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TAVERN SUPER SATURDAY



Captains Craig Sayer, with son Tyler & Kevin Miller (carrying Harry) with son Troy

On Saturday 12th September The Tavern P.H at Belton held the Harry Miller Super Saturday. There was a fantastic turnout considering the weather in the morning. Thankfully it soon brightened up and we saw a number of people attend the event from the village plus those who had travelled from afar to show their support. The Charity Football match took place at Burgh Castle between a select XI of Memphis Belton FC Legends and the current squad who play in the Gt Yarmouth Sunday Football League. It was a great turn out which saw over 150 spectators cheering the teams along! In a competitive match it ended with the current squad running out 3-1 winners. There were a number of other activities going on during the

day at The Railway Tavern such as Tombola, Bouncy Castle, BBQ plus a Cake Stall with some magnificent cakes worthy of entering the Great British Bake off! It is estimated that there were 400-500 people through the door and it just shows how great our community is and that we can all club together to show our support! The day itself was all about Harry Miller a Belton youngster who was born with multiple medical problems and it was good to see such a great turnout. I would like to personally thank all those who helped out during the day plus those who baked cakes and donated prizes making the day a great success. A special thank you to Vicki Applegate

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SUPER SATURDAY...From page 1 - who helped massively in organising this event plus for allowing it to take part at The Tavern. Also thanks to Margaret Greenacre who gave us the Football Pitch at Burgh Castle for the day and The Norfolk Fire Service for taking the time to come down to the Pub and allow Harry to climb aboard.... I am overwhelmed by the amount we managed to raise on the day, there was also a donation of £250 made by Richard King from Norwich No1 Roundtable he is Founder and Former Club Secretary of Memphis Belton FC. The final total raised from this event including this donation is an excellent £2427.39!! I know this will go some way towards helping Kevin and Tamara Miller provide the equipment which is needed for Harry!



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BELTON F.C.

The club have had a bright hopeful start to the new borough league season, Having failed in the summer to enter the Anglian Combination and take the club to hopefully better pasture. The club has set about rebuilding their team having lost 10 players to clubs at a higher level. The hard work started weeks prior to the season slowly signing on new faces and working them into the side with the old aged faces of the past we know call the Senior players showing their experience. So far the season is only one game in a 2-2 draw with Caister A with goals from Connor 'Alfie' Alford and new signing Jason Judd. It was however a very encouraging game with youngsters from the village getting a full 90 minutes and slowly developing into the players the management always believe they could be. This experience will do them

great and will only make them better players in the long run.

The club received a bye in the first round of the Norfolk Junior cup joining only two of Great Yarmouth and District Saturday league sides left in the historic competition. The previous best was two seasons ago making the Quarter Finals, with a loss in the end to Scole United now of the Anglian Combination Premier Division, the club will look to as always go as far as possible in this competition.

This coming month will see a Belton FC Legend Ian Holmes join the 100 club appearances list, this is a major achievement having been with the club for a few years now, joining Belton's longest serving player Patrick Lochrie as the only two to achieve this so far. The club would like to thank The Mariners Compass Gorleston, The Village Voice and Belton Historical Society for their continued support over the years. The club does have a new club website that is developing every day www.beltonfc.com we welcome any comments and support.

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YOUR VILLAGE VOICE

I must admit it has been a bit of a struggle getting all the news in this month, everyone has been leaving things to the last possible minute which can cause difficulties when deciding on the size of magazine so that we can place the order with our printers but no doubt it will all come good in the end.

When you read this we will be working on the November Edition, number 177, due out at the end of October, please could we have news no later than Noon on Wednesday October 14th, contact details are on the left of this page.

We have had some replies to our notice and the flyer in last months edition, although the overall response was rather disappointing, however the Village Voice Management Board will be meeting in early October and anybody who did make any offers of assistance will be contacted before that takes place.

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 21st October and the 18th November 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 the 21st October and November 18th. 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.

BELTON PROPOSED NEW HOMES

There was a very large turn out at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre on September 8th to view the plans for the proposed development off New Road. Belton. Plans are for a mix of 65 houses and bungalows, some affordable housing and in all of a wide range of sizes proposed by Y Developments.

Access to the site would be by a path from Stepshort with the vehicle entry from a new full size roundabout constructed on New Road just to the east of what is known as The Norfolk Barn site to many.

The well presented plans also indicated further development areas on the opposite side of New Road and parallel to Church Lane, at least one of these would also be accessed from the proposed roundabout.

There were mixed views from the public and many were filling in consultation forms, concerns raised included the capacity of the sewage system to cope, even if the pumping station at Stepshort is upgraded as proposed in 2016/17, the capacity of the school to take more pupils plus the fact that local doctors and dentists seem to have their books closed to new patients at this time.

It should be emphasised that at the time of writing the application has not yet been presented to the Borough Council to go through the full official consultation and decision process.

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A message for the "older folk".....

As you read this, we will be well into autumn – unbelievable. The months go by so quickly. Especially as we get older, it seems! It may seem as the Summer is virtually behind us, and the winter months creep in, that there is less opportunity to get out and about. But we are so fortunate in our village with many, many activities all year round, (just look through the Village Voice and count them!) at the JGI, Belton Sport and Leisure Centre on New Road, the Church - Young at Heart being just one.

We are a group of the older generation, meeting weekly in the church, although we are certainly not a "Church-members-only" group. All are welcome. We get together every Tuesday between 10.00 and 12 noon, people pop in and out for a quick coffee

sometimes as well. We enjoy drinks and refreshments, and a lot of chatter! We go out and about as and when we can (our latest event being a trip on the river at the end of September) and try to make the most of any opportunity. We have a packed programme up till Christmas, - starting off with a fish and chip lunch - and if you came along, you would be assured of a good welcome! On the first Tuesday of each month, we also hold a traditional Holy Communion service at 11.00a.m. for those who wish to attend. This will continue throughout Rosie's sabbatical, with a visiting vicar.

So please don't sit indoors in need of company this winter... get out and about as best you can (we can give a lift usually if it is required,) – there's somewhere in this village for you! If you would like to know more about Young at Heart, please ring Jane (781122) or Marion (781474)

Jane Mill

FIRST AID AT THE CHILDRENS CENTRE

There is a two session First Aid Course at the Village Green Childrens centre on Tuesdays October 13th and 20th (1.00-2.30pm) creche provided. For booking details Contact Emily to book on 01493 789562 or email emoxey2vrf@nsix.org.uk.



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NEW ACADEMIC YEAR - NEW LOGO AT MOORLANDS

There have been many developments over the summer at Moorlands as we head into a challenging, yet exciting year. The academy has invested heavily in IT infrastructure to bring a much needed boost to provision. They now have new, more reliable wi-fi throughout the school and lots of new computers and devices that will make a huge difference to teaching and learning. Parts of the academy have also been redeveloped, including making a new nurture room, improving the Early Years setting and carpeting the central corridor area in preparation for a new library.

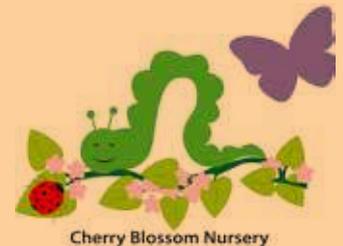
The really big news though, is something that parents have been asking about for a long time: The academy finally have a new logo! Head teacher, Kevin Lee said, "We wanted a logo that reflected our whole community and also incorporated a lot of the children's original designs. The young tree represents life, growth and how we feel the academy should be at the heart of the community. The 'Icthus' fish symbols reflect the importance of our Christian core."

The academy will be making sure that the new logo is available soon for parents who want to buy new uniform, although there will be no pressure to do so.

As well as designing a new logo for the academy, there are also new designs for the Nursery and an overall logo for the whole site (academy, nursery and Children's Centre) which will be known as Moorlands Campus.

You can follow Moorlands on Twitter @moorlandsbelton. At present, the school is running a highly successful #mymumreads campaign, following on from #mydadreads in the summer. Entries from mums, sisters, aunties and grandmas are very much invited!

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FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

If you find it hard to make time to get active, we've got a good incentive to help get you into gear. Starting on October 12th, Fun & Fit courses are coming to venues around Great Yarmouth, where you'll find a wide choice of fun activities to choose from – all for FREE.

Brought to you by Active Norfolk in partnership with Sport England, Public Health and Norfolk County Council,

Fun & Fit is a programme of free, 10-week courses in a variety of activities that are aimed at complete beginners which will help make you feel healthier, more confident, and give you the chance to meet like-minded people.

Try old favourites like badminton, golf, and aerobics, or stretch yourself into something new like yoga or dance. And don't let the little ones keep you away – there are also classes in select areas that you can bring your kids to, like buggy workout.

Courses will run for one hour, and with convenient day and evening classes there's something for everyone. You will be supported by our team of highly qualified sports coaches to ensure you find the activity that suits your ability, interests and confidence level.

So no more excuses. Spaces are limited, so book now to get off the sofa and into something you £1 enjoy! For more information go to www.funandfitnorfolk.co.uk, or for an informal chat call 01603 732 333.

FRIENDS OF GORLESTON LIBRARY

A series of monthly events have been organised at the Library, on Thursday October 15th at 2-30pm there is a talk and concert by St Nicholas Handbells with a chance to have a go. £2 including refreshments. On Wednesday 4th November at 7pm is a demonstration of Flower Arranging using the theme of "books" by Julia Knights, £5 including refreshments.



ADRIAN AT THE BOROUGH

I have been working with several residents concerning raw sewerage and surface flooding in Belton And Fritton St Olaves. I Have been gathering evidence in the form of a report, dating from 2006 to the present date. I had a meeting with Anglian Water on the 9th September last. I presented them with the report. I Have also asked them for the flow and capacity models that they use for housing developments

and site planning. I was informed that they will be upgrading the pumps, I fear however that this will not solve the problems. I notice that the road at Stepshort is again becoming very uneven, this matter has been reported to highways and I await their response.

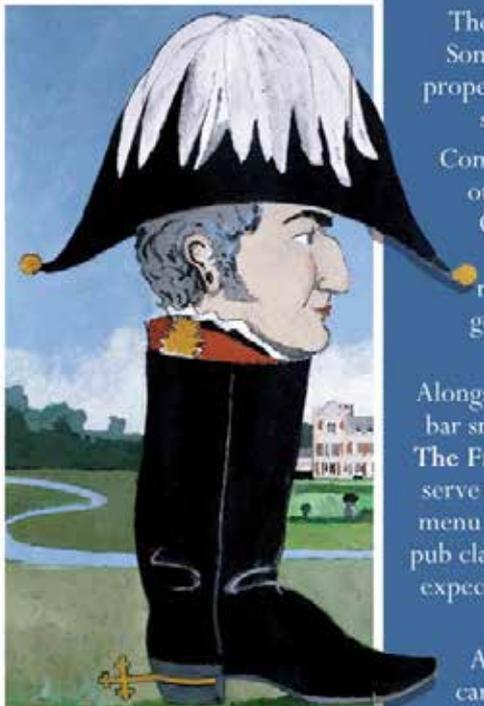
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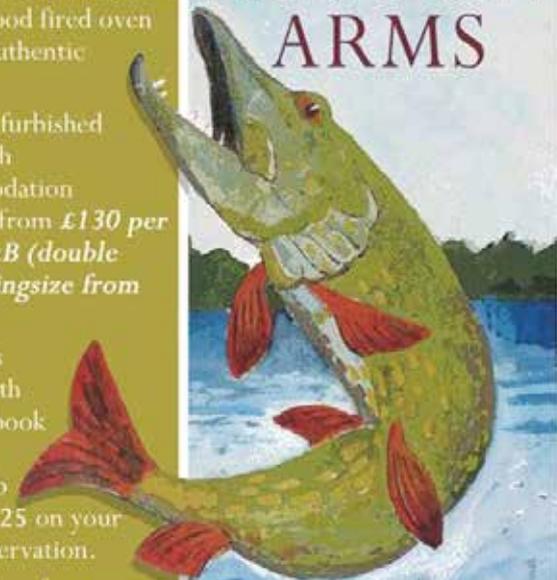
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October is the time to tidy and prepare the garden for winter. It is well worth investing in a good pair of secateurs which need to be kept sharpened. Use these or tree loppers and prune by cutting out dead wood, crossing and badly placed branches on deciduous trees and shrubs.

Bring under frost free cover tubs of agapanthus, amaryllis, crinum and nerines. Lift and pot up tender fuchsias and pelargoniums and plant up tubs and containers with aucubas, dwarf conifers, ivies, winter flowering pansies, violas, including the new trailing viola 'Teardrops.' Try these in a jute flower bag and hang on the wall of the house for colour all winter (provided they are dead headed regularly.) It is also a good time to plant primroses and polyanthus as well as Spring flowering bulbs.

Perennials can be planted on sandy soils in October whilst the soil is still warm. If the ground is prone to water logging or on heavy clay then leave until Spring. The secret to success is to make sure that the soil is well prepared and the roots are firmed in properly. After planting, it also helps to cover the surface of the soil with a mulch to cut down on competition from weeds, as well as help retain moisture around the roots of the plant. Avoid getting mulch on the plant though as it can scorch the foliage and encourage rotting. Also, watch out for slugs and snails which find the moist warmth offered by the mulch irresistible. Container-grown hardy perennials can be planted at any time of the year, except when the soil is frozen or waterlogged. Dig a hole at least twice as wide and slightly deeper than the perennial's container. Mix the soil you've removed with well-rotted organic matter or Levington compost and leave to one side. Nearly all perennials need to be planted at the same depth as they were growing in the pot. Check the hole is the right depth. Gently tip the plant out with one hand on top of the compost to support it, taking care not to damage any emerging shoots. Then ease the perennial out of its pot. Gently spread the roots of the plant. Position the perennial in the centre of the hole then fill in the gaps around the sides of the plant with soil mixture, firming it down gently - you don't want to squash it in, just get rid of any air pockets and make sure it's secure. Water thoroughly and then cover the surface of the soil with a generous layer of mulch - well-rotted garden compost or manure is ideal. Keep the mulch at least 5cm away from the base of the plant.

Soon it will be too cold for all but the hardy to enjoy being outdoors for any length of time but do make sure there is something that you can enjoy seeing from the house and encourage the garden birds to visit your garden.

MONTHLY QUIZ SHEETS

Last months quiz sheets to help raise funds for Belton Charity Fundraisers need to be returned by Thursday October 8th with a new sheet available at the Coffee Morning on Saturday October 10th, the new quiz will also be on sale at Belton Pet and Hardware after the coffee morning.

If you have not taken part before its a chance to win a £10.00 shopping voucher by answering 30 questions for an entry fee of £1.00. Copies of the quiz can also be sent to you by e-mail, please send a request to bcswan50@gmail.com or ring 01493 780776.

TRAVELLING VILLAGE VOICE

The latest instalment

We have just arrived back from Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, having taken a copy of Village Voice with us.

The picture was taken by Emma Russell and it shows Paul King and Joe Russell snorkelling off Sharks Bay, the water temperature was 26deg.C and air temp 46deg. Centigrade - very hot.



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SEPTEMBER 1ST COUNCIL MEETING

Eleven Parish Councillors, County Councillor Colin Aldred, Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Brian Lawn plus six members of the public attended the September 1st meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, John Rudrum was in the chair

Three residents raised concerns over the ability of local services, especially sewage, being able to cope if the proposed 70 new homes in the village go ahead, those present, especially borough councillor Myers felt that although upgrades are proposed to the Stepshort sewage pumping station in 2016/17 the whole system was already at capacity. Mr Grice reported that there will be various changes to local bus services in January 2016 and it is hoped that a direct service from the local villages via the new link road to the JPH will start at that time although it will not be as good as was expected before the Sainsbury supermarket scheme was scrapped.

Members agreed that having written themselves they should take up the offer from Norfolk County Council Highways and get them to write to Amhurst Gardens residents whose plants are overhanging the retaining wall on to Bracon Road. The chairman stated that the two speed warning signs would be relocated to agreed locations around the end of each month. Requests for tidying up of the

area west of the footbridge will be dealt with or passed on as appropriate. Members accepted a tender from Farmland Forestry to remove a dead and another dying large trees from the Bell Lane field plus a further tender from a local partnership for a general tidying up of overgrown and dead bushes on the same field.

There is now a telephone line and Wi-Fi connection for the New Road Pavilion, the installation costs have been covered by business sponsorship. Members had no objections to single story extensions and a sauna lodge at Woodland Lodge, The Loke, off Station Road North, The council had also not objected to demolition and a new two story property at Holmside, St. Johns Road. The Borough Council has approved a small front extension at 10 Amhurst Gardens, also a stable block at Lochinvar, Short Road, Browston although in the latter case the decision was against the wishes of the parish council.

The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts for 2014/15 had been returned without any queries being raised and members noted that there will, from 2016/17, be cut backs in the support funding for Parish councils finances, this will mean that the 12.5% paid towards the clerks salary by the Borough will no longer be forthcoming, Great Yarmouth is currently the only district in Norfolk still providing this funding which has in any case been substantially reduced in earlier years.

BELTON ALLOTMENTS

There is a committee meeting at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesday October 27th (7.00pm) and, subject to confirmation at that meeting, it is expected that the AGM will be held at the same venue on Tuesday November 10th, also 7pm when all allotment holders should attend if possible as rents for the new year are payable during the meeting.

Are you interested in having an allotment – if so now is the time to decide so that you can prepare for the 2016 season – if so put your name on the waiting list by calling the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer, on 01493 602960 or by e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

COUNCIL DIARY

Belton with Browston Parish Council holds twice monthly meetings at the at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre, Belton on the first and third Tuesday of each month (7.30pm). The next dates are October 6th and 20th and November 3rd All council meetings are open to the public and questions can be put to councillors during the first 15 minutes of each meeting (normally restricted to one question per member of the public present). The Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer is available at the same location usually twice monthly on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 10.30am to meet with and take note of residents queries, the next dates are September 30th., October 14th, and 28th and November 11th. 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 or in writing at 5 Middleton Gardens, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 7AE.

PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

A reminder that Belton with Browston Parish Council documents and contact details for all councillors are on our new web site along with the agenda for the next meeting and previous sets of approved minutes, just visit www.beltonandbrowston.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

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2 x class 37 locomotives with 3 x mark 2 coaches on hire from DRS. (photograph courtesy of Steve W busandtrain.blogspot.co.uk)

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.

Following on from the September article, we shall be reporting on other issues that were discussed at the ENTUA public meeting on 11th August, 2015. Continuing with Daniel Yellops report from Norfolk County Council, they have been given a grant to improve bus infrastructure in the Great Yarmouth area. This will include timetable cases at all bus stops, bus shelters (including the long-awaited larger shelter at Gorleston High Street Feathers

stop) and where possible electronic readouts stating when a bus is due. The bus lay-by outside the Troll Cart at Market Gates will be realigned to ensure sufficient space is available for buses to pull in. This mainly affects Services 2,3 and 4 travelling south. Next spring it is planned to move the Lowestoft bus stop (outside British Home Stores) to under Market Gates where the Anglian 81 currently uses. All present emphasised the continuing problems that exist with inbound traffic hold-ups on Southtown Road.

James Reeve (Area Customer Manager) for Abellio Greater Anglia said that they were continuing investment up

to the end of the current franchise in September, 2016. These include refurbishment of the Class 153 and 156 diesel multiple units, a £12 million refresh of the mainline carriages used between Norwich and London and upgrades of the Class 90 electric locomotives that haul them. There will be increased use of ticket vending machines, improved cycle parking and cycle hire schemes, additional cleaning staff for the trains and some repainting of stations and vegetation clearance and improvements to passenger waiting areas.

Although Abellio Greater Anglia have a train permanently on hire from DRS (2 locos and

3 carriages), to cater for sudden breakdowns they also hire in a bus which is permanently based at Norwich Station on weekdays. They are considering hiring a second bus to be based at either Norwich or Great Yarmouth.

There are three bidders for the new rail franchise which runs from October, 2016. They are:-

1) Abellio (current franchise holder) in partnership with Stagecoach. 2) First and 3) National Express. The successful bidder will be announced in May 2016. NB. ENTUA submitted a 5 page list of local requirements to the Department for Transport last year and while we support the 'Norwich in Ninety' aspiration, we placed more emphasis on local improvements including upgrading Vauxhall Station and direct trains to Peterborough and Cambridge/Stansted. On current punctuality performance, James stated that 90.4% of local trains arrived within 5 minutes of arrival time and 88% of main line trains arrived within 10 minutes of arrival time.

Iain Rankin and Danny Beales from First said there were no

major changes planned this year. There are some minor changes:- There were minor changes to the X1 in May, an extra evening service to Scratby on Service 1/1A and an extra bus was being used on Service 8 to help with achieving punctuality.

Summer service 3 (May-September) was being well used and this reflected an increase in the number of visitors to Great Yarmouth this year which was also referred to by Abellio.

The next major change to services is likely to be in January, 2016 and this will take into account a service along the A12/A143 link road. First would like to introduce a regular service to the Gapton Hall Retail Park, but are concerned about the regular traffic hold-ups on Gapton Hall Road making it difficult to adhere to the timetable, however this is still being looked at. Traffic problems on Southtown Road (inbound to Great Yarmouth) are becoming increasingly regular and are of concern to both First and Anglian.

On the bus fleet it would seem that 3 of the older double-deck Volvo Olympians will stay in service until the end of the year unless they become uneconomic to maintain in service and it is anticipated that 6 more Streetlite saloons will be delivered to Great Yarmouth before the end of the year.

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

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Alex Sayer receives his Man of the Match award from Belton CC President Wally Ladmore

BELTON CRICKET CLUB

Finally we reach the last round-up in a very topsy-turvy season for the Belton cricketers.

The final three games of the Norfolk Cricket League season brought success. Local rivals Caister and Kirkley & Lowestoft Railway were overcome without too much difficulty. The stage was set for the last weekend with Belton holding a slender one point advantage over Felthorpe for the runners-up spot – with Happisburgh having already wrapped up the league title. Felthorpe were in the driving seat, even thought they were one point behind, with Belton facing a trip up the coast to league leaders Happisburgh for the final game.

Rising to the challenge Belton

won a tightly-contested narrow victory by three wickets at Happisburgh whilst Felthorpe were also winning. Both teams achieved 25 points from the match and Belton ended the season on 325 to Felthorpe's 324!

The Mid-Norfolk Sunday League season ended on a damp and very unsatisfactory note. Belton had a good win over Chapelfield to move into mid table before Narborough called off the final game – leaving Belton to cool their heels without a game on the last Sunday of the season.

The Belton President's 11 overcame the Chairman's 11 in an entertaining (and very

wet) afternoon match on the Common on August 23rd.. Alex Sayer of Martham CC was Man of the Match. The after-match dinner was held at the Rumbold Arms on Southtown Road. The Belton 100 Club is seeking subscribers for the new season. It costs just £20 a year and big prizes are on offer. Details from Wally Ladmore (01493 722424) or check out the link on our website <http://www.beltoncricket.co.uk/100-club/> This is an excellent way to support your local club.

Your contacts at Belton CC are: Mal Kauffman (07748 271896); Sajid Ali (07737 876199) or Cameron Nichols (07788 375758).



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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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Nordic walking sessions 10.30 to 11.15am for beginners and improvers. 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 morning exercises can seem easy when you are mobile and able to get on with your life. But if you are suddenly stopped in your tracks by an injury or ill health, Movement and mobility becomes a big issue in our lives. Here is one persons view on how this regular exercise has helped her.

"The exercises that I took for granted when I was actively fit, have really proved beneficial. Having an operation recently left me with weakness down one side of my body. I realise now just how important these classes are to strengthen and aid my mobility" Thank you Jan Snooks

Coming during winter months - our second session at 10.30 will include a walking programme indoors. This will promote Balance, Co-ordination and practise for walking as we will not be able to do so much during the winter months. Watch out when it starts!

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



STROKE GROUP

The Great Yarmouth Stroke Group are back from our summer break. At our meeting members enjoyed ice creams

from Dimascios, a Beetle Drive and a quiz. The group meets at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre, Belton every Thursday, (2-4pm), for details contact Sue Casey on 01493 781846.

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Another successful month. 24 trips undertaken, a lot of very satisfied passengers. If you would like to go to your GP, the JPH or just shopping we may be able to help, just ring 07767 063986.



October is usually a busy month for Flu' Jabs, some surgeries only offering Saturday appointments. If this is the case we will, where possible, do our best to accommodate Saturday requests for this reason only.

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1ST BELTON SCOUTS



Beavers -

The Scout Group began the term with a bang. The Beavers helped to dig up their potatoes as part of their garden activity work, each taking some home, they followed this by having a scavenger hunt around the field.

Cubs -

The Cubs started the new term by making armpit fudge, they also made catapults out of lolly sticks and played games.

Scouts -

The scouts talked about the safety aspects of using saws and axes and had a try at using them. They then played some games to do with the scout promise.

The photograph is of the cubs, young leaders and cub leaders tumbling at Norwich ski slope.



BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

All seven councillors, County Councillor Alan Grey and Borough Councillor Adrian Myers plus six members of the public attended the September 14th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Trevor Greenacre was in the chair. A resident raised concerns about various drains being blocked at Stepshort and also the fact that potholes are developing on that road, the parish council will report these issues. Concerns were raised over the two entrances that are now at Laurel Farm and the new dwelling next door, some members felt that the entrance splays and lack of visibility would lead to a serious accident before long with vehicles finding difficulty leaving the property.

The chairman stated that with the proposed and expected new developments at Belton there is an urgent need for more footpaths in the village and Councillor Grey promised to bring this up at County. Both Councillors Grey and Myers reported on meetings they have had recently with representatives of Anglian Water, at Fritton, Councillor Myers asked to see the technical models that he suspects they must use when considering if their system can accommodate new properties and Councillor Grey has compiled a petition signed many Great Yarmouth County Councillors expressing concerns over the state of the sewage system throughout the borough especially in the light of further proposed developments – both councillors are concerned about the whole systems ability to cope in the area.

There were three planning applications no objections to the demolition of a bungalow at The Lodge Church Road and its replacement with a new property. There was discussion over the request from the owners of The Cherry Tree Holiday Park to be open for all but two weeks in the year, members objected saying that they felt that eleven months was sufficient, they wanted to see a clear one months shut down. The third application was retrospective for a walk in freezer and its cladding at the Queens Head, members were concerned about the number of retrospective applications from this owner and although raising no objections to it being there felt that it is essential that it has cladding put on the walls.

The next meeting is at the Village Hall on Monday October 12th (7.30pm)

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Q. How has attending a course helped you?

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Q. What would you say to someone considering doing a Mindfulness for Stress Course at St Olaves Village Hall?

A. Just do it. It's the most amazing journey.

Q. Have others noticed any changes since you began practising mindfulness?

A. Yes. My family would say I have a true smile and that I make time for them and myself now.

Q. Are the sessions run in a safe and supportive way?

A. The group shows extreme kindness and compassion, not judgemental, a pleasure to attend.

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Admission is free and there is always a raffle for one of the village groups or a local charity, this month it is organised by Belton Scouts. Thank you to everybody who supported the September raffle which was organised by The Wednesday Morning Drop In who had decided to run their raffle for the Sandra Chapman Unit at the James Paget Hospital, the excellent sum of £109.00 was raised.

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



The evening at a glance



Raising a Toast!

DOUBLE CELEBRATION

There was a double celebration at the JGI, Belton on Saturday September 5th when there was a packed hall on the 10th. anniversary of the reopening of the building as the John Green Institute. Everyone enjoyed the quality singing of Struty who had everybody (well most!) singing and dancing, there was an excellent buffet provided by the Hall trustees, the event was organised by the Belton Events Committee and the Trustees, during the evening Barbara Clark chair of the Trustees and the Events committee thanked everyone for their support.

A cheque for £1000.00 was presented by Nora Bensley of the Events Committee to Geoff Wood from the East Coast Hospice Charity, almost £500 of this was raised at an afternoon tea party in the hall in July and it was brought up to the £1000 by the Events Committee who organised that very successful afternoon along with the committee of Belton W.I.. Mr Wood outlined the current position with the development of the Hospice. A great night was had by all and supported, as always, by the people of Belton,

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OVER 50'S / 60'S CLUB

The Club is thriving with 43 members however new members are still welcomed, we meet every Tuesday afternoon (2pm) at the JGI, The afternoon starts with Bingo followed by a cuppa, then we either play cards, Rumikub, Scrabble, Dominoes or you can just have a chat. Entry is only £1.00.

We have outings, go out to lunch and have theatre visits, our next rip is on Monday October 5th to the Cliff Hotel at Gorleston for High Tea, please note that the club will meet as usual the following day. Any enquiries please ring Norma on (01493) 780447.

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

The next meeting will be on Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm at the JGI. All welcome no matter what level of photography you are at. All aspects of digital photography are covered both camera and software processing.

Call Bill on 780822 for details and further information or go on the web at www.beltonandbrowston.com and click on digital camera page.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Two seasonal dates to remember - Friday 27th November is a Christmas Bingo evening at the JGI and on Saturday the 12th December there will be our popular Christmas party run by Belton Events Committee, a free evening so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment, Please bring a plate of food to share. For tickets please ring Nora on 780182 and Barbara on 781294.

BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOC.

Our History Day will have passed by the time that you read this so it will be back to regular Sunday afternoon meetings from October with Richard Mann as our speaker on Sunday October 25th at the JGI when he will be presenting an illustrated talk "Welcome to the Workhouse". As usual non members will be welcomed, admission is £3, (members £2), teas and coffees will be available and there will be a raffle for club funds.

On November 22nd we have another talk, "50 Years of Rail Campaigning" with Trevor Garrod of the East Suffolk Travellers Association.

Christmas Fair - On Saturday November 28th we are doing something different for our Christmas Fair, joining with Moorland PTA and holding it in the school, where with the main hall and dining room - there should be plenty of space for more stalls than ever before. It will be open from 11am to 3pm and we are now taking bookings for craft and sales stalls, £6.00 each, to book call Kathy on 01493 782043 as soon as possible please.

Our Web Site - www.beltonhistory.co.uk, now has its user friendly front page leading to all the articles from the one page including some new articles which have been loaded recently, also visit our gallery of many local photographs, why not take a look - there is also details of our future events. The Society is always pleased to receive any old documents and photographs which can be copied and returned to you Our chairman, Ian Walker can also be contacted on 07887 640385. Finally, if you have any local stories from the past why not jot them down, we are always interested in recording these before they get lost forever, you might just have that missing link to something from years gone by.

BELTON ART GROUP

We meet at the JGI every Wednesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm. We are a small friendly group and participate in all forms of art and craft, we always welcome new members. Any enquires please contact Jan on 01493 488683, or drop in to any session.

BELTON LUNCH CLUB

Belton Lunch Club is next meeting on Thursday October 15th (12.00pm - 2.00pm) at the JGI. Lunch served at 12.15pm. 2 two course for £5.00. All dietary needs can be catered for and there is also always a raffle. Please book your place at this friendly club by ringing Barbara on 781294. We look forward to seeing you there.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Belton Village Quiz Night will be on Friday 16th October 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 W.I.

Belton W.I. next meet at JGI on Tuesday October 13th at 7.30pm this is our Coleman Trophy Competition evening, the items are :-

Jar of Raspberry Jam.

Lemon Drizzle Cake

& Bakewell Tart.

The speaker for the evening will be Mr John Cator and the subject is "I don't know what to say", the competition is for a Glass Vase plus there will be the usual sales table. For any further information call Sue on 780822

WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP IN

The Drop In runs at the JGI every Wednesday morning (10.30 - Noon) throughout the year with a welcome to anyone who would like a cup of tea/coffee, cake and a chat. Catch up with friends or come and make new ones.

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

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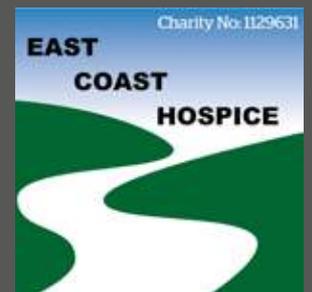
YOGA - On Monday morning at 10.15am £2.50 per session. Please bring a floor mat and towel with you. Contact Wilma on 01493 780194.

BINGO - Sessions are held on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, everyone welcome.

PILATES - This is on Tuesday mornings (9.00 -10.00 am) Suitable for men and woman of all ages and abilities . Pilates improves your posture, balance, flexibility and core strength £4.50 per person. Lorraine on 07747 720139.

ZUMBA - Also on Tuesday mornings (10.15 -11.00am) Easy to follow calorie burning fitness class just £4.00 per person. Lorraine on 07747 720139

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Meet Wednesdays from 6.15pm.



MAYOR TO PLANT FIRST TREE ON HOSPICE SITE

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Shirley Weymouth is getting her wellies ready to plant the first new tree on the site for Margaret Chadd House on the 18th of October.

Supporters of East Coast Hospice are invited to attend the site at Sidegate Road in Hopton for 11am on the Sunday morning to witness the Mayor planting the first tree and to talk about plans for the hospice gardens.

This exciting development will mark the beginning of work on the hospice site, commencing with a hedgerow and border planting day at the end of November, where over 2000 plants will need to be planted by green fingered volunteers. If you would like to help out with this please get in touch with the East Coast Hospice office (01493 718707) or come along to the Mayors day on the 18th of October to find out more.

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Grasshopper Creche - 9.00am-11.30am .£9.00 per session. Children 3months to 2 years. Safe friendly fun. Belton Village Green Children Centre 01493 789562 (Subsidies Available)

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) Please bring your own mat or towel.

Play, Weigh & Baby Group - Village Green Children Centre. every Mon. 1.30pm-3pm.(Health visitor & Nursery Nurse Attend on 1st & 3rd Mon. each month). Baby Cafe Breastfeeding Cafe & Support, Refreshments available(01493) 789562

Baby Massage - (10.00 -11.30am) Village Green Children Centre. FREE 6 week programme for parents & infants 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 - At the JGI (9am) A class to improve posture & gain core Strength. £4.50. Details - Lorraine - 07747 720139

Somerleyton Preschool - (9.30am-12.30pm) Somerleyton Village Hall - Children 2 1/2 to 5 years
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Picasso Messy Play - (9.30 -10.45am) Bradwell Community Centre (organised by Village Green Childrens Centre).

Zumba Dancing - JGI (10-15am) £4.00 Lorraine - 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 5 - 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

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Drop In Coffee Morning - (10.30am-12 Noon) JGI. All Welcome
Community Connexions - Fruit & Veg Van in Belton. The Fruit & Veg van will be 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.

Weigh 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
Small, friendly group - 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) Tel. Jean: 07762 817454

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
Small, friendly group - 01502 677568/07837 903344

Baby Bloom - (10.00 -11.30am) Belton Village Green Children's Centre. FREE 6 week parenting group, looking at sleep routines, nutrition, weaning, baby massage, communication & safety 01493 789562.

Cornerstone - Open Youth Club - (6pm.-7.30pm) Belton Church (Oct. 9th & 23rd.)s For years 6/7/8 Jean: 07762 817454

The Hub - Open Youth Club - (7.30-9.00pm) Belton Church (Oct. 9th & 23rd.) For all of High School age.

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

EVERY SUNDAY

Pooch Paws Dog Training - St. Olaves Village Hall - (9.00am -Noon - one hour sessions) 07841 040171

St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Burgh Castle - (9.30am) Traditional Morning Prayer / Holy Communion

All Saints Church, Belton - (10.30am) Modern Service - Activity group for children *Full church service details below.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun. Sep. 27th - (10.30am) Belton Church

Sun. Sep. 27th - (3.30pm) Burgh Castle Church - Harvest Service (Rev. Martin Upton).

Mon. Sep. 28th - (7pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall - Police SNAP Meeting - Open to all.

Wed. Sep. 30th - (9.30-10.30am) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Clerks Surgery.

Thu. Oct. 1st - (6.30-8pm) St. Olaves Village Hall - Mindfulness for Stress - Taster session 07557 141869.

Fri. Oct. 2nd - (7.30pm) JGI - Digital Camera Club meeting Tel. 780822.

Fri. Oct. 2nd - (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head - Team quiz in aid of Church Restoration Funds (max 6 per team) 780126.

Sun. Oct. 4th - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion.

Sun. Oct. 4th - (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration.

Tue. Oct. 6th - (11am) Belton Church - Traditional Holy Communion (Coffee from 10.00).

Tue. Oct. 6th - (7.30pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Council meeting.

Wed. Oct. 7th - (6-7.30pm) Moorlands Academy - Messy Church - Messy Harvest (Adults & children of all ages).

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

Sat. Oct. 10th - Belton Scouts collecting old newspapers in Belton only. Please leave outside your gate by 8.45am.

Sat. Oct. 10th - (10am - Noon) JGI - Monthly Coffee Morning.

Sat. Oct. 10th - (2-4pm) Belton Church - Big Bake - Cake extravaganza in aid of Tearfund.

Sun. Oct. 11th - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer

Sun. Oct. 11th - (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration

Sun. Oct. 11th - (6.30am) Belton Church - Evening Celebration-Speaker Rev. David Owen.

Mon. Oct. 12th - (7.30pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall - Monthly Council meeting.

Tue. Oct. 13th - (1 - 2.30pm) Childrens Centre - First Aid Course - Runs for 2 weeks Tel 789562

Tue. Oct. 13th - (7.30pm) JGI - Belton W.I - Coleman Trophy evening plus speaker John Cator. Tel 780822

Wed. Oct. 14th - (9.30 -10.30am) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Clerks Surgery.

Thu. Oct. 15th - (Noon - 2.00pm). JGI -Belton Lunch Club - 2 course lunch £5.00 All Welcome. Bookings 781294

Fri. Oct. 16th - (7.30pm) JGI - Team Quiz Evening - £5.00 per team of 4. Details Tel. 781294

Sun. Oct. 18th - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion.

Sun. Oct. 18th - (10.30am) Belton Church - Cafe Church - Harvest.

Tue. Oct. 20th - (7.30pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Council meeting.

Wed. Oct. 21st - 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.

Fri. Oct. 23rd - (7.30 for 8pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall - Quiz & chips £8 (Church Restoration Fund) 780126.

Sun. Oct. 25th - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer.

Sun. Oct. 25th - (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion.

Sun. Oct. 25th - (2pm) JGI - Belton Historical Soc. "Welcome to The Workhouse" with Richard Mann.

Mon. Oct. 26th - Fri. Oct. 30th - (10.00am - 4.00pm daily) Burgh Castle Village Hall Craft Fair. Stall bookings 780126.

Tue. Oct. 27th - (7.00pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton Allotments Committee meeting.

Wed. Oct. 28th - (9.30 -10.30am) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Clerks Surgery.

Thu. Oct. 29th - (1 -3pm) Village Green Childrens Cent. - D.I.A.L Free debt/money advice Tel. 789562.

Sat. Oct 31st - (5.30-7.30pm) Belton Church - Light Party (children aged 4-11) £1.

Sun. Nov. 1st - (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion.

Sun. Nov 1st - (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration.

Tue. Nov. 3rd - (11am) Belton Church - Traditional Holy Communion (Coffee from 10.00).

Tue. Nov 3rd - (7.30pm) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Council meeting.

Sat. Nov. 7th - Belton Scouts collecting old newspapers in Belton only. Please leave outside your gate by 8.45am.

Wed. Nov. 11th - (9.30 -10.30am) New Road Sport & Leisure Cent - Belton with Browston Parish Clerks Surgery.

Sat. Nov. 14th - (10am - Noon) JGI - Monthly Coffee Morning.



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ALL SAINTS BELTON



HARVEST - A time for thanksgiving

As I have driven out of the village over the last few weeks I have seen a number of changes. Certainly the developments where New Road meets the A143 Beccles Road have been significant and should soon see the flow of traffic unhampered by traffic lights. The onset of the football season has seen the playing field filled with shirts of various colours and sizes. The low sun of winter in the morning also makes the view different, indeed more difficult and as the nights have drawn in the street lamps have started to glow! More than that though have been the changes in the fields at the side of the road where the crops have been harvested and the view dramatically altered. Thanks to the farmers locally who have worked the long hours to bring in the harvest.

We are fortunate to live in a nation where the shelves of the supermarkets are generally filled and purchasing the weekly shopping is for many a matter of choosing what we want rather than taking whatever we can get. Whilst the days when the UK supplied all its own food have long gone it is still right I think to reflect on how fortunate we are that food is in plentiful supply. Christians for centuries have praised God's goodness every week in church and celebrate it particularly at harvest time. Perhaps at this harvest time we might all reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a mostly peaceful country where the harvest comes in regularly and our cupboards are generally well stocked.

Very few people could have failed to be moved by another dramatic sight, the plight of the refugees fleeing to Europe from other parts of the world, particularly Syria. Whatever view one may hold as to whether the refugees should be coming to the UK or not, it must take a great deal of suffering to leave behind home

and work to take a chance crossing the sea in a dinghy to look for safety and a better life. As we have seen many have perished in the attempt while others have landed safely, not knowing what will happen next.

So at this harvest time perhaps we can give thanks for the security many of us enjoy and spare a thought and a prayer for those whose suffering has driven them to such lengths.

Derek Mill
(Church Warden - Belton)

PLEASE NOTE - Whilst Rev Rosie Bunn is away from the parish on Sabbatical leave, if you have any enquiries or are in need of speaking to someone on a pastoral matter, please contact the person named below:

Burgh Castle Churchwardens:
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Belton Churchwardens:

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Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton on Saturday October 10th and then Saturday November 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. If you have any enquiries about the local Scouts or the any of the above please ring (01493) 780965.

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BELTON CHURCH YOUTH & CHILDREN

As I write, children and young people have been back to school for just over a week, and what an eventful week it has been! Rock Solid relaunched on Thursday 10th. September and welcomed plenty of new faces, and we had a great time 'junk modelling'. The challenge given to the children was to build an ark for Noah – and some of the ideas were incredible creative and well thought out. The life-size 'toilet' for the ark is an example that springs to mind, as do the arks which featured a viewing platform for when the weather was good, the transparent roof to make use of the daylight, and the numerous play areas to keep the animals entertained on their 40+ day adventure with Noah. Children aged between 8 and 11 are welcome to join us, every Thursday during term time, from 5-6pm at the Rectory Stable (accessed from Station Road South). We're looking forward to doing tie dye, bringing in our pets, and getting messy making pine cone bird feeders, to name just a few of the activities planned.

Belton Church **Youth Group** had a fun first meeting too – this term we will be taking a grand tour of the whole Bible, to find out the Big Story that holds all 66 books together. We started off with a silly- and messy – game of 'the human hot chocolate machine'. It turns out that mixing together hot chocolate powder, milk, water and whipped cream in your mouth is harder than it sounds! We then thought about the different types of writing in the Bible, and had a competition to see who could get all 66 books in the right order. Really interesting stuff! If any young people between 11-16 fancy joining us as we explore Christianity, we'd love to see you at the Church every Thursday evening during term time between 7.30-9pm. We're also planning some exciting trips this term, so watch this space!

On Friday 11th September, **Cornerstone** and **The Hub** welcomed 26 young people for a laid back evening of fun, crafts, gaming and socialising. It was incredible to see so many young people on a first night, and we were really impressed with how everyone managed to

get along and take part. Several members of the church youth group were really mature and showed lots of initiative as they volunteered at the tuck shop, and we're looking to develop service skills as well as inviting young people to become more involved in planning and organising as young leaders. Cornerstone and The Hub both run fortnightly during term time; young people in years 6-8 can attend Cornerstone from 6pm-7.30pm, and anyone at high school is welcome to come along after this to The Hub from 7.30-9pm. First week for newcomers is free- and after that, it's only 50p entry. What better way to spend a Friday night?!(October dates are the 9th and 23rd for both).

Messy Church met on Wednesday 9th September, at Moorlands Academy. We were learning about how we are all made unique and that God knows everything about us – even the nasty bits! – and loves us. We had a brilliant time starting a handprint forest on the wall of the dining hall – this is a project to be continued, which we think will go down very well with children (of all ages...!) The next Messy Church is on Wednesday 7th October, from 6pm-7.30pm, at Moorlands Academy. We will be having a Harvest Celebration – with a twist! This isn't just for children; Messy Church is an all-age, 'fresh' way of worshipping, learning and exploring. We always start with a meal, followed by a story and lots of fun games, crafts and activities; if traditional church isn't your 'thing', why not give us a try? We do suggest a donation of £2 per family to help cover costs, but this is of course optional.

The children and young people who come to church on a **Sunday** have had a rather tasty couple of weeks. We are spending this term learning about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and looking at some miracles in the Bible. So far we have learned about Martha and Mary, and the different ways we can show that we love someone. We showed how much we love one another by making chocolate 'mug cakes' in the microwave and giving them to one another, then spent time together sharing stories of our week. We have also made popcorn to help us remember how the lame man healed by Peter jumped for joy! (Lots of other fun things are in the pipeline – not just food!)

We are in the process of planning our annual **Light Party**, which will take place on October 31st at Belton Church from 5.30 – 7.30pm. Why not come along to this Hallowe'en alternative, and have fun in a light, bright and safe place? We will be doing 'spin art' with 'Spin Crazy' as well as other crafts and games, and there will be sweets and food too. For only £1 per child, (all food / sweets / crafts included) this is a great way to spend an otherwise frightening and dark evening.

Everyone on the Youth and Kids Team here at Belton Church is really excited about the coming months, and we look forward to seeing lots of you at our events. Feel free to get in touch if you'd like any more information!

Jean White

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BRANDON LEWIS MP

Over the last few weeks, two national issues have dominated my in tray. They both have an element of moral importance; and they certainly divide opinion. This division isn't necessarily just between different political parties. There will be sharp differences within political parties, local communities and even individual households.

A Labour backbench MP attempted to introduce new laws that would allow a terminally ill person, with less than six months to live, to end their own life. This Assisted Dying Bill was heavily defeated in the House of Commons when it was debated in mid-September. I was unable to be there on the day, as I was undertaking constituency engagements. However, I would have voted for the bill, at this initial stage, to allow further debate and discuss whether more safeguards could be introduced to protect the terminally ill. I saw at close hand the courageous campaigning that author Terry Pratchett undertook, as his health declined due to Alzheimer's disease. He inspired me to consider whether we could legislate to allow someone to have a dignified and peaceful death. Current laws prevent this, or encourage people to travel to overseas clinics to end their lives. The debate was passionate on both sides of the argument, but on this occasion no law will be introduced.

One of my fundamental beliefs is we should all have freedom of choice. I believe that extends to allowing people to choose when they shop. Our working and social lives are no longer set in the rigid 9 to 5, Monday to Friday regime of many years' ago. Yet, we still restrict which shops are open on a Sunday. The Government plans to allow local councils to decide whether they wish to relax Sunday Trading laws. I know many people will say we should keep Sunday special. Changing the rules will not change how those people treat Sunday, restrict them from going to Church or prevent them from keeping it as a day of rest. It would be wrong for politicians to try and do otherwise. Likewise, for many, Sunday is the only time they have to go and do the weekly family shop. I don't think we should dictate when they are able to go to the supermarket either.

In my mind these debates are vital in our democracy. They demonstrate that every issue isn't simply black and white, but full of nuanced detail. There will be strongly held views on either side, but it's important we are free to make the arguments and also to listen to the alternative view. It's what makes politics interesting and relevant to our everyday lives.

Contact details for Brandon Lewis are as follows :-

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MEMORY WALL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHURCH FUND

There was a good turn out of Villagers at the end of August to pay up and put their memories into a bottle to be incorporated in the "Memory Wall" that Trevor Austin is building to the side of his High Road, Burgh Castle home with proceeds of £285.00 collected at £5 a time going towards the Burgh Castle Church restoration Fund Trevor stressed that only those writing the notes knew what they had written and the sealed bottles will stay in the wall until it is demolished for some reason which could easily be 100 or more years away. During the afternoon the Mayor, Councillor Shirley Weymouth visited to lend her support and Trevor was also helped by various family members including grandson Charlie.

CHILLI & QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 7th October

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BURGH CASTLE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

October's quiz is on Friday 2nd at the Queens Head (8pm). Teams of 6 - £1 per person, raffle. All welcome. September quiz raised £130! Thank you to Dawn and her team for making us so welcome and for the support we get from regulars at the bar.

August was a really busy month for our supporters, following Open Churches Week and the Visit from the Batman, we held a Craft Fair in the village hall, which was well supported, Trevor Austin started to build his Memory Wall, visited by the Mayor of Great Yarmouth, this proved to be a very popular event. We must however thank the resident who donated the monies collected in lieu of presents at her 50th birthday party. The fund will benefit by just over £4,500 from August events and donations alone!

Nearly New Clothes & Book Sale

17th Oct 12 noon - 4pm. Come along to grab a bargain. We have a lot of really lovely items, donated by supporters. Refreshments, Raffle. Donations of clothes to Margaret please 01493 780126.

Quiz & Chips Night -

NEW DATE - 23rd October Quiz & Chips Night at Burgh Castle Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm £8.00 per person, Raffle, Bring your own drinks. This event has been re-scheduled to allow our supporters to attend. Tickets from Burgh Castle Post Office or ring 01493 780126 or 01493 781747. Please support us in raising funds for the 2nd Phase of Restoration at our Historic Church

Craft Fair 26th - 30th October

Village Hall open from 10 - 4, another of our popular Craft Fairs. Lots of stalls, cakes, refreshments served all day. This is the ideal time to get those early Christmas presents. Stalls include, handicrafts, woodcraft, jewellery, cards, candles and lots more. Admission free.

(If you would like to have a stall at £5 per day please contact 01493 780126).

2016 Events

Special events planned include Burns Night celebration at the Village Hall, St Georges Day celebration and much more.....

Burgh Castle Church Recipe Book

Please don't forget this and let us have your favourite recipes, we hope to publish in the spring of 2016.

Foreign Coins

What have you brought back from holiday or hoarded these can be exchanged for valuable funds - please let us have any that you have.

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 dont have a copy delivered it can be viewed at www.beltonandbrowston.com).

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

FURSEY PILGRIMAGE

The 19th Annual Fursey Pilgrimage to Burgh Castle takes place on Saturday October 3rd. The founding father of Fursey Pilgrims, Revd, Canon David Abraham has stood down and Gudrun Warren, Cathedral Librarian is now the leader. This year we are honoured to have as our speaker the Very Reverend Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich. The afternoon begins at 2.30pm with an ecumenical service in the church, followed by an optional walk to the Roman Fort for a short Act of Worship followed by tea at The Village Hall.

This will be Jane's first visit to Burgh Castle and she will be able to see the wonderful restoration work on the church completed so far. We do hope there will be a good turnout from parishioners to welcome Jane and the Fursey Pilgrims, who come from far and wide, even Holland. Everyone is welcome whether regular churchgoers or not.



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conkers home and placed them in the oven, unfortunately we left them too long, they were burnt to a cinder!! Nowadays very few youngsters play the game. However there is a world conker championship held every year in October on the village green at Ashton, Northamptonshire. In recent years the trees leaves have been infected by a fungus which causes irregular brown blotches, although unsightly it does not damage the tree.

Walnut (Juglans regia). English Walnuts were in use before the Norman Conquest, probably dating from Roman times, they have always been my favourite nut. The trees can grow up to 23metres(75ft) their flowers and leaves are very late, not breaking open until late May or June. The nuts are in a pitted shell surrounded by a leathery casing which split in the autumn when ripe, this can stain the hands brown as can the mature leaves which smell acrid when crushed. Grey Squirrels can devastate an entire tree, and the Codling Moth can also cause damage. The tree secretes chemicals into the ground which inhibit other plants to grow. Walnut timber is strong and tough and highly valued for furniture and gun butts. The beautifully grained "burr-walnut" fetches very high prices as veneer, large swellings on the trunk are caused by abnormal growth owing to fungi or bacteria, an example of diseased wood being more valuable than healthy timber.

Common Hazel or Cobnut (Corylus avellana). This small tree has been a friend of man since prehistoric times, because over the years it has yielded various wood products

needed for his survival, such as spears, firewood, roofing material, fish traps, wattle for "wattle & daub" fencing posts poles for flower stakes. I still have a hazel walking stick which I cut and varnished from Belton wood 45 years ago. Hazel has also been valuable for its nut crop, each nut, 1 to 4 together in a leafy cup, is pale green at first ripening to a golden brown. During my wanderings around Norfolk of late I have discovered many Hazel trees full of nuts, although - at the time they were not ready to eat.

Malcolm Metcalf - Past President, Gt. Yarmouth Naturalist Society.

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ST OLAVES CHRISTMAS FAIR

There will be a Christmas Fair at St Olaves Village hall on Saturday 28th November (10.00 - 4.00pm), a variety of handmade craft stalls, perfect for Christmas Gifts, also raffle and refreshments.

ST. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT

Get those teams together as it won't be long before the long boring nights of autumn and winter will be creeping up on us, so let's look forward to a warming Chilli to cheer us up and a challenging quiz to bring us together for a fun packed night. Open those diaries to Wednesday the 7th of October, 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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As well as helping the orphanage we have posted many parcels of baby clothes to a maternity hospital in Malawi.

We would not have been able to achieve this without your help, thanks to everyone who has donated including those who

have anonymously left items on our doorstep, we still welcome donations, however small. Our text target is raising funds for a cooker for the orphanage.

Thank you from us and all the children at the orphanage and the hospital, we have albums of photographs if anyone would like to see them, call at 34 Orwell Crescent Belton or call 01493 782043.

Kath Lindsay

POLICE NEWS

Snap Meeting - The next Southern Villages SNAP Police meeting is at Burgh Castle Village Hall on Monday September 28th (7pm). The meeting is open to the public, it is your chance to bring policing matters to the attention of your local officers covering Belton, Burgh Castle, Fritton, St. Olaves and Hopton.

Crime Figures for August

Belton (3)

Burglary Non dwelling

- Attempt to enter caravan - Wild Duck Park.

Burglary dwelling.

- Lock tampered with - Berry Close.

Criminal damage.

- Damage to advertising sign - Station Road North.

Fritton & St. Olaves (1)

Theft

- Shoplifting - Cherry Lane Garden Centre.

Burgh Castle (1)

Criminal Damage.

- Damage to vehicle - Breydon Waters Site

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