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Over 50/60's Christmas Lunch

## BELTON OVER 50/60'S CLUB

The Belton Over 50/60's Club has had another successful year with increased membership. We meet at the JGI every Tuesday (2-4pm), admission is just £1. Our first outing of the year was to the Pier Hotel for a delicious lunch, then it was off to Southwold and Dunwich for fish and chips. This was followed by a shared outing to the Theatre Royal with the W.I, a visit to Furze House Gardens and high tea at the Cliff Hotel, Gorleston. To end the year we have just had our Christmas Lunch at the Pier Hotel (see photo) and follow that with the Christmas Party and raffle with gifts for all our members.

I would personally like to thank all who help during the year, I could not manage without you all.

**Norma Hadden.**

## YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

Lets start with some great news – **We have appointed a new Editor! and we carry on as usual** - watch out for details next month and a new e-mail address but in the mean time please send your news, adverts etc. though to me as before, we will be having an e-mail specifically for Village Voice soon.

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Belton & District Historical Society and the Moorlands Primary Academy joined forces for a Christmas Fair at the School at the end of November, there were over 30 stalls and attractions including Santas Grotto, Face painting, The Figure Factory, a large raffle and stalls organised by the PTA, History Society, Church and other local groups, various crafters and fundraisers

It was a very successful day and thanks must go to headmaster Mr Lee and his staff for allowing us the use of both the main hall and dining hall to make this such a success.



## 1ST BELTON GUIDES

Guides recently joined in the Great Yarmouth Division Dabble Day at Lynn Grove School doing a variety of Christmas themed arts and crafts. The event is held annually for all age groups in girl guiding in the Great Yarmouth area. Around 150 girls attended and were spoilt for choice with the many activities on offer. The day concluded with everyone joining in with Christmas carol singing.

For an end of term treat the Guides went to The Kings Head in Belton for a meal. We all enjoyed a lovely relaxed evening and a delicious meal and would like to thank the ladies there for looking after us so well and making us feel so welcome. The evening concluded with everyone bringing a small secret Santa gift.

We will be back in the New Year on Tuesday 12th January at Burgh Castle Village Hall 6.45 – 8.30. The girls are already making plans for new activities, sleepovers and outings for 2016.

We meet term time and have spaces for girls aged 10 – 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 Email [guides.1stbelton@yahoo.com](mailto:guides.1stbelton@yahoo.com)

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## FEBRUARY VV

Please keep your news coming in, the deadline remains as Noon on January 14<sup>th</sup> for the February edition and we welcome you photos, small adds also enquiries about advertising, all will be dealt with as usual.

In closing thank you all for your support in 2015 advertisers, contributors, printers and deliverers a Happy New Year to you all! - we would not have a successful publication without you.

## MINI ROUNDABOUT ACCIDENT

Police are appealing for witnesses to a collision which occurred at 11am on Wednesday 25th November 2015, At the mini roundabout junction of New Road and Stepshort in Belton. An adult male cyclist was knocked off his bike by a white panel van.

If you have any information please contact PC Steve Hughes at Gorleston Police Station on 101.

## MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

Free, impartial and confidential advice and guidance on a range of money and/or debt issues is being offered at the Village Green Children's Centre, Belton by a representative from D.I.A.L on the last Thursday of every month (1.00 - 3.00pm) the next visits are on January 28th and February 25th. For more information call 01493 789562 or e-mail childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Belton with Browston Parish Council are inviting nominations for the Citizen of the Year 2015 awards which will be presented at the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting in April or May. To make a nomination send the persons name and address together with the specific details of your nomination which can be for help and assistance to an individual or with a group or organisation based in the Parish to Miss K Palmer, Parish Clerk,

Belton with Browston Parish Council, 5 Middleton Gardens, Gorleston, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 7AE by Monday February 8th 2016.

As previously there will be one award and as well as being open to residents of Belton with Browston it will available to non residents of the parish provided the work for which that person is nominated is within the parish, anybody who has received an award covering the previous two years will not be eligible this time round. (Parish Councillors cannot be nominated for the award).

## SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton on Saturday January 9th 2016 and Saturday February 6th., 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.

If you have any enquiries about the local Scouts or the any of the above please ring (01493) 780965.

## 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 the January 13th and February 10th 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 January 13th and February 10th. 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

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## ADRIAN AT THE BOROUGH

I am deeply concerned at this governments drive to build and sell houses. Yes, that is build, and sell. As we have no real manufacturing base left in this country to drive the economy, we are going to rely on the service and financial industries to fuel it. We are in my view moving back to the time of rising house prices and occupiers borrowing against the equity of the property to spend in the high street. Turning your house into a credit card. The literal meaning of the word Mortgage is Death Grip, very apt. This type of economic activity is not sustainable and resulted in the financial crash last time. Capitalism requires continued expansion and new markets to succeed, the new mortgage markets in America, lent to financially insecure borrowers at low rates then sold on these so called AAA finance products, to banks all over the world including the UK. When these SUB PRIME borrowers defaulted, the property became worthless and we picked up and financed through our taxes rescue packages for the banks. These banks are the so called "experts" in the financial markets that bought these products in the first place. Building a house with tax payers money then selling it for 20% less than market value, is a tax subsidised scheme.

As for the Neighbourhood Plan giving a voice to local people, just look at Caister and you can see that local, people will be overruled in favour of this governments economic

house building plans. Councils are frightened to oppose the government on development because of costly litigation. The government has deep taxpayers pockets to set legal challenges. This will lead to unwelcome developments in rural areas just to meet government targets. There are sufficient brown field sites in this country to build 1M new homes. We have only 21% of grade 1 agricultural land left in England. Yet we build on this land because it is cheaper that building on brown field sites. Once it's gone it's gone for good. What about refurbishing properties, it is cheaper and quicker. It is my view that councils should build homes and RENT them for at least five years before they can be sold and then at full market value. It is not affordable housing that people need it is affordable rents.

The new local plan will be passed at full council on the 21 December this year. In it you will be able to see where the proposed developments are. The council's local 5 Year housing plan is for 7200 new homes. 32% in Lothingland. That means 2100 new homes to be built in Belton, Burgh Castle and Fritton St, Olaves. As HG Wells wrote, The Shape of Things to Come?

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

**Cllr Adrian Myers,**  
Lothingland Ward

Your councillor, your representative, your voice.

My contact number is 07824 313792 .

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## VILLAGE GREEN CHILDRENS CENTRE

### SPRING DATES

*How Children Learn*, 11th January (9.30 - 11.30) for 10 weeks. - Seagulls CC.

*How Babies Learn*, 1st February (1.00 - 3.00) for 6 weeks. - Seagulls CC.

*Baby & Child First Aid* (£20), 12th January (9.30 -2.30) - Priory CC.

*Level 1 Children & Young People* for 10 weeks. - Adult Education - Village Green.

*Solihull Parenting Course* for 10 weeks. - Village Green.

*Time 4 me* - Tuesday Craft Project for 10 weeks - Village Green.

*Baby Bloom* - for 5 weeks Fridays from January 15th (10 - 11.30am) Village Green.

*Baby Massage* - for 5 weeks Mondays from January 11th (10 -11.30am) Village Green.

Other regular dates are on our diary page

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to make a difference in your community? Teach or learn new skills, build your confidence? Start something new in 2016! We need Volunteers!

Volunteering opportunities available at Village Green Children's Centre or other local organisations. Contact Evelyn Treadwell by email on [childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk) or telephone on 01493 789562 to find out how you can become a volunteer! We look forward to helping you take those steps back into your community, learning or work.

Contact the Village green Childrens Centre on 01493 789562 or e-mail [childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk) to enrol or for more information.

### PARENTS FORUM

Dates for 2016 are February 10th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 15th, July 13th, September 14th, October 12th, November 16th, and December 14th, all 9.15 - 11.15am

### CONTACT US VIA

Twitter - @villagegreen9 #squad goals

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Our website - [www.villagegreenchildrenscentre.org.uk](http://www.villagegreenchildrenscentre.org.uk)

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## BELTON SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS 2016

Belton Scout Group will be collecting newspaper, old phone directories, magazines, leaflets, thin card (incl. greetings cards) in Belton on the following dates.

Please leave outside your property by 8.45am.

9 <sup>th</sup> January	6 <sup>th</sup> February	12 <sup>th</sup> March
9 <sup>th</sup> April	7 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> June
9 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> September
8 <sup>th</sup> October	5 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> December

If you do not live in Belton paper can be left at 15 Bracon Road Belton (leave near gate) any time.

*The Group also collects bottle tops for the Matthew Project, please put them in a separate bag from paper.*

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## MOORLANDS C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

end of term thoughts....

As this term draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the positive changes that have taken place at Moorlands over the last few months and in particular, the role that the community has played in this. We recognise that the Academy should be at the heart of the village and we'd like to thank The Historical Society, Brian Swan from The Village Voice, The PTA and local shops and businesses for the opportunities they have given us to work together. We look forward to developing this further over the coming year. We have a vibrant and active PTA at the school, who, alongside other organisations and groups in the village, planned the Christmas Fair. It was a great example of the whole community coming together for the good of all and the children and staff certainly enjoyed being part of it.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Historical Society for their support in helping us buy a new projector for the school. This will be extremely useful and we are very grateful for their commitment to us. We were also honoured to celebrate the contribution to village and school life of Peter Morden in a tree planting ceremony in the school. It was very significant and moving for all concerned.

We would also like to thank all those involved with Belton Church for their continued support and care in helping the school to move forward, both educationally and spiritually.

We now have over 250 followers on Twitter. We are using this more and more to showcase the school, as well as community events. Our followers are interesting and varied and we thank you if you have signed up. If you have not yet signed up, please do, we tweet about all sorts of interesting things! We are @moorlandsbelton.

Finally, on a personal note, I'd like to thank you all for the goodwill you have shown me since I arrived in the Spring. I am very lucky to have come to a school and community with so many hardworking, dedicated people. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I'd like to wish you a Happy New Year.

**Kevin Lee,**  
Head Teacher.

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Can you spare a few hours to help other people in our villages?



The Good Neighbour Scheme will be launched in the next few weeks as a result of the fantastic response of the local residents.

This scheme will be known as the 4B's helping others in the local villages of Bradwell, Belton, Burgh Castle, and Browston, helping to bridge the support gap and in the process help recreate social connections and rebuild a sense of community.

If you know of any residents who may need help, please get in touch, the same if you can spare any time to help, we are holding a public meeting at the New Road Sports Centre Belton on 2nd February at 7.30pm. For more information call Steve Carter on 07791 272678 or Judy Nichols on 01493 781728 or just turn up at the meeting.

Every one deserves a good neighbour.

## LOCAL POPPY APPEAL RAISES OVER £3,300



The local collection for the Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle, Bradwell South and Fritton area has raised a marvellous total of £3,374.84, this is over £600 up on last years' total with some small amounts yet to come in.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the businesses and contributors who have supported us this year. Thank-you receipts will be sent out in the next few weeks indicating each individual total. A total of 41 collection pots were put out at 28 different locations.

Special thanks go to the team coordinated by Steven and Alan Webster who managed to raise over £900 collecting outside the Bradwell Co-op for several days. Thanks also go to the delivery, collecting and counting team of Vicki Applegate, Jane Kinge, George McGarrigle and Adele Taylor.

If you are in this area and did not receive a poppy collection kit this year, and would like one next year, please advise me via the details below.

**Ian Walker**

EGC02 Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

ianwalker22@gmail.com 07887 640 385

## LATE NEWS - MAMMOTH SALE

Belton Charity Fundraisers will be holding their next MAMMOTH sale at the JGI on Saturday February 27th (10-Noon) donations of items to sell to Skelmorlie, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle or ring 01493 780776 for collection



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# 1ST BELTON SCOUTS



## Beavers -

Beavers have had a busy fun packed year. They have taken part in district events including an activity day, sleepover, carol service and St George's day event, the best being when they won the District Bowling Competition in October. Bouncy beaver said it was a very close run competition and they all had a great morning.

We have had another two sleepovers one inside which included all the Beavers and one outside for those Beavers who had done a sleepover before. They all surprised us by sleeping well. The theme for the camp was there outdoor challenge. The Beavers collected wood and leaves for bug houses, tied shoe laces, collected wood for a camp fire and had fun learning new camp fire songs.

The Beavers started work on their new badges in September giving them some new challenges, activity badges and staged badges. For the first time they completed the gardeners badge making plate gardens and with the help of stripy beaver grew potatoes (which the beavers thought was great, each being able to take a bag of potatoes home), having to find out about safety of the tools before using them and making sure the plants were well watered, they also grew plants for the Rectory Corner beds, every seed grew this year!

We have done so much this year from making Christmas cakes in baked bean tins, biscuits, cakes, pipe cleaner spiders, icing eyes in a container to frighten someone, made flowers out of tissue paper, just an example of some of the activities. We have visited Tesco for their farm to shelf activity, Pets at Home to complete the animal carers badge, the beavers also feed the birds at the scout HQ taking it turns to fill the feeders, there was also Ten Pin Bowling and more.

The Group got together again this year for Jamboree on the air with the help of Great Yarmouth Amateur Radio Hams. We also ran some other activities for the whole group from making camp do-nuts, making a flag pole, learned how to play CUBB and other games. The beavers have a surprise for next year as we are going to celebrate 30 years of Beaver Scouting with lots of activities, of course a badge for our uniforms and a activity day with the rest of the county to look forward to.

## Cubs -

Cubs have had a truly fantastic year, we have given out seven silver awards and moved eight on to scouts and have taken in nine new cubs, some from beavers and some direct entrants to the group. We have completed community, promise and outdoor challenges where we have done such things as made bird nests and camp gadgets, cooked a two course meal and washed up afterwards, along with activity badges such as home help, map reader, astronomy and DIY badge when we made a keyring, a whistle and painted the fleur de lie.

The Cubs started a new scheme of badge work in September. This has included going to the Salvation Army and learning about that,

we played the tambourine, learnt about the history of the Army, dressed up in some uniform and blew a few brass instruments.

Six cubs did extremely well at the annual cub scouting skills Wiltshire Trophy and came 2nd out of nine teams the best for the pack since 2008. On Bonfire night we had a bonfire some fireworks and some hot dogs, an enjoyable evening.

We have had a sixer and seconder evening to appoint new sixers and seconders with team challenges and visited Mexico, Spain, France and Italy and learned about their culture, food, capital cities and flags, and celebrated a festival to remember, a Mexican festival where they remember people who have died and make and wear fancy masks etc.

The majority of cubs attended JOTA(jamboree on the air) where they got to speak to scout people from all over Europe as well as doing things including backwards cooking and archery with mini crossbows.

Coming up we are trying two new sports, Tai Chi and dancing, learning about a computer and emailing also Christmas activities and personal challenges.

Highlights of the year have to be a trip to seething observatory, summer camp at Gilwell Park the home of European scouting and the scouting headquarters of Britain and Jamboree on the air in October.

## Scouts -

This year has been a very full year for the scouts. Our numbers have grown and we now have 15 scouts with some coming up to us from cubs, some new to the village plus some young people who are new to scouting.

We have taken part in district shooting events making our way through to the county competition and also the district archery competition again making it through to the county competition and have had fun bowling and at the skate park. We had our own ?dragon?themed camp travelling to Norwich to complete the Go Go Dragon trail, we also had great fun at our annual district camp at Woodbastwick in June.



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## COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

There were twelve Parish Councillors, county councillor Colin Aldred and about seventeen residents at the second November meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, John Rudrum was in the chair.

Most of the residents were there to object to proposals to develop the former pharmacy site on St. Johns Road into six one and two bedroomed properties, there was also a representative of the developers present. The objections concerned suitability of the location for that type of development, general overcrowding of the site, overlooking of adjoining properties and parking concerns, just six spaces have been allowed for and these would all face on to the the properties head on with no turning space meaning a need to either back on or off the road. Some of the residents suggested that three properties would be ample for the site. The Parish Council supported these objections and it was explained that the application was expected to be discussed at the Borough Council development Control meeting on December 15th.

The council had also received an application for a new store at Barn 3, off Beccles Road Belton (no objections) and notice that the plans were in for the proposed 64 property development at New Road behind Bland Corner. This application will be discussed at the next Council meeting on December 1st when a representative of the proposed 4B's Good Neighbours Scheme will also be present to give a brief outline of that scheme which is proposed for Belton, Burgh Castle, Browston and Bradwell.

In reply to an earlier members question County Councillor Aldred reported that there would be no loss of the school

crossing patrol on Bracon Road by Moorland Way in the proposed County Council finance cuts, he also reported that he would again be chasing the County over the condition of the former school caretakers bungalow on Bell Lane which they had promised to tidy up. It was reported that the new Link Road should open on December 4th but there have been vandalism problems to some of the lights which could delay this, in the final round of safety checks on the scheme the turn into Belton off the A143 roundabout will again be checked as concerns have been raised over the safety aspect of coming off one corner of the roundabout.

There were three tenders in for the Grass cutting contract in the Parish, covering Bell Lane, the churchyard, Bland Corner and the New Road field, however members deferred a decision on this as they wanted to arrange a meeting with one of the contractors to ensure that they fully understood all the areas that were involved.

It was agreed that the lowest tender be accepted for cutting the allotments hedge, there are now two allotment plots vacant and anybody interested can get further details from the Parish Clerk on 01493 602960. There is now a vacancy for one member of the Parish Council, members accepted the resignation of councillor Ben Burgess, members agreed to send him a letter thanking him for his service to the council.

Members agreed to a change to one council meeting per month for a trial period of three months, this will operate from January to March next year with the meetings being held on the third Tuesday of each month.

## COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Eleven Parish Councillors, County Councillor Colin Aldred, Borough Councillor Adrian Myers and 20 members of the public attended the December 1st. meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, John Rudrum was in the chair.

Most of the public were there to raise concerns over the proposed development of 64 properties on New Road, behind Bland Corner. Having listened to everyone members voted 6 to 5 in favour of the plan in principle but raised various concerns that need addressing or confirming prior to the Borough giving any consent, they included concerns over road safety, that there should be a clearly defined crossing point of Stepshort, that the pedestrian access to Stepshort should be deleted, that the promised footpath along the east side of Stepshort should run the whole length of the site frontage to link with the existing path to Burgh Castle.

Other concerns were the ability of the sewage system to cope, members questioned the assurance that the pumping station at Stepshort which already floods can take the extra capacity, concern over surface water run off, the availability of places in the village school and the general lack of services such as doctors and the capacity of the Bell Lane shops to accommodate further trade.

There was a brief outline of the proposed 4 villages Good neighbour scheme by organiser Steve Carter, he hopes that this community support group will commence in January and promised that it will not work against existing schemes such as the Community Car Scheme. Although satisfied with their existing contractors work, members felt that they had to give the grass cutting contract to GYB services as their price considerably undercut the current contractor, they did however include an opt out clause at the end of the first year for either party to implement by November 15th 2016.

There is currently one vacancy on the council, the clerk confirmed that there had not been any request from residents for an election so the vacancy can be filled by co-option and that will be on the next meetings agenda. The only other planning matters were confirmation that the applicant for the six properties on the former surgery and pharmacy site on St. Johns Road had withdrawn this after many objections with the view of reconsidering his options. (since the meeting it has become known that the property has been put back on the market to be sold at auction). Finally the Borough Council had decided to approve a double garage at High House, Lound Road, Browston.

## COUNCIL DIARY

Belton with Browston Parish Council holds its meetings at the at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre, Belton, during January to March 2016 it will try an experiment of one meeting a month rather than two, the dates will be Tuesdays January 19th, February 16th and March 15th. 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, dates during this period are January 13th, February 10th and March 9th. If you wish to confirm that Kate will be available before visiting please ring 01493 602960. The clerk can also be contacted by e-mail [beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk) or in writing at 5 Middleton Gardens, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 7AE.



**E**NTUA (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](http://www.entua.org.uk).

For a four day period from 20th November all train services were suspended between Great Yarmouth and Norwich due to damage being done to diesel multiple units as a result of poor rail conditions. This led to excessive wheel damage which had to be repaired before the trains could re-enter service. At least two trains per day were arriving back with wheel damage, they had to be sent to Ilford for repair. Replacement buses were laid on to compensate, but unfortunately this often meant a longer journey time. Abellio did try to hire in replacement rolling stock, but other train operators were suffering similar problems, so they did not succeed. A lot of bad publicity for this

occurrence ensued, but with a nationwide shortage of available diesel multiple units being for hire there was little else that Abellio could do.

The inconvenience this caused passengers is of course the prime concern and that is why in our submission to the Department for Transport for the next franchise ENTUA stressed the need for spare rolling stock to be available to operators for such an event as this. ENTUA feels the reason this event occurred is the lack of sustained investment in rail over the past 35 years by all Governments. Abellio Greater Anglia tickets were accepted on First Service X1 from Norwich Bus Station and all services were restored by late Monday 23rd November.

On a brighter note, improvements made by Abellio Greater Anglia on the Norwich to Great Yarmouth services in Summer 2015 have helped drive a 5% increase in passenger numbers on the line in the peak summer months of July and August. More than 105,000 passenger journeys were made in this period in 2015, compared to

100,000 in 2014.

Greater Anglia added two extra return services (four services in total) on Summer Saturdays and four extra return services (eight services in total) on Mondays and Fridays over the school holidays between mid-July and early September, compared to previous years. It should also be noted that the hiring of the two Class 37 locomotives and carriages from Direct Rail Services helped performance and reliability as well as offering more seating and luggage space.

These extra services helped meet increased demand for visitors travelling to Great Yarmouth, with more holidaymakers taking popular mini breaks and weekends away, all of which is believed to have helped boost the holiday trade and local economy.

James Reeve, Greater Anglia's Area Customer Service Manager told ENTUA: "Over recent years we have seen an increase in holidaymakers visiting Great Yarmouth by train for short breaks and weekends away, in addition to those taking the more

traditional week and fortnight holiday. By running these extra trains we definitely saw a rise in people travelling to Great Yarmouth and we improved not just service frequency, but also reliability and seating capacity, thereby encouraging more travellers".

ENTUA echoes these sentiments and it shows that with the increase in services to and from Norwich passenger numbers can grow. We will continue to press for more services to operate from Great Yarmouth beyond Norwich to places such as Stansted Airport, Cambridge and Peterborough. If you would like to become a member of ENTUA and help us campaign for improvements to local bus and rail services, why not join us. We only ask for a minimum donation of £5.00 per annum which helps us cover the cost of printing and postage of the quarterly newsletter. To join please write to ENTUA, 18 Wensum Way, Belton. NR31 9NY. ENTUA sends its readers 'Seasons Greetings' and every good wish for a healthy and contented 2016.

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## GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP

52 people attended the Stroke Groups Christmas lunch at the Pier Hotel on December 10th. Tony and volunteers provided the Christmas carols. The club meets at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre, Belton every Thursday, (2-4pm), the first session back in the New Year is Thursday January 7th..for details contact Sue Casey on 01493 781846.



Christmas Lunch at the Pier Hotel



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There are two weekly Pilates classes for beginner and intermediate level at the Premier Room, New Road Sport & Leisure Centre, Belton, on Monday evenings the times are :-

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## MONDAY ACTIVITY MORNINGS

These exercise classes run at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre on Monday mornings:-

Sallyann wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe Healthy New year. See you on Monday 11th January 2016 at new road Sports Centre for our open coffee morning. Sallyann wishes everyone good health and a speedy recovery for everyone who has been poorly recently. Merry Christmas. **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.

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### Dates for January 2016

We will open on the 11th January 2016 this will be an open/coffee morning from 9.30 to 11.30 for you to come and find out what we do and register your interest. This will also be a time to renew GP forms for the New Year. If you have been thinking of joining us then come along to find out more.

Please contact Sallyann to find out how the sessions can improve your health & fitness. Call 07599 044 806 Sallyann email up4fitness@gmail.com.

## BELTON CHARITY FUNDRAISERS

The Charity Fundraisers who organise the bargain stalls and run the monthly quiz sheets have had another very successful year. At the end of our last financial year in January we allocated £2575 in grants having already made an earlier donation of £200. This year we expect the total collected to the end of January 2016 to be in the region of £3000 and will make allocations of grants at our group meeting in February, this will bring the total raised since we were originally formed as the Friends of the JGI to around £24000.00!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in any way during the year, either donating items to sell, buying from our stalls at the JGI, New Road, Burgh Castle Village hall, our Mammoth sales or other special events or who has entered the monthly quizzes. We wish you all happy bargain hunting in 2016. If you have anything to donate for our stall or Mammoth Sales please ring 01493 780776.



YaH Christmas Lunch

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart are a group of the more "elderly" citizens in our villages - well in years, anyway - not necessarily in attitude or outlook! The group has had a very interesting year, with many varied activities ranging from Bacon Butty lunches and afternoon Teas (we do tend to eat quite often.) to a morning of "Fred's Finds". Fred is a keen user of his metal detector and shared with the group some of the fascinating finds he has

uncovered. Trevor Austin shared reminiscences from over the years on one occasion, and on another, local handbell ringers delighted us with a rendition of their music, which was much enjoyed.

In the later part of the year, we have been on boat trips, had a fish and chip lunch, and tested our brain cells with a rather quirky Christmas Quiz! Some have turned their hand to making a silk-painted Christmas card, and we rounded off this Christmas period with over 30

of us descending on Browston Hall for a Christmas lunch, which was extremely good and I'm sure enjoyed by all who were able to attend. As I write, one more special morning awaits us in the form of Hilary's Christmas Singalong. This event has been repeated by special request after the success of last year. I personally was unable to attend the Singalong last year, or many of the earlier events outlined above, so I am particularly looking forward to it. "Normal" Tuesdays involve coffee and chat in the Church building each Tuesday between 10.00 and 12noon. We continue to support Wilson, a young lad from Ecuador, by sponsoring him monthly, and we hold a traditional Communion Service for those who wish to attend on the first Tuesday of each month (11.00a.m.). Although we are a Church group, we welcome new people whether they attend Church or not. Just because we are getting older, and maybe less mobile, we see no reason why we should get lonelier! We try to support each other as we can. If you want to pop in any Tuesday morning, we'd love to see you! Wishing you a happy and healthy 2016.

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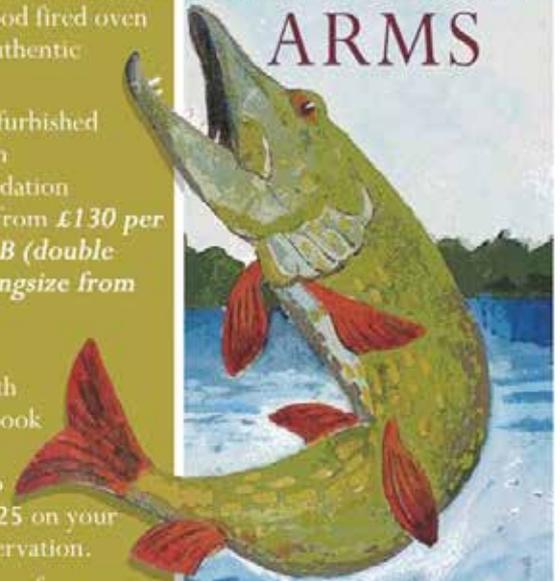
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Bill Richmond

## WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP-IN

This has been another good year for this Wednesday morning meeting. We have attendances of between 12 and 30 people during the morning and as the word says it is a "Drop In" so come for 5 or 50 minutes if you wish. The Wednesday Morning Drop In is at the JGI between 10.30am and noon every Wednesday morning. We welcome anyone for a coffee or tea and a piece of cake. Come and catch up with friends or make new ones and hear what's going on in the local area (gatherings as usual during the holiday period).

If you would like to know more just call Sue on 780822.



## MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

The next monthly Coffee Morning at the JGI is on Saturday January 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 Charity Fundraisers. Thank you to everybody who supported the December raffle which was organised by Belton Church Youth Groups, £120.00 was raised.

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.

## BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOC.

We return to regular meetings after the seasonal break and meet at the JGI on Sunday January 24th (2.30pm) when Trevor Austin will be our guest speaker with the Reminiscence Road-show when he will bring a selection of his artefacts, to handle, look at and discuss. As usual admission will be £3 (Members £2), non members welcome, there will be a raffle for club funds and teas/coffees will be available.

## BELTON W.I.

We next meet on Tuesday January 12th at the JGI - 7.30pm Details of the speaker to be confirmed, there will be the usual sales table, please note that annual subscriptions are due at the meeting. For any further information call Sue on 780822.

## QUIZ EVENING

The next Belton Village Quiz Night will be on Friday January 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.

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## BELTON LUNCH CLUB

The Club meets once a month and have had another very successful year with 22 regular members who enjoy a home cooked lunch (with local produce wherever possible). I would like to thank the great efforts of Lynn, Nora (The pudding queen), Terry and Jean for all the hard work that makes the lunch club such a great meeting place. We are very grateful for the

wonderful support driven by our members. I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

The next meeting at the JGI on January 21st January at 12:00 noon, Lunch will be served at 12:15, 2 courses £5, everybody welcome at this friendly club come and join us. If you would like any further information or to book call 01493 781294.

**Barbara Clark**

## NEEDLECRAFTERS GROUP

We are a comparatively new group, meeting every Thursday at the John Green Institute, Belton, from 7-9pm. New people will be welcome to join us. ( note that we will not be meeting Christmas Eve or New Years

eve but every week from Thursday January 7th.) Join in with your own knitting, cross stitch, embroidery etc. tuition/help available and meet and make new friends at the same time. If you would like more details call Linda on 07721599559, e-mail ladavis273@btinternet.com, or just come and join us.

## ..... ALSO WEEKLY AT THE JGI

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**BINGO** - Sessions are held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, everyone welcome (not December 28th).

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**WEIGHT WATCHERS** - Meet Wednesdays from 6.15pm.

## ALL SAINTS BELTON



## REV ROSIE WRITES

Twelfth Night, Epiphany, 6th January..... different names for the date that Christians remember the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem to worship Jesus. After their visit, Joseph has a dream telling him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape what turns out to be a massacre of all the baby boys of 2 years and under. Our television screens and newspapers remain full of details of violence and hateful crimes against humanity; we hear so much about the refugees fleeing from danger.

Tim and I visited Israel and Jordan whilst I was on my sabbatical. (We had a wonderful time and no doubt you will hear more about it in the months to come). Whilst we were in Jerusalem we met Canon Andrew White (the former Vicar of Baghdad). He spoke personally about the persecution of Christians in Iraq and the refugee camps in Jordan that he visits which house people of all faiths, especially those fleeing the terrors of Syria. His organisation raises over £1million per month to care for these people.

We also travelled around Galilee and visited the Golan Heights, overlooking Jordan, and heard the distant rumble of bombs and fighting in Syria, just north of where we were. Because of the tense situations on the Israeli/Jordanian/

Syrian border, there were many Israeli fighter jets flying over Galilee and as we were enjoying a service of Holy Communion of the shore of Galilee we were so deafened that we had to pause for some while before continuing. Armed soldiers and police were a common sight in and around Jerusalem too. All this was a good reminder that Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem and lived under Roman occupation and it was into a tense environment that Jesus was born. Like many in our world he experienced the difficulties of fleeing for his life and becoming a refugee; he and his family no doubt appreciated all the help he received.

With all that is said about the refugees and the confusion of including them with the economic migrants trying to make the most of the situation, we can suffer from compassion overload. We may not be able to do much to help, but whatever help we can give to those genuinely in need will be appreciated. My prayer for our world this year (2016) is for wisdom for the leaders of the nations to find a way for the nations to live in peace, even if we disagree about what is important in life and that individuals will stop taking things into their own hands with often indiscriminate terrorist attacks. May God bless us all and make us thankful for the peace that we enjoy.

**Rev. Rosie Bunn,**  
Belton Rectory. Tel 01493 780210.

## PRODUCE AND CRAFTS SHOW

This year was the 25th show held at the end of June at the JGI, a slightly earlier date, needed to fit in with other arrangements, and a colder spring reduced produce entries somewhat however we had more support from Moorlands School and hope to expand on this along with support from the scouts group and St. John Ambulance Cadets entries in 2016. There must also be plenty of adults in our area (Belton, Burgh Castle, Browston, Fritton and St Olaves) who are good at

gardening, cooking or crafts of some sort who could enter – we look forward to seeing you.

We start again with our AGM on January 18th.(any offers to join the committee please call 780776), and have provisionally set the date of the next show as July 3rd, it will be confirmed at the AGM.

As Chairman for many years I would like to thank all members of the committee, past and present and other helpers for your continued support.

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## HISTORY SOCIETY

Belton and District Historical Society has had another very successful year with excellent attendances at most of our Sunday afternoon events at the JGI. Our speakers have covered a wide range of topics including wildlife rescue, Broadland, bee keeping, life in the workhouse and rail campaigning whilst we ended the year with a very successful joint Christmas Fair at Moorlands working with the schools PTA. This Year we again provided "Learner of the Year" trophies for each class at Moorlands and have just donated half the cost of a state of the art projector for the school, we also provided a cup for the St. John Ambulance cadets in Belton and purchased educational toys for Harry, a young lad in Belton with multiple health issues.

The only disappointment was the lack of support from the community for our history day in September however this was well made up for by the enjoyment and learning provided when the whole of the oldest year at Moorlands visited the display the following morning, they were very interested in looking at the wide range of photos and artefacts from the past. Our web site is still going strong with many local photos and stories, some recently added (visit [www.beltonhistory.co.uk](http://www.beltonhistory.co.uk)). We start 2016 on Sunday January 24th (2.30pm) at the JGI when Trevor Austin is bringing us The Reminiscence Roadshow, a large selection of his artefacts to look at, handle and discuss, why not come along, admission is just £3 (members £2).



## COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

### Annual Report

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have no other means of getting to doctor and hospital appointments.

We look forward to usubg the new link road which will shorten the distance to the J.P.H considerably.

During this year we have been fortunate that Sue has taken on the role of answering the telephone and organising drivers, a very difficult task at times trying to juggle drivers and passengers. We also have a new driver John S who did his first trip last week.

This year because of the increased pressure on Parish Council budgets, and changes

in the way Borough Councillors Ward Budgets are allocated we have applied to one of our Borough Councillors' for a grant for a new mobile phone and a top-up allowance.

If you would like to go to your GP, the JPH or just shopping (we will wait for you and if necessary help you around the shops), we may be able to help. Just ring **07767 063986**.

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**COLIN  
AT COUNTY**

On Friday the 4th December I attended the opening of the new A12/A143 link road, it was well attended with Brandon Lewis, Graham Plant and Colleen Walker who officially cut the ribbon to open the road to the public, this road will be helpful to residents living in Belton/Bradwell and Hopton areas making the journey much easier going East to West and visa versa, hopefully it will also bring much needed employment to the area attracting new businesses to the retail park in conjunction with the road.

There is one problem with the new road coming from Fritton to New Road Belton with the sweep of the corner a bit sharp for articulated vehicles and busses negotiating this corner having to drift onto on coming traffic to get into New Road, this I have reported and have been assured that it will be looked into on the next road safety assessment, I will keep you informed of the progress of this.

The old caretakers bungalow in the grounds of the Compass Centre is in a very untidy state, I have reported this to NPS who have assured me that this will

be tidied up, I will be keeping an eye on this to make sure they keep to their promise.

At last we have a pharmacy open in the Village of Belton, it took a long time to get this off the ground, now that this is here it is up to you to make full use of this facility so that we do not lose it.

I and my colleagues in County Hall have now got to set next years budget or at least present it to the full Council for their approval, I will keep you informed of what progress we are making having to take into consideration the cuts that we are presented with from central government, it is of course getting more and more difficult to make these cuts without having to cut front line services but we will try our best.

**Colin Aldred**

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**DOWN THE  
GARDEN  
PATH**

Each year, in December, thousands of perfect flowering orchids are sold as Christmas gifts in garden centres, supermarkets or DIY stores and every year, so we are told, almost as many are thrown out once they have finished flowering. Orchids come in a cellophane wrap and it is essential that this is left on between buying the plant and getting it home. Orchids are exotic tropical plants, once very expensive, but are now reasonably priced due to new propagation methods. Orchids are now the most popular house plant in the UK. (so we are told.) The plants should be grown at around 20degrees Celsius (ideal for our centrally heated houses.) however, they do require humidity so either the kitchen or bathroom is ideal. Orchids hate to be moved so carefully choose the right place and then they will flower for months.

There are two varieties cymbidium and phalaenopsis

sold as houseplants. Phalaenopsis, known as moth orchids, is an orchid genus of approximately 60 species and is one of the most popular orchids that you can buy from the supermarket and comes in a clear pot. Clear pots are useful as an aid to watering as they enable you to see if the compost is still moist below the surface, ( they usually only need watering once or twice a week.) Do not over water. Rain water is best but make sure it is at room temperature. Phalaenopsis' roots are also attracted to the light (not direct sunlight.) They also have aerial roots which can absorb moisture and nutrients from the air and it is important that they are not damaged or they will rot and the plant will die. The bloom spikes come from between the leaves and not from the base and naturally hang down so they will need staking. When the stem has finished flowering cut the stem just above a node so that a second flowering shoot can develop. Plants will need repotting every two years in special orchid compost and clear pots.



The Church set up as a Tabernacle for a Youth Service

## BELTON CHURCH YOUTH & CHILDREN

Christmas is, as always, a hugely busy time of year for everyone involved with the children and young people at Belton Church. Rock Solid finishes their term off with a party on 17th December, and Cornerstone and The Hub will have a great session on Friday 18th. The musical members of the church youth group Projection have also been taking part in festive services at church, including the Moorlands Academy carol services.

On the first Sunday of Advent, Belton Youth Group ran the morning celebration for the congregation. The church was transformed into a Tabernacle: the temporary temple used by the Israelites in the wilderness after they were led out of Egypt. Two of the boys presented a highly amusing sketch about Adam and Eve as they discovered that life after the Fall wasn't going to be easy, and Projection introduced the congregation to another song written by one of the young people. After a whistlestop tour of some key features of the Tabernacle, the first Advent candle was lit and the season had begun!

The Messy Church Christmas special this year was themed 'Journey to Bethlehem', and was held in the church building. It was great to welcome new faces

and regulars, who all enjoyed party food, a meaningful game of Pass the Parcel, and packing gifts for the JPH Neonatal Unit as well as creating mini Advent candle wreaths with birthday candles and a hot glue gun! The next session will be back in Moorlands Academy dining room on Wednesday 6th January, and will be themed, 'Voyage of Discovery' – come and join us as we explore what it means to seek Jesus like the Magi!

Looking forward to 2016, the youth and children's work at Belton Church is set for some great events and groups. We will be learning about the Lord's Prayer, doing plenty more arts and crafts, and also going again to Intents, a Christian camping weekend for young people at the end of May. Rock Solid will commence on Thursday 14th January, and Cornerstone/The Hub will start on Friday 15th January. Café Church returns on January 17th, but in the meantime, all are very welcome to join us on Sunday mornings for our celebration at 10.30.

A Happy New Year from the Belton Church Youth and KidsTeam! - We are on Facebook (add 'Belton Church (youth and kids work)' as a friend) and Twitter (@beltonyouth), or you can email beltonchurchoyouthandkids@gmail.com. See you in 2016!

**Jean White,**  
Youth leader.

## BELTON W.I. 2015

The AGM was held at our November meeting in the JGI. After voting the Committee will consist of President, Barbara Clark, Secretary, Sue Richmond and Treasurer, Norma Hadden plus six other members.

Our present membership stands at 49. It was decided during the year that 50 should be the maximum number for our group to maintain full safety in the JGI hall and as a result, we now have a waiting list.

Belton W.I. celebrated its Diamond Jubilee at the JGI, on the evening of 23rd April 2015 (Yes, we have been meeting and working together in Belton for 60 years) with invited guests from the Norfolk Federation of W.I. including the Chairman, Secretary and two Advisers. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Evelyn McClintock who was one of our founding members in 1955. It was an enjoyable and memorable evening, Patsy Rose provided our musical entertainment with songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Since last November we have learned about many things ranging from the benefits of aloe vera to adventures across America on the AMTRAK railway and interesting experiences (from one of our own members) in the life of a Registrar. We have also had Irish music, a Barn Dance and entertainment from Belt'n Braces (yet another talented member and her family).

During the year we held our usual annual competitions for Photography, Craft and the Colman Trophy for home baking. Our Darts team played well, winning 5 of their 6 matches. Unfortunately this was one point short of reaching the final.

During July, we had an enjoyable day out visiting Furze House Gardens, near Diss. The weather was kind to us and we were well looked after with coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

Thanks go to all members for their continual support.

**Sue Richmond** (Secretary, Belton W.I.)

## BELTON EVENTS COMMITTEE

We have hosted a variety of events during 2015. The year started with a traditional New Year's Day breakfast and continued with bingo sessions. One of the many highlights was the traditional afternoon tea in aid of the East Coast Hospice which raised £1000, we also celebrated the 10th anniversary of the reopening of the JGI.

The year finished with the Christmas party and 2016 will start again with the New Year breakfast. We would like to thank all of Belton for their support and look forward to doing it again in 2016.

**Barbara & Nora**

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## BURGH CASTLE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

December's quiz on the 4th at the Queens Head raised £77. Thank you to Dawn and her team for making us so welcome, to our excellent Quiz Master and for the support we get from regulars at the bar. We will NOT meet in January but the monthly quiz will resume on Friday 5th February 2016. Teams of 6, £1 per person, raffle. All welcome.

We enjoyed a really successful year of fundraising for the restoration fund this year. The total as I write standing at £10,689.00. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous and to those who give their time and talents freely for this important project. Our thanks to Sue and Chris who have again made a donation of £250 from their knitting stall.

2016 sees a renewed push for the second phase of the restoration work, applications for funding will be dealt with early in the year and we pray that we will be successful again this time, some 2016 events are listed below :-

**Burns Night at the Village Hall.** - This will be a ticket only event, so if you enjoyed this year's celebrations put your name on the list. Numbers

have to be limited to 60 to make in a pleasant evening for everyone. Haggis, Music and Scottish Dancing. Saturday 30th January 7.30pm - £10 per head. ( Call 780126 to reserve your ticket)

**Craft Fairs** - These will begin again in February on the schools half term week Monday to Friday, the 15th to 19th at the Village Hall, if you would like a stall book now (01493 780126).

**St Georges Day Celebration** - (Saturday 23rd April); A meal with the launch of a local historians book on Burgh Castle Roman Fort; Rosie and Tim will entertain us with an account of their recent trip to the Holy Land and Jordan.

**Great Yarmouth Market Stall** - This will be in July 2016 ( Date to be arranged) we will be happy to receive your unwanted Christmas gifts, Bric-a-Brac etc. at anytime. This year we made £300 from this event alone.

**Burgh Castle Church Recipe Book** - Please let us have your favourite recipes, we really would like to do this but need your support thank you to those who have already handed in recipes.

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



## BRANDON LEWIS MP

This time last year we were getting ready for a General Election. Politicians were nervously thinking about their future, the press was speculating what the final result would be and the voters carried on with their normal everyday lives.

Much has changed in the last twelve months, not least because no one predicted the election outcome and the formation of a majority government. One thing hasn't changed though - voters continue to concentrate on what is happening with everyday life. As a Member of Parliament, I want to limit Government interference in what we do every day, whilst providing support when and where it is needed.

Looking ahead, this year will see changes that will help make life easier for many people. Both the press and politicians like to use the phrase "hard-working families." It's a convenient phrase, but the government is going far beyond that particular group - helping workers in lower paid jobs keep more of their wages and earn a living wage, as well as helping our older people enjoy a more secure retirement.

I've already mentioned in

this column the work I am doing as Minister to make it easier for young people to buy their first home. Parents with younger children will get help with an increased entitlement to free childcare. Increasing the personal tax allowance will mean you can keep more of your income, whilst new laws will prevent any rises in income tax rates, VAT or National Insurance for the next five years. Additional funding for our NHS will see more people have access to a GP in the evenings and weekends and pensioners will see the highest increase in the state pension for the last 15 years. I'm sure I will be writing about many other changes over the next year.

We're into a new year now, and my constituency team has settled in to a new office in the centre of town. Located in Church Plain, just round the corner from Great Yarmouth Minister. It's ideally located for anyone popping in to the town centre, with plenty of parking nearby, including on-street parking right outside. If you do have any questions or issues that need resolving, please do pop in and we'll do everything we can to help.

New local contact details for Brandon Lewis are as follows :-

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## BURGH CASTLE THANK YOU

All Burgh Castle fundraisers would like to thank Mr and Mrs Bryanton for the kind donation of goods to sell at their various events and to wish them every happiness in their new life in the Philippines. Mr Bryanton was for a time a driver with the Community Car Scheme.

## BRANDON LEWIS SURGERIES

Local Member of Parliament, Brandon Lewis will hold his next surgery at the JGI, Belton (Green room) on Saturday January 9th. (10.00am - 11.00am), no appointments needed.

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# GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

## EVERY MONDAY

**Chair exercises** (9.30am) & **Nordic Walking** (10.30am) - New Road Sport & Leisure Centre - Supervised instruction 07599 044806

**Somerleyton Preschool** - (9.30am-12.30pm) Somerleyton Village Hall - Children 2 1/2 to 5 years  
Small, friendly group - 01502 677568/07837 903344

**Yoga** - JGI (10.15-11.15am) Bring your own mat or towel.

**Play, Weigh & Baby Group & Baby Cafe / Breastfeeding support**- Village Green Children Centre. every Mon. 1.30pm-3pm.(Health visitor & Nursery Nurse Attend on 1st & 3rd Mon. each month). Refreshments available(01493) 789562. Get advice and support from 'UNICEF' trained Jeanette Groome the 'Breastfeeding Champion.

**Baby Massage** - (10.00 -11.30am) Village Green Children Centre. FREE 5 week programme for parents & infants from Jan 11th details (01493) 789562.

**Bingo Night** - John Green Institute (7.30pm) All welcome

**Projection Youth Worship Band** - Belton Church (7.30 -9.00pm) Jean 07762 817454

**Ring Craft** - Training Dogs & Owners for the Show Ring. St. Olaves Village Hall, (8.00pm) Jane Thorpe (01502) 569243

**Belton Bowmen** - Wroughton School -Juniors/family 6pm-7pm (£3.50 per session) Adults Club 7pm-9pm/dusk (£5 per session) Tel Duncan 01493 780418.

**Pilates - Beginners/intermediate classes** - ( 6.00 -7.00pm & 7.05 - 8.05pm) - New Road Sport & Leisure Centre - Tel Hayley on 07767 864568.

## EVERY TUESDAY

**Pilates Fitness** - JGI - (9am) A class to improve posture & gain core Strength. £4.50. Details - Lorrain - 07747 720139

**Somerleyton Preschool** - (9.30am-12.30pm) Somerleyton Village Hall - Children 2 1/2 to 5 years  
- 01502 677568/07837 903344

**Picassos Messy Play** - (9.30 -10.45am) Bradwell Community Centre (organised by Village Green Childrens Centre).

**Zumba Dancing** - JGI (10-15am) £4.00 Lorrain - 07747 720139

**Young at Heart** - (10.00am - Noon) Belton Church. Get together for the over 50's (all welcome, church members or not)

**Belton Over 50s/60s.** - JGI. (2.00pm) Cards, Games, Bingo, Refreshments.

**1st. Belton Guides** - 6.45 -8.30 Burgh Castle Village Hall 07919620759 / 01493 667311

**Belton Badgers** - Youngest section of St. John Ambulance. Meet 6pm -7pm at Compass Centre Term Time. Boys & Girls Ages 7 - 10. Tel Carole 01493 780418

**Belton St. John Ambulance Cadets** - Every Tuesday (Term Time) Compass Centre, Belton 6pm -7.15pm Boys & Girls 10-16 years. Tel Jackie 01493 780619

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

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Somerleyton Preschool** - (9.30am-12.30pm) Somerleyton Village Hall - Children 2 1/2 to 5 years  
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**Drop In Coffee Morning** - (10.30am- Noon) JGI. All Welcome  
**Community Connexions** - Fruit & Veg Van in Belton. The Fruit & Veg van parked at The Tavern for the sale of fresh food produce (11.45am-12.30pm)

**Belton Art Club** - JGI (2.00pm-4.00pm.) Arts, Crafts & Hobbies. Just Drop In / Tel. Jan 01493 488683.

**Slimming World** - (5.30 & 7.30pm) Kings Head Function Room Tel Ella 07796 263627.

**3rd. Bradwell Rainbows** - (5.30 - 6.30pm) Burgh Castle Village hall (term time)

**Messy Church** - Moorlands Academy (Term times 1st. Wed. of month 6pm - 7.30pm) Jean 07622 817454.

**Weight Watchers** - JGI (sign in from 6.15pm, talk at 7.00pm) Tel Lisa 07546 023143

**Tai Chi** - at Cliff Park Junior School, Gorleston - Belton Based Group 01493 789992 Meets 7pm - 9pm www.taichi-qigong.net.

## EVERY THURSDAY

**Chatterboxes** - ( 9.00am-10.30am ) Village Green Children's Centre (50p). (0 - 5 years)Fun activities assisting Communication, Language & Literacy. 01493 789562.

**Somerleyton Preschool** - (9.30am-12.30pm) Somerleyton Village Hall - Children 2 1/2 to 5 years - 01502 677568/07837 903344

**Gt. Yarmouth Stroke Group** - (2.00-4.00pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre. 781846

**Rock Solid (Years 3 to 6)** - Belton Rectory Stables 5pm-6pm (Ages 8 - 11 -Term Time from Jan 14th) Tel. Jean: 07762 817454

**Needlecrafters Group** - (7-9pm) JGI - Informal needlecrafts meeting group 07721599559.

**Youth Group** - Belton Church (7.30 -9.00) Exploring Christian youth & having fun Jean 07762 817454.

## EVERY FRIDAY

**Somerleyton Preschool** - (9.30am-12.30pm) Somerleyton Village Hall - Children 2 1/2 to 5 years  
- 01502 677568/07837 903344

**Baby Bloom** - (10.00 -11.30am) Belton Village Green Children's Centre. FREE 5 week parenting group from Jan 11th., looking at sleep routines, nutrition, weaning, baby massage, communication & safety 01493 789562.

**Cornerstone - Open Youth Club** - (6pm.-7.30pm) Belton Church ( Jan 15th & 29th. ) For years 6/7/8 Jean: 07762 817454

**The Hub - Open Youth Club** - (7.30-9.00pm) Belton Church ( Jan 15th & 29th ) For all of High School age.

NOTE: - **Belton Scouts** (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) - All meet in Belton weekly details on 01493 780965

## EVERY SUNDAY

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**All Saints Church, Belton** - (10.30am) Modern Service - Activity group for children

Full church service details below.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thu. Dec. 24th.** - (4.30pm) Belton Church - Christmas Eve Crib Service.

**Thu. Dec. 24th.** - (11.30pm) Burgh Castle Church - Midnight Communion.

**Fri. Dec. 25th.** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Family Communion for Christmas Day.

**Sun. Dec. 27th.** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Family Communion with carols.

**Fri. Jan. 1st** - (10am - Noon) JGI - New Years Breakfast - Everyone welcome.

**Sun. Jan. 3rd** - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer.

**Sun. Jan 3rd** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration.

**Tue. Jan. 5th** - (11am) Belton Church - Traditional Holy Communion (Coffee from 10.00).

**Wed. Jan. 6th** - (10.30am) Burgh House Res. Home - Holy Communion.

**Wed. Jan. 6th.** - (6 -7.30pm) Moorlands Academy - Messy Church.

**Wed. Jan. 6th.** - (7pm) JGI - Police SNAP Public meeting.

**Wed. Jan. 6th.** - (7.30pm) New Road Sport & Leis. Cent.

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**Sat. Jan. 9th** - Belton Scouts collecting old newspapers in Belton only. Please leave outside your gate by 8.45am.

**Sat. Jan. 9th** - (10-11am) JGI- Brandon Lewis M.P. Drop In Surgery.

**Sat. Jan. 9th** - (10am -Noon) JGI - Monthly Coffee Morning.

**Sun. Jan. 10th** - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion.

**Sun. Jan. 10th** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion.

**Sun. Jan. 10th** - (6.30am) Belton Church - Evening Celebration.

**Mon. Jan. 11th** - (7.30pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall - Monthly Parish Council meeting.

**Tue. Jan. 12th** - (7.30pm) JGI - Belton W.I - Speaker to be confirmed. 780822

**Wed. Jan. 13th** - (9.30 -10.30am) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre - Belton with Browston - Parish Clerks Surgery.

**Wed. Jan. 13th** - Mobile Library at Priory Close off Herringfleet Rd, St. Olaves (10.30 -10.40am), New Rd., Fritton, by Playing Field (10.45pm-11.00am) & Belton village from 1.50pm - times in article.

**Sun. Jan. 17th** - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion.

**Sun. Jan. 17th** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Cafe Church.

**Tue. Jan. 19th** - (7.30pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre - Belton with Browston Parish Council - meeting.

**Wed. Jan. 20th** - (7pm) St Olaves V.Hall - Quiz & Chilli Night £4 or £2 for quiz only.Tel 01493 488439.

**Thu. Jan. 21st.** - (Noon - 2.00pm). JGI -Belton Lunch Club - 2 course lunch £5.00 All Welcome. Bookings 781294.

**Fri. Jan. 22nd.** - (7.30pm) JGI - Team Quiz Evening - £5.00 per team of 4. Details Tel. 781294.

**Sun. Jan. 24th** - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer.

**Sun. Jan. 24th** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion.

**Sun. Jan. 24th.** - (2.30pm) JGI - Belton Historical Soc. "The Reminiscence Roadshow" with Trevor Austin.

**Thu. Jan. 28th** - (1 -3pm) Village Green Childrens Cent. - D.I.A.L Free debt/money advice Tel. 789562.

**Sat. Jan. 30th** - (&.30pm) Burgh Castle Village hall - Burns Night event. £10 Tickets 780126.

**Sun. Jan. 31st** - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion.

**Sun. Jan. 31st.** - (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration.

**Tue. Feb. 2nd** - (11am) Belton Church - Traditional Holy Communion (Coffee from 10.00).

**Tue. Feb. 2nd** - (7.30pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre - 4B's Good Neighbour Scheme - Public meeting. 781728

**Fri. Feb. 5th** - (7.30pm) JGI - Digital Camera Club. Tel 780822.

**Fri. Feb. 5th** - (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head - Team quiz in aid of Church Restoration Funds (max 6 per team) 780126.

**Sat. Feb. 6th** - Belton Scouts collecting old newspapers in Belton only. Please leave outside your gate by 8.45am.

**Wed. Feb. 10th** - (9.30 -10.30am) New Road Sport & Leisure Centre - Belton with Browston - Parish Clerks Surgery.

**Mon. - Fri. Feb. 15-19th** (10-4) Burgh Castle Village Hall - Craft Fair (780126)

**Sat. Feb. 27th** (10-Noon) JGI - Mammoth Sale - 780776



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## QUIZ SHEET NEWS

In the Belton Charity Fundraisers November "Parts of November" quiz based on parts of the word November, there were seven all correct entries and eight with just one wrong answer, from the all correct entries The Matheson family was drawn to receive the £10.00 shopping Voucher.

The latest quiz based on Panto, Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale characters is now available from Belton Pet and Hardware or Skelmorlie, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle or by e-mail from [bcswan50@gmail.com](mailto:bcswan50@gmail.com) and should be returned by Thursday January 7th and costs just £1.00 to enter.

## BELTON WEB SITE

[www.beltonandbrowston.com](http://www.beltonandbrowston.com)

If you want up to date information on clubs, activities or other happenings in the community then log on and take a look around the site. You will be surprised what you might find. Useful contact telephone numbers for councils and services, contact numbers for clubs and groups, a running calendar plus adverts for local businesses and a lot more.

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## BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on December 8th received a report from Mr Dean Minns, Head of Development Control at Gt Yarmouth Borough Council, concerning the Persimmon Homes Ltd. development in South Bradwell, and the provision of 'foul drainage' facilities for that site.

Requests have been made over the past 40+ years for the foul drainage pumping station on Morton Crescent, Bradwell, to be 'upgraded', to enable it to cope better with large quantities of rainwater, which along with sewerage outflows have 'flooded' into some existing Bradwell properties on a number of occasions, and caused children coming to and from Hillside School to have to walk through such materials. Unfortunately, however, there is a 'bottle-neck' in the system near the pumping station which makes it difficult for the necessary upgrade to be achieved at that point. Therefore the Parish Council and many others have vigorously protested against suggestions that additional properties can be linked to the system, which already appears to be overloaded, rather than to the alternative system that passes through the Oriel Avenue, Gorleston, pumping station which was first proposed.

It had previously been reported that Persimmon had been given permission to 'link' the development's first ten houses to the Bradwell 'foul drainage' system - this number has evidently increased to sixteen in the meantime - and that, in the

event of any further homes being thus 'linked', Anglian Water would be required to meet 'conditions' set out as part of the approval of the planning application to make appropriate improvements to the system. It has more recently been suggested that some new dwellings in Belton, recently given planning approval, will also be linked to this system. Mr Minns was asked to attend the meeting to explain why arrangements were allowed to go ahead the previous day for the connection of up to 134 further Persimmon dwellings to the 'foul drainage' network point in Clay Lane, that connects to the Bradwell system, before Anglian Waters proposals to improve the system have been received.

Mr Minns confirmed that he has still not received any such proposals from Anglian Water, but explained that the connection to the foul drainage network point did not in itself represent a breach of any of the relevant planning conditions. Action can, however, be taken later if there is found to be a 'breach of conditions', or if the Building Control department finds that works carried out are inadequate.

A number of Bradwell County and Borough Councillors were also present at the meeting, and they joined Parish Councillors in expressing frustration at the present situation. Some differences of opinion were expressed between Borough and County Councillors of differing political parties as to the way forward, and the fact that the Borough Council has to 'plan' for an additional 7,500 houses over the next fifteen years.

## FRITTON WITH ST. OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL

The September Council meeting was attended by nine Parish Councillors, Borough Councillor Adrian Myers and members of the public, Alan Mendum was in the chair.

The councils Audit for 2014/15 had been returned by the external auditors and no questions or queries had been raised..

Councillor Myers reported that the warning flyers against parking in New Road, by the forest area were now available. There was the report of a meeting of councillor Myers, with parish councillors Youngs and Mendum had with representatives of Anglian Water, the councillors view was still that the Fritton pumping station was inadequate and inefficient and needed replacement, Anglian Water had agreed to investigate further and report back.

Members agreed that speed controls needed to be put in place on New Road before

there is an accident and councillor Myers agreed to take action. In a recent ballot there had been a majority in favour of retention of the old telephone box in Beccles Road with various suggestions for its use, including as a defibrillator base, use as a mini library and moving it to an alternative location, it was agreed that the nine volunteers who had come forward form a committee to take the topic further.

In planning the council had no objections on the change of use of the public house building on Reedham Marshes to a dwelling but did put forward ideas for alternative uses. There were no objections to a single story extension at 7 Priory Road, St. Olaves and this has now been approved by the Borough Council.. Councillors had raised no objections to change of use of an art studio and annex to living accommodation at Tiptree, New Road, Fritton and the Borough has approved this, regarding concerns over the amount of building work at that site but the Borough Planning department had not been able to find any irregularities.

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## BELTON F.C.

That was the year that was.... So, we at the club are looking forward to a new exciting era -with new challenges and players a plenty.

2015 was a mixed year for us. After losing so many (10) players at the end of the season due to injuries and our failed bid to get Anglian combination football, and the heartbreak of finishing runners up in both cup competitions as well as the league!.... you could be forgiven for thinking the club would be down in the doldrums. However, under

the leadership and guidance of Myself and Nathan Brown, Belton FC remain undefeated in the league apart from a loss to county champions Catfield and now boast more young (and a smashing oldie) players from the village than ever before. A great county cup run seen us get all the way to round 4!! it took a defeat to the competition favorites Munford to finally put us out.

We have made many many friends in our travels again this year and I must report that our fine young players (and the oldie) have done the village proud. The club also continues to grow dramatically online. With our very own Belton FC

"youtube" page and website receiving over 50,000 hits and growing!!!

There are many people we would like to thank, Kaz Reddy for her technical skill in recording most of our games and building the club website to an astonishing level., The Belton Historical Society for their continued and much valued financial support, god bless Kenny Lindsey and all plus The good folk of the Mariners Compass who support the boys after every game and provide hospitality of the highest level. Not forgetting our merry band of supporters, parents and future players! Personally I want to

say a huge thanks to one of the nicest most generous people in the village. A young man who gives so much of his time and energy to local groups and supports all things Belton - An inspirational character and chicken enthusiast ...Nathan Brown. Well done to everyone involved with the club.

So on we go into the new year, I hope to keep you updated on our efforts in the coming months but feel free to check out the media pages of the club on Youtube and at [www.beltonfc.com](http://www.beltonfc.com)

Happy New Year.

**Pete Reddy**

## ST. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT

This popular event is back again on January 20th, making note that the delicious beef chilli also vegetarian chilli will be served at 7pm followed by the quiz at 7.30. A licensed bar will be available throughout the evening. Don't forget you need a team of up to 6 at £4.00 per person. If Chilli isn't to your taste come for the quiz at £2.00 per person. Tickets available from September but book early as tables are booked quickly. Please state your preference of beef or vegetarian options at time of booking.

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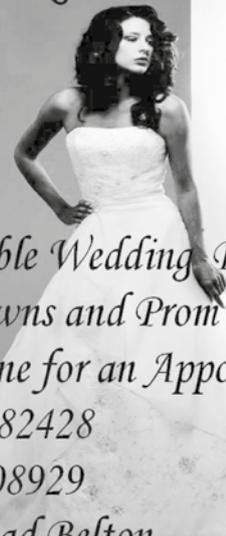
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## MALCOLMS NATURE JOTTINGS

I wonder how many people know that they probably have insects in their home, common in kitchens, that evolved more than 400 million years ago, and might well be living fossils, as they are much older than dinosaurs. These are Silverfish (*Lepisma saccharina*), wingless about 1/4 inch long (7 -10 cm.) have a flattened body, carrot shaped with silvery light grey scales and fine scattered hairs, and two very small black eyes. If you try and pick one up you are most likely to have nothing but a coating of scales on your fingers, and the insect has slipped away. Its antennae are long, threadlike and they have three long segmented tails, (terci). They can survive without food for months. They are found worldwide in temperate climates, very fast runners that can outrun spiders and centipedes, but only on horizontal surfaces. They avoid light and are nocturnal. Among the many things they consume are starches, adhesives, linen,

plaster, sugar, flour and books. They may live for several years and shed their skin as many as 50 times.

During my many wanderings last year, this time in South West Wales I came across an unusual tree, with leaves similar to Maple. On further investigation I discovered it was the now rare Wild Service Tree (*Sorbus torminalis*). This tree is one of the few trees that are native to Britain. In May and early June the "Service" tree bears clusters of white flowers, and in the Autumn small pear shaped brown berries covered in pale spots, although it produces large numbers of berries very few germinate to produce young trees. Its very hard wood was once used for cog wheels, rulers, and instrument components, its berries were once a popular food source, their main use for making jams and marmalade. However they have a very a very bitter taste, and need to be "bletted" (allowed to become half rotten) The tree was also named the Chequer and Lissory tree, in autumn the leaves turn bright yellow,

red, or orange.

In late November I had another two visitors to my small back garden this time a pair of Jays (*Garrulus glandarius*). Never have I seen a Jay in my garden before. I had placed a handful of peanuts on my bird table. Within a couple minutes they had found them and gorged the lot in a couple of minutes. Jays normally prefer deciduous woods, they are heard often, but less often seen. I was able to get a very close up view of their lovely markings bright blue and black wings and beautiful pinkish-brown bodys.

In closing this month, a "very Happy New Year" to all the readers of this column.

**Malcolm Metcalf** - Past President,

Gt. Yarmouth Naturalist Society.

Malcolm can be contacted on (01493) 661138 or by post at 43, Magdalen Way, Gorleston, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 7BW. or e-mail 43ironhorse@gmail.com.



Sliver Fish



Service Tree



Jay

## ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY

Union of Venture Students Giving Back

The Union of Venture Students are the representative body for students at Ormiston Venture Academy. They not only have a voice in the academy but impact on positive change both in the academy and in the community. 42% of the students at Ormiston Venture Academy are in a position of responsibility in a number of roles and the Union is led by 23 students in the senior year.

One of the main aims of the Union of Venture Students is to affect positive change and support our wider community and we engage in numerous charitable work. One of our newest community ventures is our Generation Café which in association with MESH. The Café runs every term time Wednesday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:30 and is an opportunity for our students to provide a hot meal or hot drink for members of the community, especially over the coming winter months. The students cook the food, serve our guests and then will sit to and get to know members of our community, maybe even

play a board game or two.

Another of our charity events this term also focuses on giving back to our community. our Venture Christmas Day on Wednesday 16th December. On our Christmas Day we have our annual Christmas Fayre which is open to the public from 11:00 – 12:00 and has numerous stalls selling various Christmas goods, food and interactive opportunities to win prizes such as a raffle and tombola. The money raised from this is used by the students to fund our Guild programme which helps to enrich the curriculum. Also on this day our students will be wearing Christmas jumpers.

Rather than providing money for charity for this the students bring in non perishable food items. We did this for the first time last year with huge success and were able to take many donations of food to two local foodbanks so they could distribute to those who need it most over the Christmas period. Our aim is to match or outdo our donation from last year.

We are always looking for new ways to give back to our community and would welcome the opportunity to develop new links with volunteers and charitable groups in the area.

## CHILLI & QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

St. Olaves Village Hall

7.00 pm Food served - Quiz at 7.30pm

£4.00 per person or £2 for Quiz only

Vegetarian option available – Refreshments & bar (Quiz teams – maximum of 6 people

Tickets from Village Committee members,

Susan Sewell, Freda MacIntyre, Alan Mendum, Pamela Boulton, Cheryl/David Warnes, Wendy Hurren, Louise Jackson, Jill Rose

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## POLICE REPORT

The next SNAP meeting is on Wednesday 6th January 2016 at JGI, Belton, at 7.00pm all residents of Belton, Hopton, Fritton, St Olaves and Burgh Castle are welcome to attend to discuss issues in your local area and to decide the current policing priority.

The very low local crime figures for November were as follows:-

### Belton

Theft of a necklace from within a property in Rosedale Gardens.

### Burgh Castle

Attempted theft of a gas bottle from Breydon water Holiday park, the person was caught and dealt with by the police.

### Fritton & St Olaves

The only details available were up to November 25th and there were no crimes to that date.



## BREAKING GROUND

Early on 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, something momentous happened... JCBs, dump trucks, and lorries arrived on Sidegate Road in Gorleston and drove confidently over the bank onto East Coast Hospice's 7.54 acre site.

Spectators looked on as the almost ethereal JCB scooped up its first piece of ground and officially commenced work on Margaret Chadd House. By the end of the first day, the entrance way had been tarmaced and there was a track

leading up to what will be the large free car park for staff and visitors.

Ultimately the hospice will have ten spacious in-patient rooms each with their own private gardens, a day care unit, and complimentary therapies. The large gardens will include a memorial water feature, a peace garden, a labyrinth, a kitchen garden plot and a shepherd's hut.

As the JCB began its work, the staff of ECH stood proudly, knowing how hard they had all worked for this day to arrive and thankful that the support of the community had made it possible.

Charity Chairman, Jennifer Beesley wrote a letter to the friends and supporters saying;

*"You may know that our planning permission needed to be met by early 2017. We are delighted to say that now (in late 2015) after working on the 19 conditions set, that these are being met and have been approved by the council planners. On top of that, the first tree has been planted on site by the Mayor, a hedgerow and tree-planting scheme has been implemented to start landscaping our field and the jewel in the crown, of course, is the groundworks have commenced."*




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