PAST & PRESENT

Sheila Hutchinson has brought out a revised third edition of her book "Berney Arms Past & Present" which was first published in 2000. This edition has 100 pages and retails at £7.50. It can be obtained from W H Smith in Great Yarmouth, Beccles Books, City Bookshop, and Jarrolds in Norwich. Anyone having difficulty in obtaining a copy can contact the author at sandp@paulsheila.plus.com.

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If you are aged between 10 years and 100 then let me tell you about an exciting trip you may wish to take. Fancy learning how to play bowls or maybe you already know? there is no rain, cold, mud or heavy clothing involved in this instance. It is warm, bright, and cheerful and doesn't depend on the weather at all. This is Indoor Bowls played at Browston Hall Bowls Centre; taster sessions are arranged on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with qualified instruction; if you know how to play already then, of course, that's great! It is always difficult for some to enter a strange place for the first time and see people they may not know but I can assure you this is one of the easiest places to feel at home right away. All equipment is provided & initially you only need to come in comfortable, clean casual togs (come in your PJs if you like!) The first visit is free, or you may just want to sit and watch before deciding to join in. Refreshments are always available plus there's plenty of car park space.

Once you get the hang of it all there are competitions and leagues at all levels to enter or you might just want to have a "roll-up" with your buddies.

So, if you have a couple of hours free then why not spend them at Browston. For full details please call 01493 667591 (Browston Hall NR31 9DW).



We have now officially launched our Good Neighbour Scheme and are able to offer a range of services to all our residents that need help.

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- Light hedge trimming (Browston)
- Fitting Keysafe (Bradwell)
- Hospital Visits (Bradwell)
- Setting up e-mail address (Bradwell)
- Temporary fix to shed roof (Bradwell)
- Fill potholes in a lane (Burgh castle)
- Dog Walking (Bradwell)
- Temporary Garage door repair (Belton)
- Arranging emergency gas repair (Browston)

If you know of anybody else who needs similar help please contact our helpline on 07544 616848 or e-mail us at gns4Bs@hotmail.com.

We would like to especially thank the following :-
Cllr. Carl Smith (Bradwell North) for £300 from his ward budget.

Mr J Fisk (Browston) Loan of a brown bin for garden rubbish.

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Thursday at the Turnstone, Station Road, Hopton.

We are always trying to create new lunch clubs so if there is not one in your area please call to see if we can find an alternative for you.

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BELTON F.C.

Belton Football Club have had another fantastic month, scoring 18 goals and conceding only 4 in 4 games. This started with a hard away fixture at Caister A. Winning 3-2 and with the introduction of two more local youngsters things as always seem to look on the up. Further wins against Prostar Windows, Caister B and Sportsmans means that the club now look in good stead to finish 2nd in the

league. This would be a fantastic achievement with the current squad as there has been a lot of change at the club over the past 12 months that has seen many players come and go.

Club top goalscorer Connor Alford has now moved onto 29 goals for the season.

Make sure you check out beltonfc.com for regular updates and videos of our games. The highlight of this past month would be the 6-0 victory over Caister B where we blooded six 16/17 year old local youngsters and were still able to run out comfortable winners! The club is now looking to expand and hopefully get reserves on the go in time for next season. Thanks as always goes to Belton Historical Society and The Mariners Compass, Gorleston for their support.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME



Although February was a short month, drivers were busy with 32 trips undertaken. New driver Christine will be taking trips from early March, and another lady will start in April. This additional support will allow us to help even more members of our community.

As usual if you would like a lift to a medical appointment or shopping, a social event Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm call our number. **07767063986**.

MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

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POLICE REPORT

The local, Southern Villages Safer Neighbourhood, crime figures for February were as follows:-

Belton No crimes recorded.

Burgh Castle

Criminal damage on Breydon Water site (key scratched to car and its roof slashed).

Theft from a motor vehicle on the Kingfisher site (domestic related).

Fritton & St Olaves

Theft from a vehicle on Church Lane (power tools taken).

Theft from a vehicle on New Road (window smashed and items taken).

Burglary at a Church Lane property (items taken from within).

The next Southern Villages SNAP meeting is at Burgh Castle Village Hall on Thursday April 21st at (7pm), members of the public are welcome to attend to raise any police related matters.

The priority decided at the January SNAP meeting is drug dealing in Belton and Burgh Castle, both church areas and Station Road North, this priority will stay in place till at least the April meeting.

WALKING THE LEYS (Talk)

This is an opportunity to hear one of the countries leading Ley Walkers, author Dreamer Arthurian researcher and dowser, Laurence Mann who will be giving a talk at Lound Village Hall on Friday April 22nd (7.30pm)

The event is sponsored by the Sunrise Dowsing Group of Hopton and tickets priced £8 are available from Brian on 01502 735765, e-mail brianthedowser@live.co.uk.

ST. OLAVES EASTER FAIR

Spring has finally arrived and we have an amazing Easter Fair at the Village Hall for you to look forward to, so put the 26th of March 10am-1pm in your diary. There will be freshly made chutneys, jams and preserves, handcrafted items to use around the house, also fantastic gifts. We have a fabulous range of art work from various local artists, hand crafted jewellery, Easter and birthday cards for your loved ones and lots more stalls to browse. As usual our tea, coffee and lots of delicious cakes will be on offer. So come along and help us to raise those important funds to build that much needed storage extension to the St Olaves village hall.

QUIZ SHEET NEWS

In the "Top 40" quiz organised by Gloria for Belton Charity Fundraisers there were four all correct entries, Valerie Miller, Grace King, Jane Easter and Rex Coe, Valeries name was drawn to receive the £10.00 shopping voucher. There were also four runners up, each with one incorrect answer, Linda Matheson, Lynn Moore, Roger & Yvonne Baker and B Lawrence.

Our next quiz "From the Potteries and Beyond" is now available from Belton Pet & Hardware or Skelmorlie, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle and should be returned to either of those addresses by Thursday April 7th.

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Local groups should send written copies of their reports to the parish clerk prior to the meeting or hand a copy in during the meeting as these are retained as a record of how the community has progressed during the last year.

VILLAGE SMALLS

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Ring Craft (8pm) St. Olaves Village Hall, Training dogs/owners for the show ring 01502 569243

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Belton Over 50/60's (2pm) JGI cards, games, bingo & refreshments

Judo group for Juniors (4.30 & 5.30pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre 07977 432756

1st Belton Guides (6.45 - 8.30pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall 01493 667311

Belton Badgers Youngest sec of St. John Ambulance (6-7pm Term Time) Compass Centre, Boys & Girls 7-10 years 01493 780418

St. John Ambulance Cadets (6-7.15pm Term Time) Compass Centre Boys & Girls 10-16 years 01493 780619

St. Olaves Art Group (7.30pm) St. Olaves Village Hall 07879 811229

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Drop In Coffee Morning (10.30-noon) JGI All welcome

Community Connexions (11.45-12.30pm) The Tavern Belton Car Park - Fresh fruit & veg. Van

Belton Art Club (2-4pm) JGI Arts/crafts/hobbies 01493 488683

Slimming World (5.30-7.30pm) Kings Head 07796 263627

3rd Bradwell Rainbows (5.30-6.30pm Term Time) Burgh Castle Village Hall

Messy Church (6-7.30pm Term Time) 1st Wednesday of the month - Moorlands Academy 07622 817454

Weight Watchers Sign in 6.15pm, talk 7pm JGI 07546 023143

Tai Chi (7-9pm) Cliff Park Junior School Gorleston (Belton based) 01493 789992

Bounce Dance Fit (7.30-8.15pm) 16 plus New Road Sport & Leisure Centre £4 per session Tel. 07504 149750

EVERY THURSDAY

Chatterboxes (9-10.30am) Village Green Children's Centre 0-5 years. Fun activities, communication, language & literacy £1 01493 789562

Baby Bloom (10-11.30am) Village Green Children's Centre £1 per week - 4 week parenting for 1st time parents/referrals 01493 789562

Gt. Yarmouth Stroke Group (2-4pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre 01493 781846

Rock Solid (5-6pm Term time) years 3 to 6. Belton Rectory Stables 07762 817454

Needlecrafters Group (7-9pm) JGI Informal needlecraft group 07721 599559
Youth Group (7.30-9pm) Belton Church - Exploring Christian Youth & Fun 07762 817454

EVERY FRIDAY

Baby Massage (10-11.30am) Village Green Children's Centre £1 per week 4 week programme for parents -referrals 01493 789562

Cornerstone Open Youth Group (6-7.30pm) Alternate weeks Belton Church -years 6/7/8 - 07762 817454

The Hub Open Youth Group (7.30-9pm) alternate weeks Belton Church For High School Age Children 07762 817454

NOTE Belton Scouts (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) meet in Belton weekly, details 01493 780965

EVERY SUNDAY

Pooch Paws Dog Training (9-noon) 1 hour sessions St. Olaves Village Hall 07841 040171

SS. Peter & Paul Church, Burgh Castle (9.30am) Traditional Prayer/communion
All Saints Church, Belton (10.30am) Modern services & activity group for children

Fill details of services below

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri Mar 25th Good Friday Service at Burgh Castle 10am - Good Friday Service at Belton 12 noon

Sat Mar 26th (10am-1pm) St. Olaves V/Hall Easter Fair

Sun Mar 27th (6.25am) Burgh Castle fort Sunrise Service & Breakfast in the Village Hall (9.30am) Holy communion at Burgh Castle (10.30am) Holy communion at Belton

Mon Mar 28th - Thurs Mar 31st (10 4pm daily) - Burgh Castle Village Hall - Craft Fair Tel. 780126

Thurs Mar 31st -(1-3pm) Village Green Children's Centre Debt Advice

Thurs Mar 31st (7pm) St. Olaves V/Hall Fritton & St. Olaves PC meeting

Fri Apr 1st (7.30pm) JGI Digital Camera Club Tel. 780822

Fri Apr 1st (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head Team Quiz

Sun Apr 3rd (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church Holy Communion

Sun Apr 3rd (10.30am) Belton Church Morning Celebration

Tues Apr 5th (11am) Belton Church Holy Communion Coffee from 10am.

Wed Apr 6th Mobile Library - Priory Close, St. Olaves (10.30-10.40am). New

Road Playing Field, Fritton (10.45-11am). Belton from 1.50pm (times in article)

Fri Apr 8th (7.30pm) JGI Easter Bingo (doors 7pm)

Sat Apr 9th From 8.45am Belton Scouts Collecting Newspapers Belton only

Sat Apr 9th (10am-Noon) JGI Monthly Coffee Morning

Sat Apr 9th (10am-Noon) Fritton Church Coffee Morning

Sun Apr 10th (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church Morning Prayer & APCM meeting

Sun Apr 10th (10.30am) Belton Church Morning Prayer & APCM meeting

Sun Apr 10th (6.30pm) Belton Church Evening Celebration

Mon Apr 11th (7.30pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall Parish Council meeting

Tues Apr 12th (7.30pm) JGI Belton WI

Wed Apr 13th (9.30-10.30am) New Road Sport Centre Belton & Browston Parish Clerks surgery

Sun Apr 17th (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church Holy Communion

Sun Apr 17th (10.30am) Belton Church Cafe Church

Thurs Apr 21st (Noon-2pm) JGI Lunch Club lunch served 12.15pm

Tue Apr 19th (7.30pm) New Road Sport Cent. Belton/Browston Parish Council meeting

Wed Apr 20th (9am-1pm) New Road Sport Cent. Craft Sale/table top

Thu Apr 21st (7pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Police Snap Meeting

Fri Apr 22nd (7.30pm) JGI Quiz Night £5 teams of 4

Fri Apr 22nd (7.30pm) Lound V/Hall Walking the Leys (Talk) Laurence Mann

Sat Apr 23rd (7.30pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall St. Georges Day

Sun Apr 24th (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church Morning Prayer

Sun Apr 24th (10.30am) Belton Church Morning Celebration

Sun Apr 24th (6.30pm) Fritton Church Thanksgiving Service

Sun Apr 24th (2.30pm) JGI Belton Hist. Soc. AGM & Local Railway Film

Tue Apr 26th (7.30pm) New Road Sport Cent. Belton/Browston Annual Parish meeting

Thurs Apr 28th (1-3pm) Village Green Children's Centre Debt Advice

Sun May 1st (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church Holy Communion

Sun May 1st (10.30am) Belton Church Morning Celebration

Tues May 3th (11am) Belton Church Holy Communion Coffee from 10am.

Wed May 4th Mobile Library - Priory Close, St. Olaves (10.30-10.40am). New

Road Playing Field, Fritton (10.45-11am). Belton from 1.50pm (times in article)

Wed May 4th (6-7.30pm) Moorlands Academy Messy Church

Fri May 6th (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head Team Quiz

Fri May 6th (7.30pm) JGI Digital Camera Club Tel. 780822

Sat May 7th From 8.45am Belton Scouts Collecting Newspapers Belton only

MALCOLMS NATURE JOTTINGS



Siskin - Stephen Fitzpatrick, of Sandy Lane, Belton e-mailed me a list of birds visiting his garden among which was a Siskin (*Carduelis spinus*). Siskins are members of the finch family mainly winter visitors to Norfolk. They are resident in some parts of the British Isles, chiefly in Scotland and Ireland. Males are recognised by their yellow and green plumage, yellow rump, black crown and yellow cheeks, the female crown is olive green dull white chin and streaked. Both have forked tails. Nests are usually high up in coniferous trees and made of twigs roots dry grass and moss, lined with wool ,hair, and feathers. The 4-5 pale blue eggs ,lightly spotted and streaked reddish brown/soft purple are laid in late April/ May,with a second brood sometimes in June. The last time I observed Siskins was in the U.S.A. where they have the same species as we do.



Woodpeckers - There are three species of Woodpeckers found in England, the Green Woodpecker, Great spotted and Lesser spotted, Stephen has the Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) feeding in his garden. This is the most common of the Woodpeckers although hard to see when trees are in full leaf. Only

the male is recognised by the black upper-parts, white patches on cheeks, red on belly and tail coverts and crimson back of the head, juveniles have red caps. I expect many readers of "Village Voice" have heard the loud "drumming" sound made by both male and female birds on dead wood. Among my many visits in the past to the small wood in Belton it was always this sound that I looked forward to hearing. The U.S.A. has 21 species of Woodpecker I have observed some including the Red-Headed ,the Golden-fronted common in Texas and the Pileated Woodpecker seen in my friends garden in Idaho.

The two excellent photos with this article were taken by Stephen in his garden.

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YOUNG AT HEART

"Young at Heart" (for those of the tender years 50 or over) continue to meet each Tuesday of the month in the Church building, come rain or shine, between 10.00 and 12noon. On all Tuesdays, we chat and have coffee and light refreshments, sometimes enjoying a session of craft, or a quiz or a talk, singalong, etc. On the first Tuesday of each month, many of us share together in a traditional Holy Communion Service at 11.00a.m. We remember those we know who are in need of prayer. Collectively we sponsor a young lad of 14 years old in Ecuador and look forward to getting news of his progress.

In addition to Tuesdays, we hold different and varied events as well. In February, we joined with some folk from Burgh Castle to share in a "Lent Lunch" – a simple, wholesome lunch of homemade soup and bread – which was provided for us. We took up a collection in lieu of the cost of a meal, and raised around £153 for a children's project in Papua, New Guinea. As it was Lent, (a time when in the Church we traditionally remember Jesus being tempted in the desert) we had a short talk about how we too can make good choices in life. The photograph was taken just after this meal. We are now approaching Easter with all its activities, but continue to meet together each Tuesday. Although we are a Church group, all are welcome, men and women, whether Church members or not. We would be glad to see you if you would like to come along. Young at Heart would like to wish you all a very special Easter.

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FRITTON CHURCH

The photograph shows the progress being made by Master Thatcher Mr Gary Stokes on the re-thatching of the north nave roof which, all being well, should be finished by early April. The netting is coming off the historical Apse roof and a sedge ridge will be thatched on.

This highly skilful restoration work has been made possible by the overwhelm-

ing generosity of the local community past and present following 'Buy A Bundle of Reed' Fritton Church Roof Appeal. St Edmunds has also been supported by a donation by The Round Tower Churches Society.

A big thank you to all who have responded to our request for people with connections to the church church to help buy 1,500 bunches of reed at £3.50 each needed to rethatch the north side of nave roof. I am pleased to report that all 1,500 bunches have been purchased. All further donations received will go towards the cost of sedge for ridge and wire netting to hold the thatch in place and keep birds out.

If you would like to still make a donation please forward to: Doug Youngs, Delside, Beccles Road, Fritton, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 9AB.

There is a Spring Coffee Morning on April 9th (10-Noon) at St. Edmunds Church, a chance to view the new thatch and relax with a cuppa and a thanksgiving service Songs of Praise will be held on Sunday 24th April at 6.30pm.

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