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A HUGE CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS



On 21st March, Moorlands C of E Primary Academy hosted the prize giving ceremony of the Second Annual Village Voice Writing Competition. With over 120 entries in the adults' and children's categories, chief judges Joanna Cannon (author of the Sunday Times best sellers *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep* & *Three Things about Elsie*) and Kevin Lee (Head Teacher, Moorlands Academy) had a tough job picking the winners. Piers Colby (pictured here with Joanna Cannon) won the top prize in the adults category while Joshua King and Sudevi Hoare won the children's categories (More pictures and information on page 17).

Over 100 people including families and friends of the prize winners as well as book lovers from across the region attended the ceremony. Adrian Myers, Chair of the Village Voice board welcomed the gathering, Joanna Cannon handed out the prizes, Joshua King performed his prize winning poem, Regi Alexander, Editor of the Village Voice facilitated a questions and answers session and Rev Rosie Bunn, Rector of Belton and Browston & Burgh Castle proposed a vote of thanks. Brian Swan, Bill Richmond and Martin Roche of the Village Voice board led on

organising the day with help from All Saints Church, Belton and Moorlands Academy. Waterstones Lowestoft and various local groups exhibited at the venue. Earlier, Joanna Cannon answered questions from groups of children from Moorlands and Lynn Grove Academy, an experience particularly enjoyable for all who attended.

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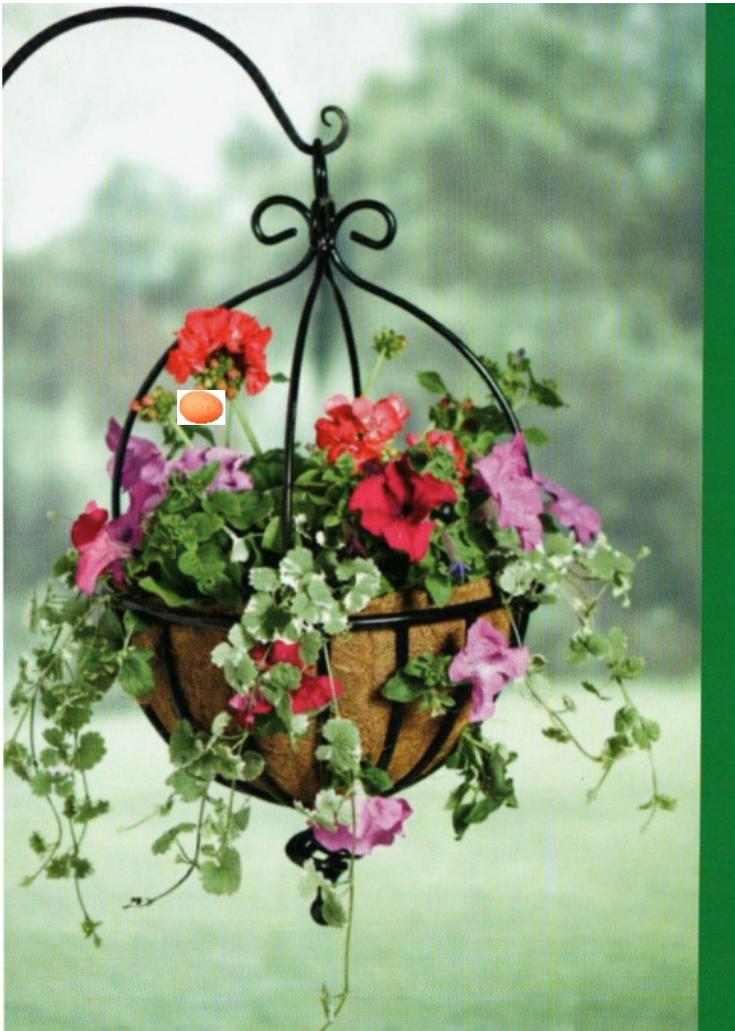
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BELTON F.C. CROWNED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

More excellent results



The Belton Football Club first team have been crowned Anglian Combination Division Five South champions having had a great month of hard fought results. Firstly came a 6-0 loss to 2nd place Harleston Res. All credit goes to Harleston for this game they had a game plan and it worked to perfection. This is football

sometimes and the lesson will hopefully be learned for the return visit next season in division four. The following weekend saw us win 1-0 at home to Yelverton Res the goal coming direct from a corner from in form player Sam Waite. The result doesn't reflect Belton's dominance of the game with 6 chances cleared off the goal line. On another day the scoreline could have been a lot higher. Next came a walkover win against Poringland Res. as the opposition couldn't field a team. This left the team needing 4 points from the last 3 games unless Harleston failed to win against 3rd place Scole United Res. A minibus trip to Thetford Roves Res. on the week 9/3/19 we hoped that the other result would go our way and if we done our job not only would we be promoted but also crowned champions. With Scole drawing to Harleston 2-2 and Belton completing a 3-2 hard fought victory against Thetford the outcome is that the club will compete in their highest ever league next season Anglian Combination division four. This is a massive achievement for the whole squad as well as congratulating manager Luke Miller for the hard work off the field assembling the squad. The club now look forward to the remaining 2 league games with



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It was another eventful month and nothing gave me more satisfaction than the success of The Village Voice Writing Competition. Seeing first hand, the depth and quality of local creative talent and celebrating that with family and friends was a particularly rewarding experience (pages 1 and 17).

Elections to the Borough and Parish Councils are due to be held on May 2nd and this magazine will devote some space in its next issue to that. Local government is an under-appreciated part of our democracy and the Village Voice is committed to doing its bit to raise its profile. Any candidate who wishes to have 250 word statement that showcases why they are contesting, can send it to me on beltonvveditor@gmail.com and the magazine will publish it.

Finally, hearty congratulations to Belton FC on their wonderful success in the league (see below).



Regi Alexander, Editor

a chance of winning the league by 8 points and the hope of a cup final following the Semi final against Gayton United Res on March 16th Please see league website for results.

The reserves are also still in the hunt for silverware with two cup finals on March 23rd and 30th to see whether they can make another cup final and hopefully defend last seasons Wiltshire Cup win. Their month started off with a 6-0 win against Cobholm F C in the H. A Holmes league cup quarter final to set up a semi final with Hopton F.C. Then a 9-0 win in the league against Apollo Tavern F.C. and a 8-4 loss to Cobholm leaves the reserves sitting 5th in the league with a lot of work to do if they hope to finish higher.

Nathan Brown, Belton F.C Secretary

IT IS EASTER TIME AGAIN



It is time to find the eggs in this edition of your Village Voice. When you have found them all then please email your answer to beltonvveditor@gmail.com or post it to 4 Nursery Close, NR319SP by May 12th. All correct answers will be drawn for a winner who will receive a cheque for £25. Good luck, get counting

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING AT THE JOHN GREEN ISTITUTE ON MAY 11th

This event is raising awareness and funds to help 3-year-old Anna Poppy Lawson. The Raffle will be held in the hall as usual and there will also be cakes on sale. All profits will go to the Anna Poppy Fund to help her ongoing fight against cancer. We would be grateful for any donations of cakes and raffle prizes for this event.
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BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL



www.beltonwithbrowston.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Nine parish councillors and one member of the public attended the February 19th meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, Peter Nichols was in the chair.

It was reported that the Belton village sign, currently being repainted will be unveiled and rededicated by Lord Somerleyton (whose father unveiled it originally in 1977) and the Rev Rosie Bunn, this will take place on March 26th at 11.30am.

Work to improve the entrance to the Bell Lane field by the footbridge has still not been completed by Norfolk County Council, they are now saying March or April although it was paid for a year ago. The Borough Council are to be contacted again over litter under the footbridge which needs removing before plants grow up. Members were annoyed that the County Highways team have still not cleared mud off the path at Stepshort, pedestrians are having to walk on the road to pass the area. There were calls for speed reductions on Church Lane, Belton and Cherry Lane, Browston as well as discussion on the possibility of the Borough Council making more land available for parking at the entrance to Berry Close.

Members agreed that due to legal issues over meeting dates as it is an election year for the Parish Council the Belton and Browston Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 14th and the Annual Parish Council meeting on May 21st both at the New Road Centre with 7.30pm starts. The Parish Clerk now has nomination papers for the forthcoming Parish Council elections on May 2nd however they need to be returned direct to the Town Hall between March 3rd and April 3rd by individual candidates. Belton along with all other parishes and all members of the Borough Council are up for election this year.

Members agreed to no objections to a planning application for single storey rear extensions at Manor Barn on Browston Lane and no objections to conversion of a garage to an Annex at 15 Bracon Road provided it is attached to the main property. The Borough Council have approved design amendments at Oak Tree Barn off Beccles Road, Belton, a roof extension with extra rooms within at 12 St Georges Drive and replacement of a metal door at the Tesco store with louvre panels. There has been a tree preservation order granted on two specimens on land at Back Lane at the Beccles Road end.

The Borough and County Councils are to be contacted over a request from residents of Dashwood Close to put secondary name plates on the entrances to the small inlets on the road specifying the property numbers in each, it was felt that there are other locations where this is needed, a scheme was carried out in Rosedale Gardens a few years back. Members urged all residents to ensure that their individual properties are clearly numbered.

Members agreed to get a further price for remedial work to the New Road Centre car park to level out the surface, an earlier specification had been too costly.

COUNCIL DIARY

COUNCIL -The next meetings of Belton with Browston Parish Council will take place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesdays April 16th and May 21st (this will be the Councils Annual meeting when appointments for the next year are made) both commence at (7.30pm) Any residents are welcome to attend and questions can be put to councillors at the start of the meetings.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Because of certain agenda items and to comply with legislation surrounding the elections the Belton and Browston Annual Parish Meeting has been postponed to Tuesday May 14th (7.30pm) at the New Road Centre, this is when all local groups can report on their activities for the last year.

SURGERIES -The Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer, is available monthly to meet informally with and take note of residents queries, (Parish Clerks Surgery), please note revised days and times, the next two months are Tuesday April 9th, at the New Road Centre (10 - 11am) and Wednesday May 15th at the John Green Institute. To confirm that Kate will be there please call 01493 602960, e-mail Beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk , she can also be contacted in writing at 56, Victoria Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 6EF.

ELECTIONS 2019



Following on from last months article a reminder that we have elections on Thursday May 2nd for all 39 seats on the Borough Council and all members of all Parish Councils in the Borough.

CANDIDATES - Anybody intending to stand as a candidate must get their nomination forms in to the Town Hall by on Wednesday April 3rd.at 4pm. The forms are held by the Town Hall plus Parish Clerks for the Parish Councils.

LISTS OF CANDIDATES - These will be published by 4pm on the following day (April 4th) when we will know which, if any, Parish Councils will need to hold elections.

RIGHT TO VOTE - Residents have up to Friday April 12th to make a last minute application to vote, if your name is not on the Electoral Roll you cannot vote, particularly important to check with the Town hall if you have moved recently, the current list was compiled in October 2018

POSTAL VOTES - You have up to 5pm on Monday April 15th to request / amend or cancel a request for a postal vote.

PROXY VOTES - If you wish for somebody else to cast votes for you at your usual Polling Station you can request this up to 5pm on Wednesday April 24th.

VOTING - Polling Stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday May 2nd. Please MAKE USE OF YOUR VOTES.

We hope to be able to publish full lists of all candidates covering our area in the May edition of Village Voice.

CRIME REPORT JANUARY 2019

Below is a list of the crimes recorded for our local villages in January 2019 according to the figures supplied by Norfolk Constabulary to the Police UK web site.

Burgh Castle (Total 9) (Jan 2018 - 1)
4 x Violence/Sexual offence, 1 x Theft (other), 4 x Violence, 1 x Public order

Belton (Total 20) (Jan 2018 - 5)
3 x Anti-Social behaviour, 7 x Violence / Sexual offence, 1 x Public Order, 1 x Criminal Damage / Arson, 1 x Cycle theft, 3 x Other theft, 1 x Possession of Weapons, 1 x Shoplifting, 2 x Vehicle Crime

Browston (Total 2) (Jan 2018 - 0)

2 x Violence

Fritton (Total 5) (Jan 2018 - 4)

2 x Shoplifting, 3 x Anti-social behaviour



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FOOTPATH & ROAD CLOSURES

Riverside, Burgh Castle - The length of Riverside footpath from Burgh Castle church towards Yarmouth running for about 2.4km, almost as far as Breydon Bridge, will be closed for flood alleviation works for about 6 months from April 3rd, the alternative route includes Back Lane at Burgh Castle and other lengths of footpath.

Market Road, Burgh Castle - This will be closed for two days, April 25/26th to enable Essex and Suffolk Water to make new connections to the chicken hatchery.

EASTER REFUSE COLLECTIONS

As the Great Yarmouth Borough refuse collectors work as usual on Good Friday all collections up to and including that date will be as normal. With no collections on Easter Monday collections for the following week will all be one day late with the rounds for Friday April 26th being collected on Saturday April 27th.

BURGH CASTLE FUN DAY 2019

Sunday June 23rd. From Noon

If you enjoyed this event in 2018 could you consider volunteering to help in 2019. If you can help in any way we would like to hear from you, **please attend our next meeting at Burgh Castle Village Hall on Monday April 15th (7pm)**. Plans are in hand to book an entertainer and attractions for the day but new ideas are always welcome. We especially need someone with the experience to organise events to children. Stalls are £15 of commercial and £10 for charity users. There will be a tea room in the hall and beer tent and hot food on the field. For more details please contact mgreenacre532@gmail.com or phone 01493780126

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

February meeting

(We apologise for leaving this item out last month)

Six Parish Councillors, Borough Councillor David Drewitt and seven members of the public attended the February meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Trevor Greenacre was in the chair.

A resident informed councillors of information he had received that the Broads Authority are attempting to get changes in Planning Regulations that would give them authority over a wider area which would include all of Burgh Castle and much of the whole Lothingland area, Councillor Drewitt reported that there have been strong objections from the Borough Council and he agreed to ask if Parish Councils should or could object as well as those present were against the idea. Councillor Drewitt said that he was still awaiting information on the new owner's plans for Burgh Castle Marina but the Clerk reported that she had been told by the owners that they intended to upgrade and reinstate up to 200 holiday caravan plots as well as river moorings, members agreed to accept the offer of a site meeting with the owners in early March.

There were two new planning applications, to build two new bungalows on land to the north of Strawlands on Mill Road in place of the one bungalow current permission, members agreed to no objections to this provided a restriction is put on the permission that the two units should always use just the one entrance off the road. There was a further application for a double garage with storage over at Walnut Tree Cottage on Mill Road, members did not object but asked for a clause in any permission that the property is never used for residential purposes.

The Borough Council have approved plans for rear extensions at 10,11 and 12 Cement Cottages along with giving permission for an increase in the number of Car Boots at Crows Farm from 28 to 32 days per year. Councillor Swan reported that he had been informed by the Planning Office that the delay in deciding the planning application for 10 properties behind Dovedale on Butt Lane was because the Borough Council had received an objection from Natural England (one of the Statutory Consultees) and this needs to be resolved before the application can be taken further.

The chairman asked that the Borough and County Council both be contacted to get a footpath along Mill Road especially with potential extra traffic on approved and pending planning applications in the area which could end up as a mix of about 1000 holiday and residential units in total in Burgh Castle and surrounding parishes, as even development in Bradwell, where 600 more homes are proposed, has an effect on Mill Road with it being used as a short cut into Yarmouth.

There are numerous highways matters outstanding, it was agreed that County Councillor Smith be kept in the picture and the clerk

again contact the County Highways Officer, Paul Sellick to get issues sorted out as soon as possible. It was reported that the 'bridge' on the riverside footpath had been repaired after it had been dislodged in recent winds and high tides, all except some minor issues.

Councillor Griffiths reported that seven drivers were reported for speeding in January by the Speedwatch team, one was doing 51 MPH in the 30 mile restricted area.

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

March meeting

Six Parish Councillors, County Councillor Carl Smith, Borough Councillors Brian Lawn and David Drewitt and six members of the public attended the 11th March of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Trevor Greenacre was in the chair.

It was reported that there have been three bad accidents on Cherry Tree Corner in the last three weeks, County Councillor Smith is going to see if he can get a 30MPH speed limit on that road. Councillors had a site visit with an officer from County Council Highways, one of the items they will be doing a feasibility study for is improvements to the path round that same corner, possibly re-siting it on the Cherry Tree side of the road, he is also investigating the possibility of improvements to the bus stop at Coronation Terrace, possibly with a direct path link to the Roman Fort as well as the possibility of the existing bus service being altered so that the hourly buses alternate their direction round the village loop which would give the opportunity for people to get from one end of the village and back.

In planning there were no objections to a two bedroom bungalow to replace a caravan at Mill Nurseries on Mill Road or plans to replace outbuildings with an annexe at The Old Farm, Marsh Lane. (this is an almost identical new build to earlier proposals to convert the buildings that are now being demolished). Members did not comment on an application at Four Acres on Mill Road as this is a councillor's property however they raised objection over the loss of lay-by parking at 33/35 Butt Lane where the applicants are requesting new vehicular front entrances. The Borough have approved plans for six dwellings behind Burgh House, a garage at Willow Tree Cottage on Mill Road and plans for piling works to the river bank at Belton Marshes are also approved. It was further reported that this will result in a six month closure of that section of riverside footpath from April 3rd. A tree preservation order is confirmed on five specimens on Mill Road opposite Fenside.

There are also proposals to upgrade the riverside footpath, part of Angles Way, from the Roman Fort towards Bradwell (widening, improved surface and removal of some gates) and the chairman asked if consideration could be given to extending the works from the Fort as far as the Fishermans Bar the opposite direction



The Borough Council are proposing a tree preservation order on twelve broad leaved trees at Burgh Castle Marina where many conifers have been cut, residents there are concerned at the loss of a 'wind buffer' as there has also been a substantial removal of hedging. On the same site there were questions over the apparent lack of landscaping, about 160 new holiday bases are being put down over the next few years although they have a licence for 241 units, also being allocated are some places for tourers; concern was raised over what sewage plans are in place, Borough Councillor David Drewitt is investigating these issues. There were also questions raised over the amount of demolition of outbuildings at 'Bishee Barbybee' on Back Lane, members wondering what the newly created space will be used for.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday April 8th at the Village Hall (7.30pm).



BURGH CASTLE SPEEDWATCH

Would you like to see less speeding in our Village? If yes, you can support this by becoming a speed watch volunteer. All training and equipment will be provided and you only have to commit to a few hours a month. Support our village and contact the co-ordinator wendygriffiths.2k@btinternet.com or 01493 780452.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL & CHURCH

TEA ROOM -The ladies and gentlemen from the '**Tearoom**' at the Village Hall have decided that our opening times over Easter will be the two weeks prior to the actual bank holiday weekend due to school holiday dates. The tearoom will be open on the two Wednesday / Thursday / Fridays 10/11/12 and 17/18/19 April. 10 – 4 as usual. We look forward to meeting old friends and seeing new faces. We start in earnest for the season on May 9th. Initially Thursday & Fridays and then back to three days a week from the end of May

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SUNRISE SERVICE - The Annual Sunrise Service takes place at Burgh Castle Roman Fort at 5.30am on Easter Sunday followed by breakfast in the Village Hall, please join us on this special day. enquiries to Margaret details as above.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE VOICE DELIVERIES

We are pleased to welcome residents of Kingfisher Park and Waveney Valley to our regular readership from last month, we will endeavour to deliver to all caravans and chalets with letterboxes however we are in need of a regular deliverer for the 85 or so properties on the Waveney Valley section of the site, can you help??

We also need a person to take over delivering about 70 copies in an area or and by Butt Lane from Porters Loke to Oaklands Drive and would welcome interest from anybody in **any** area of our readership to put your names down for rounds when we need somebody in your locality.

To contact us please call Brian on 01493 780776 or e-mail beltonvvadds@gmail.com

FRITTON EASTER BINGO

All are welcome to our monthly Bingo at Fritton Village hall on Friday April 12h (Eyes down 7.30pm). Easter Eggs galore to win plus the usual prizes. Still only 50p per card and there are some excellent prizes.

BURGH CASTLE QUIZ NIGHTS

The Friday Quiz on 1st March raised £55 for the Church Restoration Fund. It would be good to see some new faces at this friendly gathering at The Queens Head on the first Friday of every month (next session April 5th), why not get a team together, up to six players at £1. per person, the evening also includes a raffle, details from Maureen on 01493 781747 or just turn up on the night, we start quizzing at 8pm but please arrive earlier if you are ordering food .

FRITTON & ST. OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday March 28th at St. Olaves Village Hall (7.30pm) will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm. The Annual Parish Council meeting has been brought forward to Thursday May 16th (at Fritton Village Hall) to comply with the timescale laid down following the Parish Council elections on May 2nd. The Parish Clerk is Kate Palmer, 56 Victoria Road, Gorleston, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 6EF. Tel. 07827681269, e-mail fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com

FRITTON COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning at Fritton Church on Saturday April 13th (10am-Noon) , everyone welcome. For information contact Doug Youngs on 01493 488345.

MOBILE LIBRARY: CHANGES FROM APRIL 1

Our Mobile Library routes have undergone a revamp! With longer stops and Mobiles staying out later in the afternoon in many villages, we hope to see you after school and after work. Why not walk down in the sunshine to pick up some books, DVD's or simply to see what we have to offer? With 8-week loan periods and no overdue charges you'd be silly not to jump on board! This may mean your timetable has changed, but we're all in this together and we're excited to kick start April with better routes and better opportunities for our existing and new customers to visit us. We'll see you there!

For more information email us here: central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk or phone us on: 01603 222 303 or visit our website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

All route timetables will be changing from 1st April 2019. The next visits to Belton will therefore now be on Wednesdays April 10th and May 8th with the following revised details
14:00 – 14:10 : Belton - Alderslea, 7, Station Road South.
14:15 – 14:30 : Belton - Amhurst Gardens
14:35 – 15:25 : Belton - Moorlands Primary Academy / Children's Centre
15:30 – 15.45 : Belton - St Robert's Way.
The next visits to Fritton and St Olaves are Wednesdays April 24th and May 22nd, again revised times
15:15 – 15:35 : Fritton - New Road.
15:40 – 16:00 : St Olaves - Priory Close off Herringfleet Road.

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BRANDON LEWIS MP WRITES



As Brexit takes another twist and turn... No!...No!...No!... I promised myself that I wouldn't write another Village Voice column that focussed on Brexit. And as I write this during a week of extraordinary political high drama in the House of Commons, by the time you get to read these words everything could have changed once again. One thing is for sure, not even Nostradamus would want to make any prediction on the final outcome.

Instead, let's look forward to the future here in Norfolk. Last year we saw the launch of the first ever Norfolk Day where residents across the county were encouraged to show off their pride and passion for this great county. It was also an opportunity to celebrate community life in each of our own neighbourhoods. Last year, All Saints Church Belton hosted an event aimed at understanding more about mental health. It proved a fantastic idea with a range of speakers, all experts in their field, sharing their thoughts on mental health, learning disabilities and dementia. It was an example of how vital community life is and, whether you are a Christian or not, so often the church is central to what we think of as our community.

Norfolk Day is back again in 2019 on Saturday 27th July. I'm looking forward to seeing the community events, parties and get-togethers across the constituency. If you are interested in hosting your own event, you can find tips and further information on the Norfolk Day website at www.norfolkday.co.uk. Do let me know if you have an event planned so I can publicise it on social media and in my regular email newsletter. What better way to bring people together people for some fun, festivity and above all laughter? We certainly need all three after the tortuous Brexit debates that have divided so many.

Oops! I did it again I couldn't help getting back to Brexit. Mrs Lewis has remarked on several occasions that I should keep a diary reflecting on all the events. They say fact is stranger than fiction, so who would believe that any of it is true?

KINGFISHER QUIZ NIGHTS



On March 6th at the Kingfisher Bar on Butt Lane in Burgh Castle the Wednesday charity quiz night had a visit from Helen Platten, a representative from the East Anglian Air Ambulance. we presented Helen with a cheque for £2725.14 for the Air Ambulance which the quiz teams have helped raise over the last year. A big thank you and well done to everyone who has taken part and donated time and money to help raise this amount and a big thank to David at the Kingfisher for his continuing support. We have now supported the Air ambulance for the last six years and in that time, we have raised around £15,000 for them which is a fantastic amount.

The quiz teams have decided that our charity of choice for the coming year will continue to be the East Anglian Air Ambulance making this our seventh year of supporting them.

We hold quizzes every Wednesday at the Kingfisher Bar, starting at 8pm and welcome teams up to 6 people at £1 per person. Anyone new welcome to come and join us, the more the merrier.

BIDDIES Vs KIDDIES New Road Centre April 13th



Paul Rogers, manager at Tesco Express in Belton and his family have been fundraising since wife Tess lost her mother to Cancer in May last year.

Having raised £800 for Pancreatic cancer, 9 year old daughter Summer asked to do something and raised £1552 for the Little Princess Trust with both mother and daughter donating their long tresses that totalled 17 inches to the fund last month. 13 year old son Ashton then got involved and is raising

funds for Make a Wish UK, supporting very ill 3-18 year olds whilst Dad Paul is now supporting Mind – Great Yarmouth & Waveney

Now as a final fundraiser for the foreseeable future they have booked the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre on Saturday April 13th and will be open between Noon and 3pm (admission free) for a Biddies V's Kiddies challenge There will be a disco, stalls like tombola's, face painting, nail painting and name the bear. We are selling cakes, coffee/tea and Almond Rd bakery are bringing their food van (Sandwiches, bacon rolls etc.). The funds from this event will be split between the Make a Wish and Mind charities

Paul will be on 'Team Mind' for the challenges and Ashton on team 'Wish' – they have no idea what challenges they will have to do but the names alone are interesting and include Strike a Pose, If You Dare, Food For Thought and of course a mystery challenge. At the end of three house the losing team will go into the stocks to be 'cream pie'd'.

Other items and stalls include a raffle, cakes, Scratch & win, half and half and price is right. There will also be a disco, some of the awesome prizes on offer include A bungee jump voucher, tea for 2 at The Cliff, Hippodrome Circus voucher, 5 museum passes, Dunston Hall Leisure Centre passes, beauty vouchers and much, much more.

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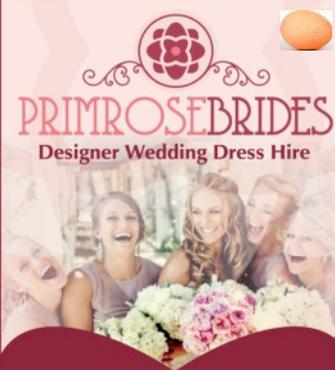
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MALCOLM'S NATURE NOTES

The Pygmy Shrew. (*Sorex minutus*) is the smallest British mammal found in the British Isles, body length 6 cm. weight 4 grams and coloured grey - brown back and flanks, white - grey underside with a



pointed snout, and small eyes. Their food is insects and spiders, they are often heard by their high - pitched squeaks, but seldom seen, except when cats capture them. Although numerous I have only ever seen two live specimens in my life, but many times have found their tiny skulls in Owl pellets.

The Common Shrew (*Sorex araneus*) is twice the size of the Pygmy Shrew about 9 cm. weight 10 grams. Colour Grey- brown, red brown flanks, white underside, with dense velvety fur, long pointed nose, tiny eyes, small ears short legs and red teeth. Their food is earthworms, insects, spiders. and snails. Both species never eat millipedes. This Shrew is not found in Ireland, unlike its cousin the Pygmy Shrew.

Shrews live solitary lives in tunnels , long grass and leaf litter. Both species have a 3 hour rhythm of alternately feeding and resting, the Common Shrew eats almost its own weight in food but the Pygmy Shrew has to eat twice its own weight in a day, deprived of food for over 3 hours ,it will die. In the autumn Shrews grow a thick coat to help them survive the winter, However winter months are a difficult time for them, since insects are inactive and other invertebrates are hard to find, as a result many die. Shrews are most aggressive anti - social animals, they have a scuffling battle, although these fights sound fierce they are rituals and rarely wound each other. From Spring to Autumn each mature female has at least two litters of 4 - 8 young. They are born in a special breeding nest made from woven grass and dry leaves sited under a log, rock or in an old burrow. Shrews have a gestation length of between 13 - 20 days Baby Shrews eyes open around 18 days and are weaned two days later.

The Eurasian Water Shrew (*Neomys fodiens*) is 10 cm. long, hunts aquatic insects, small fish and frogs. On land it feeds on worms, beetles and grubs and can survive in damp woods. It has a distinctive demarcation between its shiny black back sides and grey - white underside.

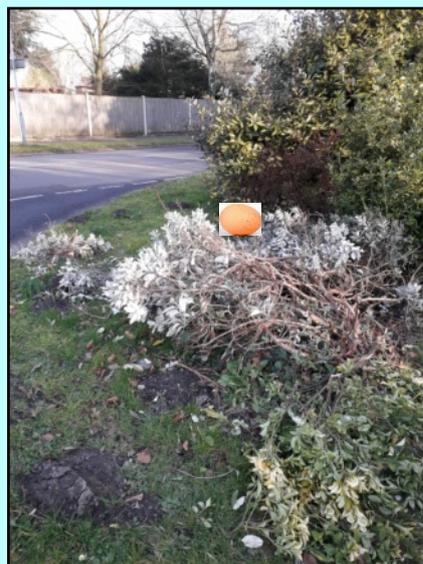
While on a recent trip to Oxford I visited its Pitt Rivers Museum, this is free Museum with over 500,000 objects, plus a superb huge Natural History section. Here I discovered that a few miles from the village where I lived during 1939/48 is another village named Stonesfield. There in its old slate quarries many fossils have been found, some of Shrew - like mammals from 160 million years ago, The fossils consist-

ed only of teeth which were twice as long as a modern Shrew. But from getting smaller, modern Shrews teeth have not changed much in all that time.(Photo is of a Pigmy Shrew)

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GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCERS



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What are Gynaecological cancers?

There are 5 gynaecological cancers, which are that of the womb, ovaries and fallopian tube (clubbed as one), cervix, vagina and vulva. Each year 21,000 women are diagnosed with some form of gynaecological cancer. If I were to put this into perspective, this would equate to 58 people in the UK receiving this life changing diagnosis every day. Sadly 20 women die every day due to gynaecological cancer in the UK. That's far too many mothers, wives, daughters, friends and partners. Awareness level of gynaecological cancer is low, and the aim of this article is for you to stop and think about your body which may or may not prompt you to approach your GP to get checked out.

Ovarian cancer

The amazing quietness with which this cancer develops makes it the worst gynaecological cancer. It is the second most common gynaecological cancer after womb cancer. It is a cancer that usually affects women in the menopause but can develop in pre-menopausal women and teenagers. If ovarian cancer symptoms are identified and the cancer diagnosed at an early stage, the outcome is more optimistic. However, because some of the symptoms of ovarian cancer are often the same as for other less serious conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome or premenstrual syndrome, it can be difficult to recognise the symptoms in early stages-which is why most women are not diagnosed until the disease has spread.

The symptoms to watch for are persistent bloating, persistent abdominal or pelvic pain, unexplained and recent change in bowel habits and difficulty eating and feeling full quickly, or nauseous. You are at a risk of developing ovarian cancer with age or if you have a strong family history (especially if you have relatives who developed ovarian cancer under 50 years of age). Your GP will do a blood test to check for a protein called CA125 and it is elevated in most ovarian cancers. It can be marginally elevated in less serious conditions as well. If the test is abnormal an ultrasound scan of the pelvis will be undertaken to detect any ovarian tumours and referral to the hospital will be made should any abnormalities be seen. Surgery can cure early stages without need for chemotherapy. As most ovarian cancer is diagnosed late chemotherapy followed by surgery forms the main treatment.

Womb cancer

This is the most common gynaecological cancer. The most common symptom to look out for is abnormal bleeding especially for the women who have gone through the menopause. 90 % of the women with a womb cancer diagnosis have abnormal bleeding. This can occur as bleeding after menopause, bleeding between periods, unusually heavy bleeding and abnormal vaginal discharge (blood stained or dark brown). The risk is higher in women who are obese and so it is important to maintain a healthy weight. Your GP will refer you to the hospital for a scan and biopsy from the lining of the womb. Usually the cancer is picked up at an early stage and a hysterectomy and removal of the ovaries should cure the cancer. Occasionally, it is diagnosed at later stages in which case radiotherapy or chemotherapy will be given.

Cervical cancer

Cervical cancer is cancer of the neck of the womb. It can affect women of all ages but usually affect women between 30-45 years. UK is very proud of a very effective screening programme which is estimated to save 4000 lives each year. Cervical cancer screening starts just before the 25th birthday and is undertaken 3 yearly till 50 years and 5 yearly till 65 years. It is a very simple and effective procedure and important that you do not miss your smears. Nearly all cervical cancers are caused by a virus called Human papilloma virus which starts changing normal cervical cells to precancerous cells and then onto cancerous cells over several years. The virus becomes active upon sexual activity and so girls at 12 years of age are offered a vaccine against this infection. The symptoms to watch out for are bleeding between periods and bleeding after sex. Most cervical cancers are detected in the early stages due to screening. Surgery is the main treatment followed by radiotherapy if there is evidence of spread. Chemotherapy is given for advanced cervical cancers.

Vulval Cancer

Vulval cancer is rarer among gynaecological cancers. The key symptoms to look out for are a lasting itch, pain and or soreness, thickened raised patches which may be red, white or dark, a mole on the vulva and a lump or swelling. You must report to the GP if you notice any of the above who will refer you. A biopsy from the affected area will be taken to diagnose. Treatment will be removal of the lump allowing a clear margin followed by radiotherapy if there is any evidence of spread.

Vaginal cancer

This is a rare cancer and usually occurs in women over 60 years. Early stages do not have any indicative symptoms. Symptoms to watch and report include unexpected bleeding –menopausal, bleeding after sex, vaginal lump and vaginal itch that does not settle after treatment. Possible treatments include radiotherapy, surgery and chemotherapy

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(Note:

This article is intended only to offer general health information and may not be applicable to any symptoms you may be experiencing. Any health concerns you have should be discussed with your own doctor).

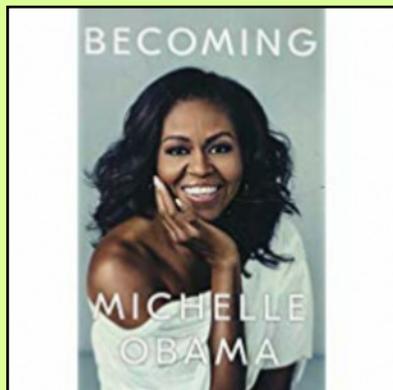
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Reviewed by Rosie Bunn



I was lent the book *Becoming* by Michelle Obama to read during a recent time away; what a story! The writer takes the reader through all her major life events, and many incidental experiences that have shaped her life enabling her to grow, mature and develop to the person she has become. It is not a stuffy book but one that is an honest account of success and mistakes, revealing a great sense of humour and a real ability to reflect deeply, and

laugh at oneself.

Michelle Obama was born into a black working-class family, a close family who enjoyed spending time together. Her father worked all his life as a city labourer despite being disabled, and it was his influence that showed her family what it meant to love jazz and art. Her mother was a stay at home Mum. Money was tight and most of her childhood was spent in a shared family home, her family having the top two floors of a house owned by her mother's Aunt Robbie and her husband Terry. Robbie was the community's resident piano teacher, taught Michelle to play and had exacting standards, influencing Michelle in many ways.

In 1950 (15 years before her parents moved to South Shore) the neighbourhood in which she grew up had been 96% white, but it was changing fast (as white families moved out of town) to being about 96% black by the time she left for college in 1981. Michelle writes of the losses she felt as friends left the area and includes two photographs which show clearly how the demographics changed fast from her kindergarten years to her 5th grade. Her experience of university at Princeton brought more changes to her life as she studied sociology; working hard to attain good grades. She writes that she *was from one world but now lived fully in another*.

Her pride in where she came from never left her, but she adapted to the culture in which she lived, but enjoyed returning to family, and eventually returned home when she began working for a large and prestigious firm of lawyers. It is in her role as a Junior associate lawyer that she was introduced to Barack Obama, a first-year law student coming to work for the company during the summer holidays. He was late, and everything she wasn't- but he certainly enjoyed life. She was supposed to be the one who looked out for him whilst he was there; he was a life unto himself and got away with it because of his charismatic character and his brilliance at what he did. It certainly wasn't love at first sight.

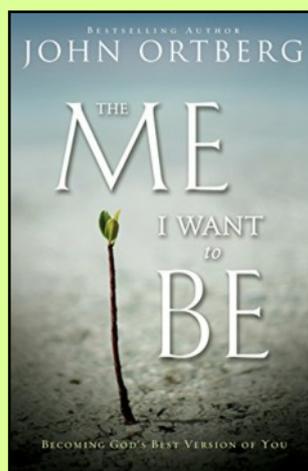
Michelle writes about her experiences of becoming Mrs Obama, then a wife and mother; of her work life and the balancing act she managed as a working Mum, then as a politician's wife, taking the reader through all the political challenges that Barack faces en-route to the White House. She speaks confidently about her desire to make a difference and not just be a wife that looks good and arranges the social gatherings on behalf of her husband, as well as the frustrations as a woman, and especially as a black woman that she faced. She is honest about how she made her children a priority (as best she could)

and how hard it was to maintain family life at times as her children grew up.

I don't want to tell you all about the book – just enough for you to want to read it. *Becoming* is a great title. We all have different experiences of life that help us become who we are. Michelle Obama has written frankly but with reflection; I found it encouraged me to reflect on my life and how I have *become* who I am.

THE ME I WANT TO BE BY JOHN ORTBERG

Reviewed by Anneka Gearie



It is rare to find a study book that is difficult to put down, but this has been one of those rare gems for me and is one of those books that I will go back to time and time again. With the focus on the most important task in life not being what we do, but who we become, it highlights the fact that our personal growth is connected to who we are and removes the guilt that comes from failed attempts at what we think we are supposed to be doing.

Providing a fresh look on the Christian life, the title makes it feel like it should be among the 'self-help' books, but it is closer to an open door to something greater. The seven sections of this

book help guide us to move closer to who we really are and initiate a desire to find the practices that open us up to God's presence and love. Everyone has skills, abilities, and dreams; however, this book explores ways to find those hidden deep inside to shape us into a better version of ourselves.

It urges us to recognise our brokenness, gauge our spiritual health and measure the gap between where we are now and where God intends us to be by providing tasks and exercises to help deal with pain and sorrow, temptations, self-doubt, and sin allowing us to flourish even in a dark and broken world. John Ortberg uses humorous stories and honest real-life examples to help put the ideas and biblical principles into a context that is easily relatable rather than trying to simplify them. Unlike other books that promise answers and push our emotions, *The Me I Want To Be* provides a logical basis that can actually be used in our lives. It doesn't provide the answers, but it gets us back onto the right track to develop our relationship with God and the Holy Spirit flowing through us.

Quotes like "God did not say you shall have no storms, no travails, no disease. He said "You shall not be overcome", and the chapter on coping with adversity and still holding onto hope as opposed to despair when we are in the midst of difficult circumstances have been extremely helpful in refocusing my mind and assessing how I deal with my personal wellbeing. There is a lot in this book to encourage my faith and help me keep moving forward without making me feel guilty for the things I am not doing that I believed I should be, or those things that I have tried and failed at.

I have already started to notice some of the benefits that are suggested in this book- being able to make an honest recognition of my brokenness, being less fearful, and recognising a deeper sense of purpose.

THE 2018/19 VILLAGE VOICE WRITING COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING ON 21 MARCH 2019



Chief guest

Joanna Cannon,
Author of *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep* & *Three Things about Elsie*

First Prize winners

Piers Colby (adult)
Joshua King (under 11)
Sudevi Hoare (12-18)

Special Commendations

Children:
Leila Atkins,
Charlotte Bennington, Isabella Brownlie, Jude Cooper, Hannah Crawford, Olly Davis, Isla Dickson, Marly Franklin, Laurel French-Shepherd, Scarlet Griffiths, Noah Harvey, Lucy King, Isla Larke, Joshua Metcalf, Lyla Palmer, Ryan King, Melissa Grace Moore

Adults:
Short list: Elizabeth Martin, Rebecca Moore, Sue Russell, Jill Waters
Long list: Anita Abel, Heather Andrews, Dougie Barr, Peter Birtchnell, Charles Buddery, Caroline Buddery, Ingrid Channell, Linda Clark, Kate Corkish, Alison Crane, Wendy Dyson, Louise Moore, Victoria McCreadie, Pauline Parkinson, Ann Wilby, Susan Wright

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DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

This popular and regular column in the Village Voice is written by Elizabeth Myhill. Liz is Chair of the Belton & Lothingland Village Show and the Belton Ladies Group (BLG). Please send in your comments and suggestions for future columns to Beltonvveditor@gmail.com



A few popular and new varieties of patio plants for tubs and hanging baskets.

Bacopa Snowflake - *acopa* is one of the easiest, most versatile of the low-growing **plants**. Starry white flowers that will spill over the side of a planter or creep along the edge of a flower bed as a ground cover. It can also be used for edging round ponds. Bacopa is a perennial **plant** that has the advantage of growing and blooming very well in the shade and well into the autumn. Snowflake is an R.H.S. Garden Merit Award Winner. Very good as a filler plant for hanging baskets: **Bacopa Scopia Double Ballerina Snowball** is a double form of Snowflake with much larger white flowers: Both these varieties are excellent as fillers for mixed hanging baskets and tubs.

Bidens is a genus of flowering plants in the aster family, Asteraceae.



Bee Alive is a fairly new variety which sold out very quickly last season. The daisy like flowers of yellow centres and orange petals attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Ht. 20-25cm. To show at its best plant in a mixed tub with other yellow and blue colours **Golden Glory** has large single open flowers with rich green foliage. Both varieties retain their good molding habit throughout the season. Ht. 25-30cm. Good in hanging baskets

Brachyscome Brasco Violet is a new variety of the Brachyscome family. Looked good in July in the show grounds! Said to be very reliable, early flowering with large intense coloured flowers. The dark green, lacy foliage offers great contrast with the flowers. Ht 15-20cm. Great in mixed hanging baskets or tubs.

Brackyscome Fresco Candy is another new variety, strong robust plants with large bright pink blooms produced early and continuously throughout the season.



Calibrachoa also known as Million Bells, is one of the most popular plants for growing in containers and hanging baskets. Sunlight joins the other six colours in the **Can Can** series from Black Cherry through the pinks, oranges and terracotta and now a welcome white with yellow centre. These free flowering, well branched plants offer season long performance even under wet, low-light conditions and are a must for hanging baskets and containers. The Can Can double series have double flowers with an added deep pink called Pinkmania. All the double Can Cans have rose-like flowers whilst the single varieties flowers are more petunia like.

4Bs GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



Covering the districts of

Belton, Bradwell, Browston & Burgh Castle

Below is a summary of some of the tasks that we have performed for our residents over the past 3 years.

At the time of writing we are not able to assist our residents until the new County co-ordinated Good Neighbour + scheme is in operation.

Wood	Bradwell	Autumn Coppicing & Clear-up
Mr & Mrs P	Belton	Help with Christmas Preparations
Mr P	Burgh Castle	Deliver & Pick up Mower at Repairers
Mrs E	Bradwell	Remove Ivy from Roof and Guttering
Mr P	Belton	Wheelchair Assistance at JPH
Mrs C	Bradwell	Arrange Lighting Repair
Mrs C	Bradwell	Minor Fence Repair
Mrs F	Belton	Assemble 2-seater Garden Chair
Mrs D	Burgh Castle	Shopping
Mrs C	Belton	Care Home Visit
Mrs B	Belton	Assemble Lawn Mower
Mrs J	Bradwell	Find Regular Gardener
Mrs B	Bradwell	Light Gardening (Mowing Lawn)
Mrs C	Bradwell	Unblock Guttering
Mrs L	Bradwell	Dog Walking
Mr & Mrs P	Belton	Temporary Garage Door Repair
Mr P	Browston	Internal Furniture Moving

Mrs B	Bradwell	Fetch Prescription
Mr T	Browston	Assist Zimmerframe Use
Mr B	Burgh Castle	Gardening After Hospital Stay
Mr T	Browston	Adjust Brakes on Walking Frame
Mrs K	Bradwell	Repair Keysafe
Mr T	Browston	Arrange Emergency Gas Repair
Mrs O	Bradwell	Change Battery in Kitchen Clock
Mr & Mrs T	Bradwell	Prune Low Apple Tree Branches
Mrs O	Bradwell	Change Starter in Fluorescent
Mr T	Browston	Prise Open Shed Door (Lost Key)
Mrs T	Burgh Castle	Raise Bed on (supplied) Blocks
Mrs A	Bradwell	Befriending & Light Housework
Mr & Mrs T	Browston	Light Gardening (Strimming)
Mr P	Bradwell	Hospital Visit
Mr & Mrs T	Browston	Temporary Fix to Shed Roof
Mr & Mrs P	Bradwell	Emergency Repair to Bollard
Mrs R	Bradwell	Make Safe Uneven Back Garden

If you require any information about the Good Neighbour + scheme or are interested in volunteering for this scheme, which is expected to re-start in 2nd Quarter of 2019, please contact Steve Carter on 07544 161848

or email gns4bs@hotmail.com

Everybody needs Good Neighbours!

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REV ROSIE WRITES

Before Sunrise, on Sunday 21st April, a good number of people from the churches in Belton & Burgh Castle will

gather at the east gate of the Roman fort at Burgh Castle. You are welcome to join us! To be up and out before 5.30am might seem strange to you but let me explain

On Good Friday we will have remembered the crucifixion of Jesus the Son of God and how he was taken down from the cross before the start of the Jewish Sabbath and placed in a tomb – Jesus dead and buried.

The Bible describes how before dawn some women including Mary Magdalene went to the tomb with spices they had prepared only to find that the great stone, that sealed the entrance, had been rolled away. Running to tell the other disciples, and then returning with Peter and one of the disciples; they couldn't make sense of what had happened.

Mary then stays at the tomb. Sad. Distraught. It is there in the very early morning that Jesus speaks to her. Initially she doesn't recognise him, until he speaks her name, "Mary!" and she becomes the first witness of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

So the service in the very early morning is one where we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, remembering what happened and what it means for us today. Sometimes it has been cold, windy and snowy. Sometimes it has been grey and over cast, but on other occasions we have enjoyed a bright and beautiful sunrise. We are hoping for bright sunshine this year!

For Christians, the Easter message is central to our faith. Jesus' death on the cross makes forgiveness for our sins (for everyone) possible.

Jesus' rising from death, gives us the hope of eternal life, because death is defeated.

The grave could not hold Jesus and his resurrection offers new life for all.

The Easter story is one of love and hope; God's gift to all people through Jesus Christ.

It wasn't just to Mary Magdalene that Jesus appeared. Later that day Jesus appeared to two of his disciples as they walked along the road to Emmaus; and to all the disciples (except Thomas) who were hiding away in a locked room for fear of the authorities coming to get them as they had Jesus. Jesus appeared many times to many people – alive!

Some might say – well he wasn't dead when he was put in the tomb, but the details of the soldiers spear in his side (of blood and water flowing) tells us that he had died before he was taken down from the cross. What is most amazing is the transformation that takes place; in spending time with the risen Jesus, the disciples are transformed from frightened individuals to a group who are confident to speak about Jesus in the centre of Jerusalem to all who would listen and receive their words. And so the world-wide spread of Christianity began; the relationship with the risen Jesus being the inspiration and motivation of his earliest disciples, as it is with his followers today.

Dare to do different and get up early on Easter Day. Join us at the Burgh Castle Fort as we remember and celebrate Jesus Christ risen from the dead; the hope we have and the love we share.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a pancake tossing competition. The judge was looking for accuracy in catching, style and number of tosses. Everyone who competed did really well but Janet was judged the overall winner. She won an Easter egg. Rev. Rosie and Isabella were close runners up and received chocolate bunny rabbits. Afterwards, we settled down to a feast of pancakes with a variety of toppings – delicious.



We have a visit to Cherry Lane coming up with cakes and coffee together in the restaurant.

Anyone who does not drive can have a lift. If you are free

on Tuesday mornings, like to chat and are over 50 then you should think about joining us. If the weather outside is cold and wet you can be assured of a warm welcome inside All Saints Belton. We meet between 10am and Noon. If you would like to know more please ring either Margaret on 01493 780126 or Sue on 01493 782443 or visit the church website, www.allsaintsbelton.org Although our club is held in the church you do not need to be a church member to join.

P.S. I did promise to tell you what the winners of the biscuit competition received, well the prizes were potted plants and very pretty they were.

19th April

GOOD FRIDAY
10.00 am
Service for Good Friday—Burgh Castle
12noon
"At the Cross" Service—Belton

Easter Day: 21st April

Sunrise Service

5.30am at Burgh Castle Fort
followed by breakfast

9.30am Holy Communion at Burgh Castle

10.30am Family Communion at Belton

Café Church Sunday 21st April

10.30am **EASTER SUNDAY**

Come and Celebrate **Jesus Christ risen today**

BELTON YOUTH GROUPS

Bruce Gearie, Church Youth Worker

Rocksolid



Rocksolid is our weekly children's club on a Thursday for ages 7 to 11. Over the winter it runs at the Church starting at 5pm and finishing at 6pm. Each week the children will expand on various themes from their assemblies with craft activities, games and glitter. There is also a well stocked tuck shop for them to enjoy as well. April dates are the 4th and 25th. After

the Easter Holidays we will be meeting at the stables instead of the church.

Youth group



Youth Group is Our Thursday Night Youth Bible study group that meets at 7pm and finishes at 8.30pm at the church. The group starts by having some hot chocolate and a catch up of how their week has been. Then we progress onto our Bible Study and once that's finished there are some Games and Craft activities to do. We are currently working our way through our Bible study exploring what it means to be a new person in Christ. April dates are the 4th and 25th due to

Easter Holidays.

The Hub

The Hub is our social drop at the church building from 6pm to 9pm for years 6 and above, this is a place where our youth can come, relax and chill out safely. Activities include: Pool, Table football, Dvd room, Chillout zone, Craft tables, Table Tennis and badminton. We have just recently got a new XBOX ONE S so do come down to try it out. We meet fortnightly on a Friday. In April we will only meet on the 5th due to half term.

Messy Church

Messy Church is fun for all the family, it starts with a meal, then a talk and then lots of messy activities. This takes place on the first Wednesday of every month at the church. Starting at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm. April Date is the 3rd

If you are interested in any of the above groups or would like to know more please contact me on: 07783573210 or email me on: bruce@allsaintsbelton.org.uk I would love to see more new faces at all our groups. If it is something you have been thinking about then come and join us and see what we get up to.

EMPATHY WEEK UPDATE



During February, Moorlands Primary Academy held their second Empathy Week. Each class chose to focus on empathy with the elderly, which is our main theme for the year.

The teachers selected a wide range of books to base their English work around for the week. The children in Reception did some writing about their grandparents, and the children in Years 1 and 2 wrote letters to be delivered to the residents in local care homes, to help build relationships between the generations. Years 3 and 4 wrote letters to the main character from a book called The Old Woman Who Named Things, and Years 5 and 6 produced some very emotional poetry about their relationships with their grandparents and great grandparents. There were also some fantastic displays put up around the school.

Eloise in Year 6 said, "Elderly people could have done lots of things they loved to do when they were younger and now they struggle to do it. Discussing this helps us to understand what they have been through and how similar it is to our lives." Several classes also held Empathy Cafes for parents and carers, inviting them into school to work alongside the children, which were very well attended.



Mr Biddle, who is leading the work on developing empathy, said "It's fantastic to see all our children, staff and parents supporting our efforts to develop empathy. To be able to see things from a different point of view is a vital skill to have, and we hope that the work we're doing will help our children with this."

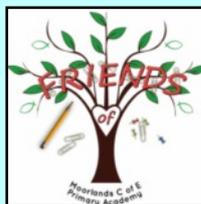
As mentioned in last month's Village Voice, National Empathy Day takes place in June. Moorlands is organising an event for the elderly residents of the village and would love to have support from the local community. If you'd be willing to help, please contact Mr Biddle at the school.

MOORLANDS COLLECTING LEGO EDUCATIONAL TOKENS FOR SCHOOLS

In your EDP, EEN & Great Yarmouth Mercury

As we reported last month Moorlands Primary Academy have signed up to collect the LEGO for Schools tokens that are currently in the Great Yarmouth Mercury, EDP, Eastern Evening News and other Archant papers. Please help them by collecting as every school that gathers a minimum of 1,000 tokens will receive £50 worth of LEGO whilst the top three will win £1,000 worth each. As well as handing the tokens into the school we are now able to report that they can also be handed in to Belton Pet and Hardware.

FRIENDS OF MOORLANDS



We are now looking forward to the Moorlands Easter Fair, which will be held on Thursday 4th April at 3pm in the school hall and dining hall. Everyone is welcome. We really need donations of Easter Eggs, Wine, Raffle Prizes and anything suitable for a children's lucky dip. If you can support us with a donation, please get in touch, or drop items off at the school office.

Now that the weather is improving, we have started our refurbishment of the school courtyard, supported by the Village Voice with their grant of £250. Our aim is to have a theme of herbs. If anyone has any nice large ceramic pots that they don't need, we would be grateful for any donations.

It's the 40th anniversary of the school this year. We really need photos and memories of the school over the past years. Support for this project has been poor so far, so please have a dig through your photos and memories to see what you might have to share. All photos can be scanned and returned. Thanks again for the ongoing support from the village community.

GORLESTON COMMUNITY CINEMA

Gorleston Library - Thursdays doors open 2pm

Thursday April 4 'Leave No Trace' (2.30-4.15pm), Thursday April 18 'Funny Cow' (2.30-4.15pm), Admission is £4 (Under 18's £3). No booking required.

MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

Free, impartial and confidential advice and guidance on a range of money and/or debt issues is available at the Village Green Children's Centre, Belton from a representative from D.I.A.L usually on the last Thursday of every month (1.00 - 3.00pm), The next dates are March 28th and April 25th and May 30th. For more information call 01493 789562 or e-mail childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk.

TRAVELLING VILLAGE VOICE



Here is another photo in our occasional 'Travelling Village Voice' series, this month it was taken in Lochinver, Scotland on a cold and windy day in February. It shows John Greiner, Julie Church Greiner and Nigel Gould. Yes- it was cold up there!



ORMISTON CELEBRATES WORLD BOOK DAY

'Pottermania' descended upon Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston on Thursday as representatives from Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin turned up to



bring a bit of magic to the school on World Book Day. The Harry Potter series weren't the only books the school showed their passion for, with pupils dressing up as characters from The Hunger Games and The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, the 'Things' from The Cat in the Hat and Bill Sykes from Oliver Twist. There was even a Wally and Wendy from the Where's Wally? books – who took a bit of finding!

Literacy is a key pillar of learning at Ormiston Venture Academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT). Throughout their time at the school, pupils will gain expertise in their specialist subjects, but teachers recognise how important it is to expose them to a range of different works of literature. Pupils enjoy a morning each week dedicated to reading, with excerpts from classic novels, children's fiction, graphic novels and poetry. Ormiston Venture truly believes that reading is for everyone, and the breadth of texts explored, not just on World Book Day but throughout the year, aim to show pupils the power and diversity of the written word.

Tom O'Donoghue, Science Teacher and Literacy Lead at Ormiston Venture Academy said, "World Book Day is an amazing chance to celebrate the works of literature, great and small, that have stimulated the imaginations of our pupils. I continue to be bowled over by how articulate our pupils are about the books that they love, and I look forward to seeing where the next year of great texts will take us!"

LOTHINGLAND CLT



Lothingland Community Land Trust is making a 'Call For Land'.

This is a call to any land owners in the five villages of Lothingland, who are considering, or might consider, developing their land. We are looking to investigate opportunities within Lothingland to build intermediate housing and meeting the needs of local communities. Depending on the size of the plot, the development may be a mixed one incorporating private and rented properties in line with the declared aims and policies of the Trust.



If you are a landowner and would like to discuss, or explore the opportunity to develop your land, then please contact me, Adrian Myers, on 07824313792 or e-mail chairlothinglandclt@gmail.com.

As a CLT we have access to development and planning finances as well as architectural and building partners. All such enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Adrian Myers
Chair Lothingland CLT

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Moving Forward with Cancer

"An event aimed at inspiring local people who have been affected by cancer to get the information and support they need to plan their lives for the future."

- Presentations from local healthcare leaders.
- Information stalls from local support groups.
- A market place featuring health and well-being advice and therapies.

Venue: Star Hotel, Hall Quay, Great Yarmouth

Date: Monday, 15 April 2019

Time: 11am to 3pm

To book, ring Karen Flores, Macmillan Survivorship lead on 01493 452783 and leave a message





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 website www.entua.org.uk

Firstly success, our badgering of Norfolk County Council has at last seen the installation of real time information screens within the bus shelters at Market Gates Bus Interchange. However, we still await the installation of the screen at the Gorleston High Street `Boots` bus stop.

Secondly, advance news that First Eastern Counties has placed an order for new buses to replace the Enviro 400 buses operating the XL Service between Norwich and Peterborough. The new buses are also Enviro, but with a Scania engine and will be finished in a shade of white. They are expected to enter service between September-December 2019 and will be based at First Eastern Counties` Kings Lynn Depot. Once these new Enviros are in service the Enviro 400 buses they are replacing will be cascaded to Lowestoft where it is planned they will be `route branded` for the X2/X21/X22 Lowestoft to Norwich services. This then releases the 58 reg. refurbished Volvo Geminis to Great Yarmouth replacing the ALX 400 and Volvo Presidents – Here`s hoping!

By the time you read this edition of Village Voice we will be coming towards the end of a 9-day shutdown of the Wherry Lines between 23rd - 31st March 2019. This shutdown (which will see a bus replacement service in place) is to enable Network Rail to carry out final improvement works on track and signalling, including the replacement and realignment of track at Brundall and lengthening of one of the platforms at Brundall. These works should have been completed in time for the new Greater Anglia timetable which comes into effect on 20th May 2019, but there is still uncertainty on whether the works will be completed in time. If it is completed in time this will include the re-opening of the Reedham to Great Yarmouth Branch which has been closed since October 2018.

First Eastern Counties are publicising their `Coastal Clipper` bus service. This service is made up of the 1/1A route from Martham to Lowestoft via Great Yarmouth and the 99 route from Lowestoft to Southwold via Kessingland. Service 1/1A operates ½ hourly from 0713 at the Martham end until 1716, then hourly until 21.46. At Lowestoft change to a 99 service which runs approx. every 20 minutes to Kessingland and hourly to Southwold from 0635 until 1740 hours.

This is the service to use for a day out at Africa Alive in Kessingland or a day by the sea at Southwold. An adult £6.50 ticket (£4.30 Young person) is valid all day along the coast and on buses to and from Norwich Bus Station. Even better is a HIGH5 group ticket at £10.00 which covers a maximum of 2 Adults and up to 3 young persons with unlimited travel all day. So with the Summer not too far away this is something worth considering. For regular travellers between Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, the `YarLow Zone` tickets offer exceptional value for money: An adult weekly ticket is £21.00 (or £20 with mticket) and £15.50 (£14.00 mticket) for young person. An Adult tenner ticket is £21.00 (£20.00 mticket) and £15.50 (£14.00 mticket) for young persons, but the tenner ticket allows 10 individual journeys within one month from date of issue. Other through ticketing is available on journeys between Service 1/1A and 99.

This year sees the 175th Anniversary of the opening of the rail line between Reedham and Great Yarmouth. ENTUA are playing their part in celebrating this event by providing an exhibition at the Great Yarmouth Library for 2 weeks between 29/4/19 – 12/5/19 and for 2 weeks at Gorleston Library from 19/5/19 – 1/6/19. Other events are being planned and will be notified in due course.

ENTUA always welcomes new members, all we ask is a minimum annual donation of £5.00 which helps us cover the cost of printing and postage of our very informative quarterly newsletter and the cost of hiring venues for public meetings. To join please write to ENTUA, 18 Wensum Way, Belton NR31 9NY

TONY GRICE

BELTON FIRST SCOUTS



Beavers

The beavers had a great evening joining the cubs with a visit from an ambulance looking at aspects of 1st aid which gained them their stage 1 emergency aid badge. The beavers did some warm up exercises, then had the opportunity to listen to their heart though a stethoscope. They made Valentine hearts out of salt dough, decorating them with glitter. The beavers had a go under supervision making pan cakes. We have welcomed Julian and Zeke to Beavers.

Cubs

The Cubs have completed several badges this last month, first completed was the music stage 1 badge. We created and ran a campfire for the Cub parents which culminated in us singing kum by yah and signing it as we sang, very poignant moment. We also created musical instruments out of carrots, lollipop sticks and a drum out of a baked bean can and a balloon. We then started the science badge doing such things like making lava lamps, seeing if soap really floats before and after it was heated, making ice cream out of ice, double cream and salt in a plastic bag, making fizzies with vinegar, sugar and bicarb of soda and decorating plastic cups and turning them into frisbies. We had a joint meeting with the beavers and were treated to a visit from an ambulance, thanks to one of our parents who is a paramedic. We learned all aspects of 1st aid as well and were given the opportunity to look around the ambulance which covered stage 2 of emergency aid badge. We then finished the month, cooking and decorating cakes which has started the chief badge.

Scouts

The scouts have had fun the last few weeks practicing their cooking skills and earning a cooking badge as well as a Great Belton Scout Bake Off, with incredible shortbread making from basic recipe, one group decided to add extra flavour by putting green tea leaves on top! Tasted quite nice! We are still in the hunt



for some new leaders to join the team for the scout section. More information from John Group Scout Leader on 01493 780965.

SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton (sorry not other local villages) on Saturdays April 6th and May 11th Papers should be put outside properties by 8.45am to ensure collection, please do not make bundles too large as some of our younger members who help are on the small size! Glossy magazines, leaflets, greetings cards and old telephone directories can all be included with the papers, please see the whole list of dates for 2019 in the January edition of `Village Voice`. For information about the local Scouts or the paper collections please call 01493 780965, papers can also be left outside at 6 Station Road North, Belton, NR31 9NF.

SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE SUCCESS

The 1st. Belton Scout group would like to thank everyone who helped make their Jumble sale at the JGI on March the 15th, with a huge range of bargains they made £116.38 for group funds, thank you if you attended or donated items to sell.

EVENTS AT THE NEW ROAD SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE



**CENTRE POST CODE
NR31 9JP**

Bookings
Tel Kate (01493 602960)
or Peter (01493 780703)



MONDAY ACTIVITY MORNINGS

Coffee Morning : A huge thank-you to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning at New Road on Monday March 4th, it was lovely to see everyone, since it was before Christmas we had last met. About 40, past, present and friends came along to taste some of the home-made cakes, which were divine.

A big Thank you to Dorothy

Knights for idea and making the cakes for the morning also not forgetting to thank those who help to make refreshments, who brought in cakes and items for a raffle too.

We all had a great time catching up and we raised a whopping £170.50! A fantastic amount in such a short space of time. During the morning we picked which charity organisations the fundraising money would go to and Sallyann sent the following, £80.50 to 'Anna Poppy's Army', £40 to Alzheimer's and £50 to Children's ward at the JPH. Thank you to everyone.

Monday Exercises : WE'RE BACK and OPEN Monday April 1st 9.30 am at New Road Sports Centre, New Road Belton. We will have a gentle approach to our first classes in April just to get used to exercise & movement again. To help waken muscles and increase your mobility, as well as Sallyann's. Refreshments will follow as normal. Only the seated exercise session will be available for the time being.

The Room has been booked for **Monday April 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th** . Easter Monday falls on the 22nd when we will be closed. Cost of the session will remain at £2.50 for April & May 2019, because January and February we were closed. (This is to honour the grant given in 2017 by the VV to help keep session costs down till April 2019).

An update on Sallyann : As you know I have had surgery to remove a Tumour from my right lung. Mine is a slow growing kind, although it can change, it has many variations and is quite rare. 1 in 100,000 people are likely to get it. The terminology for it is 'Neuroendocrine Tumour'. I am now 9 weeks post-surgery and getting on well. Today I drove for the first time myself hooray!! so that's an improvement and Micks pleased, he's redundant from his chauffeur duties and I need to get back to normal what ever that will be from now.

The latest results suggest there are some cells left. I have scans booked in April and a visit to the consultant in May to find out if any further treatment is required at this stage. We will carry on with sessions on a monthly basis around my hospital visits and the school holidays as I do plan to work less this year. For quite a few years I have taught about 20 classes a week and need to slow down a little to enjoy my family and my new 'second-hand' motor home.

The May opening dates and times will be printed in the next issue, don't forget we have 2 bank holiday dates that month. If you would like to pop along on a Monday and see what we do, you are very welcome. Give Sallyann a call on 07599044806 or email up4fitness@gmail.com

JOLLY TOTS & JOLLY BABIES

Jolly Tots and Jolly Babies sessions run every Wednesday (term time only) at New Road Sports and Leisure Centre, Jolly Tots (9.30am-

10.45am) is a friendly stay and play group for under 5's and Jolly Babies (11am-12pm) from birth. I aim to provide a fun and stimulating environment for children to interact, learn and play and for parents, grandparents and carers to meet other local families whilst enjoying a cuppa!

There is ample free parking available, bus service X11 stops outside every 30 minutes. Sessions include free play, messy/sensory play, craft activity (often based on a theme) snack time and a song time. Jolly Tots is £2.50 per session, Jolly Babies £1.50 and 50p per sibling. Contact Shelley 07767389789. Hope you can join us.

YOGA CLASSES

LEXI SPALL YOGA
MIND BODY SPIRIT

Why not join our lovely welcoming YOGA group we meet at Belton New Road Sports Centre on a Thursday morning with a relaxed, calming and supportive atmosphere. Classes are 9:30am every week £6.00 per class or £20 for a four week block. We return after Christmas on 3rd January 2019! Call or text 07841985767 to book. Or email lexispallyoga@hotmail.com

GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP.

Great Yarmouth Stroke Group have had a busy month with entertainment from our local Elvis (Barry) and a visit from Debbie who works for Co-op Funeral Service at Gorleston talking about funeral plans. We also went out for lunch at the Pier Hotel Gorleston with the Mayor Mary Coleman and Barry Coleman as our guests.

The group welcomed two new members Chris and David and we sent 'Get well' wishes to Grace, Susan and Eddie . We are still collecting items for our Summer stall at Somerleyton Fete in July . Please contact Sue Casey if you would like to donate or would like further information on the group, telephone her on 01493 781846.



BEEBOPS SENSORY MUSIC & DANCE SESSIONS

There is still the temporary change to session times for Beebops at Belton, for the next few weeks at least sessions will held at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre every Wednesday during term time, (1.45pm - 2.30pm) the cost is £4 for one child, siblings at half price, these sessions are Family Time suitable for ages 1-5 years. It is hoped that sessions can return to Tuesday Mornings after Easter, watch for further updates.

For further information and booking visit the web site www.beebopsltd.co.uk. Or e-mail enquiries@beebopsltd.co.uk

BELTON JUDO CLUB

The Judo club is going from strength to strength with new members starting on a regular basis and existing members getting more involved with grading and competition with several of them medalling at their first competition experience. Due to the numbers joining the club, some of the more experienced players have been moved up from the first group to the second group but don't despair, we still have capacity to fit in new members wishing to try this great Olympic sport.



Assistant coach at the judo club, 13-year-old Ryan King, has once again been selected to represent England at an International competition and training camp in Duisburg, Germany in April. It seems that Ryan is rapidly becoming a permanent member of the England set-up and anyone wishing to share in his knowledge and experience can come along to the judo club and give it a try.

Belton Judo Club run two junior sessions every Tuesday and one junior and one two-hour open senior session every Wednesday at the New Road Sports and Leisure Centre in the village under the watchful eye of Dominic King, ex-British Champion and Youth Olympic Silver medallist who trained and competed at National and International level for many years and 13-year-old Ryan King who is now a member of the England squad and assists Dominic with coaching. Not many villages have a club run by coaches at this level so take the opportunity to try this excellent Olympic sport, the first month is FREE OF CHARGE so why not come along and give us a try

Our photo shows Ryan King with his medal from Nijmegen (previous England selection).

Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy is able to accommodate new members at our Judo clubs in Belton so anyone wishing to join either of the clubs should just turn up any Tuesday (under 8s 4.30, over 8s 5.30) or any Wednesday (all juniors 5.30 to 6.30) and Open mat for all styles/disciplines 6.30 to 8.30 only £6.50 per person for two hours at the New Road Sports Pavillion or contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or email dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk or contact him via Facebook. Other venues/days are available if Tuesday or Wednesday is not convenient, all session times and venues can be found on our website, www.fightingfitjudo.co.uk

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PILATES WITH HAYLEY

There are two weekly Pilates classes at beginner and intermediate suitable for all levels of fitness on

Mondays at the Premier Room New Road Sport & Leisure Centre, Belton, 6.00-7.00pm and 7.05-8.05pm with spaces available especially in the 7.05 class. New clients will be welcomed including men. We will be using the Toning Ball and Toning Circles in the next Block of sessions.

Benefits of using the Small Ball:

The small ball helps to maintain correct alignment. The unstable nature of the small ball and the reduced base of support it offers, assist in developing muscles involved in deep intrinsic stability by

challenging the body's balance and control. The small ball can be used to raise the body from the mat to increase or decrease the range of movement within an exercise.

Benefits for using the Toning Circle:

The circle can be used to facilitate many familiar Pilates exercises by helping the individual focus on recruiting key stability muscles more effectively.

There are also spaces in the beginners classes at Lound Village Hall on Wednesday mornings (10am and 11.15am beginners). A new block of classes for six week costs £48. Hayley also runs numerous other local classes. To book call her on 07767 864568 or email hayley@hayleyallenpilates.co.uk . (Booking is essential).

Useful Contacts

Jhoots Pharmacy	Belton	01493 222299
NHS non Emergency	Out of Hours	111
James Paget Hospital	Switchboard	01493 452452
Millwood Surgery (Bradwell)	Appointments	01493 444484
Falklands Surgery (Bradwell)	Appointments	01493 442233
Police	Non Emergency	101
Blocked Road Drain	Anglian water	0845 7919155
Water Supply	Essex & Suffolk	0845 7820999
Power Cut	UK Power Network	105
Gas Leak	National Grid	0800 111999
Telephone Lines	Open Reach	0800 0232023
Village Green Children's	Centre	01493 789562
Moorlands Academy	Belton	01493 780007
Ormiston Academy	Gorleston	01493 662966
Rev. Rosie Bunn	Belton & Burgh Castle	01493 780210
Church Wardens Belton	Anne Howell Colin Chilvers	01493 780476 01493 781474
Church Wardens B.C.	Maureen Grey Margaret Greenacre	01493 781747 01493 780126
Norfolk County Council	County Hall	0344 8008020
County Councillor Lothingland Breydon	Andy Grant Carl Smith	07833 083903 01493 662176
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	Switchboard Planning Environmental Health	01493 856100 01493 846690 01493 846478
Borough Councillor	David Drewitt Brian Lawn	07500125781 01493 720083
Parish Clerk Belton	Kate Palmer	01493 602960
Parish Clerk Burgh Castle	Kate Palmer	07948 705218
Parish Clerk Fritton/St Olaves	Kate Palmer	07827681269
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Michael Farrell
Faye Green (Sec)

WEEKLY AT THE JGI

YOGA - On Monday morning at 10.15am £2.50 per session. Please bring a floor mat and towel with you. Contact Julie on 01493 780121.

SHORT MAT BOWLS - Monday Afternoons 2-4pm 01493 444041

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

PILATES - This is on Tuesday mornings (9 -10am) Suitable for men and woman of all ages and abilities . Pilates improves your posture, balance, flexibility and core strength £6.00 per person. For information call Lorraine on 07747 720139.

OVER 50/60's - Every Tuesday Afternoon (2 - 4pm) Contact Norma on 01493 780447.

1st BELTON GUIDES - Every Tuesday (In term time) (6.45- 8.30pm. 01493 667311

BELTON ART GROUP - Every Wednesday (2 - 4pm) For any forms of art & crafts for information call Jan on 01493 488683.

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Meet Wednesdays from 6.15pm.

CRAFT GROUP – Every Thursday (7-9pm) No matter what crafts you do why not come along £3 per session Tel. Linda 07721 599559

LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS - Every Friday (10.30am-Noon) No partners needed, easy paced with a variety of music Call 07788 408801.

THE BELTON LADIES GROUP (BLG)

On Tuesday 12th March ladies of the newly formed Belton Ladies Group braved the weather to enjoy an evening at the J.G.I. As it was our first meeting we dispensed with the tea/coffee and biscuits and enjoyed wine, cheese and soft drinks. The speaker for the evening was Mr Frank Hume who gave a very intriguing talk about the infamous Dr H Crippen who hanged for the gruesome murder of his wife Cora in Pentonville Prison in November 1910. Crippin always protested his innocence and now, due to the advances in D.N.A. technology there are doubts regarding the verdict.

The Group has a membership of twenty six and plans for the year includes further craft sessions, talks, outings, theatre, suppers, and competitions. It looks to be a very busy and enjoyable year. At our April meeting we will have a practical session of basket weaving with Mr Ken Cole.

Liz Myhill. (Chair of the BLG)

BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Next Meeting – This is at the JGI on Sunday 14th April when we will start off with a very short AGM and follow on with an illustrated talk presented by Bill Richmond, 'The Memphis Trail', the story Martin Luther King and the birth of Rock & Roll, non members very welcome, admission is just £3 (members £2)- no booking required. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual to avoid Easter Sunday.

Membership – Our current year ends at the AGM and membership forms are now available at our events or for downloading on our web site and should be returned as soon as possible, we are again holding our membership at £5 per person or £10 for a family.

May event - This will be at the JGI on Sunday May 19th when very informative and interesting speaker Angela Bishop returns, this time to present a talk called 'The Old School days'

Outing to Caister – We are now taking bookings and payment for our visit to Caister Lifeboat and Coastwatch on Sunday June 9th (arrive at Caister at 2.30pm – free on site parking). After tea/coffee on arrival here will be tours of the life-

SNAP MEETING REPORT

The Gorleston area SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) was held at the JGI on Thursday 14th March with an attendance of 28 people. As well as reporting on the last three months activities in the area the



Police answered many questions from members of the public present. These mainly concentrated on anti-social behaviour over the entire area including Gorleston Street. Sgt Johnson gave a detailed explanation on all that our police are doing to combat it. The main message that came from the evening was "If you want a crime investigated then REPORT IT". If this is not done the Police do not know about it and the more reports received about an incident the more priority it will receive. This is done either through dialling 101, 999 for an ongoing crime or a true emergency, or via the web site. A demonstration was given on how to report a crime of any nature via the police web site at www.norfolk.police.uk including uploading photos and/or videos as evidence. The next area SNAP meeting will be at Bradwell on June 13th.

boat and/or Coastwatch for about 90 minutes, this will be followed by a Fish and chip tea which will cost £6.00 per person (free to members)

For further information on the Society or to obtain your membership form visit our web site at www.beltonhistory.co.uk or call our chairman Ian Walker on 07887640385 (evenings).

DONATION FROM BINGO PLAYERS

Belton Bingo Group has made a donation of £430 from its charity funds to the fund to provide treatment for Cancer sufferer 3 year old Anna Poppy whose story was featured in last months

Village Voice. The Bingo group meet at the JGI every Monday, eyes down at 7.30pm and always welcome new players.

BELTON OVER 50/60's

The club normally meets at the JGI every Tuesday afternoon (2-4pm) and welcomes new members. It costs just £1 per session. On Wednesday April 3rd members are going out for lunch at Gorleston Golf Club. The raffle at the JGI on Saturday 9th March made £139.00. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or supplied prizes. For details about the club contact Norma Hadden on 01493 780447.



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YOGA at the JGI

Every Monday 10.15 why not come and join our friendly JGI YOGA group for men and women. We use gentle stretching exercises to help you keep supple and also helps balance which is important for our mature years.

Yoga has many health benefits. Our Class is run by Maisie our yoga teacher who is in her late 80s and an inspiration and occasionally when Maisie doesn't attend we carry on with easy to follow CDs.

Each session is £2.50 for the hour, no booking required. Bring along a yoga mat and wear loose fitting clothing. If you require any further details contact Julie on 01493 780121.

JGI QUIZ NIGHTS

The next village quiz nights at the JGI are on Fridays April 12th and May 24th at, 7.30pm. Teams of 4 - £5 per team - why not put a team of family, friends or neighbours together and join in the very friendly evening. No prior entry booking needed, just turn up with your team on the evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP IN

We meet every Wednesday morning from 10.30pm until noon. We are a friendly group and encourage you to join us for tea/coffee and cake. Come and chat and make new friends and if we can help with either a computer/lpad problem then come along and discuss it. We will also keep you up to date with all the latest scams to stay clear off. Call Sue on 780822 for further details.

JGI TRUSTEES

The JGI is our Village Hall with many activities being held there. At the moment, Tuesday morning is free if anyone would like to hire it to hold a session.

It is well managed with full kitchen facilities and full central heating. The room is always warm and welcoming. The next monthly coffee morning will be on Saturday 13th April.

Contact Bill on 780822 or any trustee for more details.

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

The next meeting will be on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm at the JGI, All welcome no matter what level of photography you are at. Come along and get more from your camera. Software processing is also covered. Call Bill on 780822 for more information.

JGI LINE DANCING

We are always looking for new members to join in the Line Dancing at JGI. It is a good way to meet people, have a natter and a laugh. We are there every Friday 10:30am-12 noon. For details, call Jane 07788408801

OPEN ART STUDIO

Saturday 13th April from noon to 6pm. Herringfleet Studio and Gallery NR31 9HJ. Denise Allen, artist, tutor and demonstrator on tv's shopping channel Hochanda. Buy something original, or come and have a chat about all things arty. Also 12th, 25th, 26th and 27th May as part of Norfolk and Norwich Open Studios. contact@deniseallen.co.uk Upcoming workshops, suitable for all levels. Sunday 7th April Experimental Watercolour 1pm to 5pm £30. Thursday 25th April Sketch to paint. 10am to 4pm £45 including lunch. Wednesday 15th May Oil over acrylic landscape 10am to 4pm £45 including lunch. Sunday 19th May Its still life but not as you know it. 1pm to 5pm £30 contact@deniseallen.co.uk 01493488551

St. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL

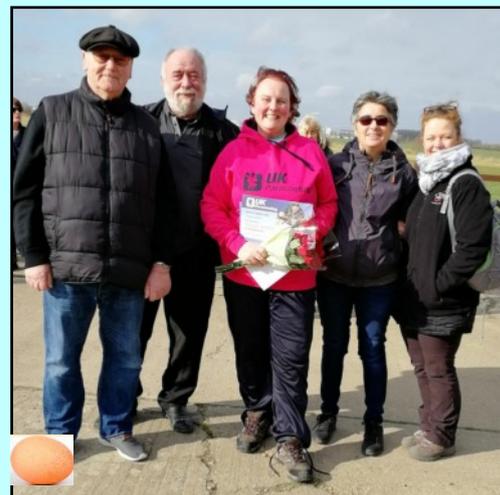
Our next event at St. Olaves Village Hall will be a COFFEE & CRAFT MORNING on SATURDAY 1st JUNE 100 – 1300 hrs. The format will be very similar to that of previous occasions – various craft stalls, refreshments including cakes, tray-bakes, sausage rolls, cheese scones and coffee/tea. And, of course, there will be a Tombola. We do hope you will be able to make it. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you who came along and supported our Quiz & Chilli Evening on 1st March. It was a very successful and enjoyable event making just over £500, before expenses, towards the ongoing refurbishment of the Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you at the Coffee & Craft Morning on the 1st June.

SLIMMING WORLD Slimmer Sharon Skydives For Charity

Sharon, 52, joined Slimming World Belton in August last year with two goals in mind – to feel better about herself and to lose enough weight to tandem skydive (yes you heard right!) for Target Ovarian Cancer and Huntington's Disease Association – two charities close



to her heart. Sharon says "My weight was really starting to have a negative effect on me, I felt so unfit, depressed and my GP had told me I was pre-diabetic. This was the final straw and knew I had to do something about it. I had wanted to do a Tandem Skydive for charity but I was heavier than the upper weight limit allowed so that was when I decided to join Slimming World. I was really nervous but Sue's groups are so friendly and welcoming. I no longer felt on my own and received so much encouragement from everyone. I was amazed at the variety and generous amounts of good healthy food you can eat



without weighing. Sweet potato chips and 5 Bean Chilli are my favourite.

Working shifts did mean I had to change my eating habits but with the help of the other members in group it's helped me get away from being unhealthy. I am now making positive life-long changes including becoming more active. I love swimming and using the crosstrainer and since starting I can now move much quicker without getting out of breath. Along with losing weight, feeling so much healthier, fitting into smaller size clothes, meeting new friends, realising a dream, its increased my confidence no end. I've still a way to go to my ideal weight and although life has its ups and down (literally!!), I have no intention of giving up because I know with my new found confidence and the encouragement of group I will achieve my dream weight!!"

Sue, Sharon's Slimming World Consultant says "I remember Sharon's first group and thought then what an incredible lady she was, with that goal to tandem skydive for charity!! I knew then she'd do it! I can't tell you how proud we are of her, she's lost an incredible 2st 7lbs so far, jumped out of an aeroplane and raised a total of £890.00 - INSPIRATIONAL!! Who knows what will be next but I'm very excited to find out!!"

Sharon attends Slimming World at the Kings Head, Belton and there are sessions on Wednesdays at 5.30pm & 7.30pm and Thursdays at 10am. Please contact Sue on 07897532922 for further details.

SOMERLEYTON SUMMER EVENTS 2019

Below are some details of events taking place in Somerleyton in the Summer with booking details etc.

Saturday May 25th (10am - 3pm)

Craft Fair

Entrance fee Adults £1, children free.

Stalls £10.00

For details contact Dee Smith somerleytoncharityevents@gmail.com or 07974546296

Sunday June 9th (11am -5pm)

Somerleyton Open Gardens

Tickets £3.50 (under 14's free), watch out for more details

Saturday July 6th

Somerleyton School Fete

To book a stall for the fete contact Somerleyton School on 01502 730503

Saturday July 6th (11am - 3pm)

4th Annual Somerleyton Art sale & Exhibition

Entrance fee Adults £1, children free

Hanging fee from £1.50

For details contact Dee Smith somerleytoncharityevents@gmail.com or 07974546296

SOMERLEYTON VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN TRANSFORMATION

As Somerleyton Pre School closed for half term a team of keen volunteers moved in; the cupboards were emptied, and the old kitchen was rapidly dismantled. During the following week the walls were lined and plastered, new electrics installed and up to date units and worktops were fitted. On the last Saturday morning more helpers arrived to finish the last-minute painting, wash all the cupboards and contents, remove all the rubbish and make the hall ready for the Pre School opening on Monday morning.

The kitchen face-lift is part of a rolling programme of much needed improvements to the Village Hall. The developments are made possible by the hard-working group of fundraisers. More events are planned in the Village Hall – Craft Fair on 25th May and the ever popular 4th Annual Art Sale and Exhibition on 6th July.

A new group SwingFit on Wednesday evenings – (1940's stroll routine for fitness and balance) also raises money for the Hall improvements. An

exciting programme of social events is also being planned.

Sandy Leonard chair of Somerleyton Community Association that own and manage the Village Hall said, "a huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the kitchen renovation and the fund raisers for making these projects possible."

Why not come along to the next meeting of Somerleyton Community Association on



Thursday 18th April at 7.30 pm to hear more about future plans and events? More Community Association information from Neil Livingstone 01502 730610 / neillivingstone@btinternet.com

THE TIDE JETTY COMES TO BURGH CASTLE



Eastern Angle Theatre Company brings their spring show, The Tide Jetty, to Burgh Castle after being commissioned by the Broads Authority. They will be there from 22nd – 25th May. More details in the next issue of the Village Voice.

LETTER FROM NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE VILLAGE GREEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE, BELTON

You have been provided this letter as you are currently providing services or hiring these children's centre facilities.

February 2019

Dear Service Provider

Service providers operating from children's centres

On the 30th January 2019, Norfolk County Council, Children's Services Committee made the decision to approve a proposal for a new Early Childhood and Family Service which will replace the current children's centres service from the 1st October 2019.

This new service will have greater reach to those more isolated children and families in need of help and advice, through increased local support, easier to access information and crucial outreach work while continuing to deliver services previously offered.

Village Green will be de-designated as a children's centre. Some services may continue to operate from the site. As part of this change we will be moving, not removing, some services into libraries, nurseries and community centres, alongside our 15 new service bases.

It is our intention to keep you up to date with changes as these are made.

Between now and October 2019

- The County Council is working with current and future service providers to develop and deliver a high quality early childhood and family service for families with children 0-5
- We will continue to work together with service partners and users to enable a smooth handover, minimising any disruption to services during this transitional period

If you would like more information or wish to be kept up to date with these changes directly, please contact us on the following email address ecfsccommissioning@norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk County Council Children's Services

The Beaches Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG) Event "Your Surgery Today"

This is an invitation for all patients from the surgeries in

Sussex Rd and Magdalen Way, Gorleston and Hopton

Please come along on Monday 29th April 2019, 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Cliff Park Junior School, Orde Avenue, Gorleston, NR 31 6SZ.

This will be an opportunity for you to hear directly from Dr Gopaul as well as other clinicians and staff from the practice.

They will explain to you what their role is and you will also hear about the other services provided by the practice. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Free refreshments will be available and there will also be a free draw for a hamper.

We look forward to seeing you.

EAST ANGLIAN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

This will take place on Saturday 31st August at Oulton Broad and will see more than 30 teams competing over a 200 metre race. For further information www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk/eastanglia or call Festival organisers Gable Events on 01780 470718.

A SPRINGER'S TAIL

Village Voice readers may remember the short stories that were published in the magazine a few years ago under this name. Author Lesley Chalmers returns to the Village Voice with a regular column, this time featuring comic strips that follow the same line. They feature her two dogs, Lennie and Harley.



FIRST HEALTH ACADEMY STUDENTS GRADUATE

The first group of students to successfully complete the James Paget University Hospital Health Academy programme have graduated – with some now set to start their careers in health care. The awards ceremony was held on Wednesday 13 March. The Health Academy was announced in February 2018 as a new



initiative to provide students at local schools and colleges with an introduction to roles in the NHS.

FOUR TO JUMP FROM PLANE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ANNA POPPY

Four James Paget staff will be jumping out of a plane in May to raise money for a three-year-old Anna Poppy who has an aggressive form of cancer. Aimee Griffin and Charley Smith, both Health Care Assistants on Ward 18, and their friends



Anna Bedford, a nursery nurse in A&E Paediatrics, and Cassie Pembroke, an agency nurse at the James Paget, will all be taking part in a skydive at Ellough, near Beccles, on Friday 10 May to help raise money.

THANK YOU FROM ANNA POPPY



Dear Readers of Village Voice
Anna Poppy's family would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your support, financial and emotional, at this difficult time. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of groups from the village and

around who have had collections and held events to raise funds for Anna Poppy and plan more. There has been coffee mornings and collections at the Monday Activity cub, Slimming World at the Kings Head, and Young at Heart and offers from the Monday Night Bingo Fund. Many individuals have made donations to the fund raiser and to us to pass on to Anna Poppy. There have been events such as quizzes and auctions in Gorleston and Yarmouth and more are planned such as a Learning to Sing workshop and a Princess and Super Hero Toddle walk on Yarmouth seafront, so please join us if you wish or buy raffle tickets for the various raffles to help support us or donate to the fund raiser page and keep awareness of events and our cause alive by sharing information. We hope to see you at our events and again. Thank you all.

GUIDE TO EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

UPDATE Exercise Sessions (9.30am) - New Road Sport Centre -- Seated exercise sessions restart on April 1st. (See New road page)

Yoga (10.15 - 11.15am) JGI - bring your own mat or towel 01493 780121

Play & Weigh Baby Group & Baby Cafe - Breastfeeding support (1 - 2.30pm) Village Green Children's Centre. Refreshments (Health Visitor 3rd Monday of month) 01493 789562

Short Mat Bowls (2-4pm) JGI 01493 444041

Bingo Night (7.30pm) JGI All welcome

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

Belton Bowmen - For Winter - Wroughton Junior Academy - Juniors/family (6-7pm) £3.50, Adults (7-9pm) £5 01493 780418.

Pilates (Beginners/intermediate) 6 & 7.05pm New Road Sport Centre 07767 864568

EVERY TUESDAY

Pilates Fitness (9am) JGI - £6. Improve posture/core strength 07747 720139

Baby Massage OR Baby Bloom (10-11.30am) Village Green Children's Centre 4 week parenting course for parents/referrals, must be booked/paid in advance £8 01493 789562 (*these two groups alternate on the same time slot*)

Young at Heart (10-noon) Belton Church. Get together for over 50's - church members or not

Childminder Drop in & Play (10 -11.30am) Village Green Children's Centre - Childminders drop in & play & meet other childminders. Refreshments available 01493 789562 (1st Tues of month at Gorl. Lib (10.30-11.30am))

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

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

1st Belton Guides (6.45 - 8.30pm) JGI- 01493 667311
St. Olaves Art Group (7.30pm) St. Olaves Village Hall Tel: 01493 488276

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Jolly Tots (9.30-10.45am) Under 5's ((11am-Noon) Birth to Walking - New Road Sport Centre 07767 389789

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

Lunch & Social Club (Age Concern) (12-3pm) Kings Head, Belton 01493 262052

New Day/time Beebops Pre School Family Time (1.45pm) New Road Centre - 07934 276167

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

Pooch Paws Dog Training (5-8pm) 1 hour sessions St. Olaves Village Hall 07841 040171

Judo group for Juniors (5.30-6.30pm) New Road Sport Centre 07977 432756

Slimming World (5.30 & 7.30pm) Kings Head Consultant Sue Tel 07897 532922

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

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

Open Mat for Martial Art (6.30-8.30pm) New Road Sport Centre 07977 432756

Team Quiz (8pm) Kingfisher Bar B/Castle (6 per team max. £1 each)

EVERY THURSDAY

Chatterboxes (9.30-11am) Village Green Children's Centre 0-5 years. Fun activities, communication, language & literacy £1 Only during term time 01493 789562

YOGA (9.30-10.30am) New Road Sport Centre 07841 985767

Slimming World (10am) Kings Head Consultant Sue Tel 07897 532922

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

Rock Solid (5-6pm) (Apr 4th Belton Church, 25th The Stables) Free 07783573210

New Road Crafting Group (6-9pm) New Road Centre, Belton
Crafters Group (7-8.30pm) JGI Informal needlecraft group 07721 599559

Youth Group (7-8.30pm) (Apr 4th Belton Church, 25th The Stables) Exploring Christian Youth & Fun. Free 07783573210

EVERY FRIDAY

Line Dancing for Beginners (10.30am-Noon) JGI, Ring 07788 408801.

The Hub (Open youth group) (6-9pm Apr 5th Only) Belton Church - years 6 & above - 07783573210

EVERY SATURDAY

Pooch Paws Dog Training (9am -1pm) 1 hour sessions St. Olaves V/ Hall 07841 040171

EVERY SUNDAY

Julies Car Boot - (6am) Market Road, Burgh Castle.

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

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Thu Mar 28 (7pm) St. Olaves V/Hall - Fritton & St. Olaves Annual Parish meeting followed by monthly Parish Council

Sun Mar 31 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion with the Bishop of Thetford

Sun Mar 31 (10.30am) Belton Church - Cafe Church with the Bishop of Thetford

Tue Apr 2 (11am) Belton Church -Traditional Service of Holy Communion Coffee from 10am

Wed Apr 3 (10.30am) Burgh House -Traditional Holy Communion

Wed Apr 3 (6-7.30pm) Belton Church - Belton Messy Church - Free Family Fun

Thu Apr 4 (3pm) Moorlands Academy - Friends of Moorlands Easter Fayre - everyone welcome

Fri Apr 5 (7.30pm) JGI - Digital Camera Club 780822

Fri Apr 5 (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head -Team Quiz max 6 per team

Sat Apr 6 (From 8.45am) Belton Scouts Collecting Newspapers - Belton only

Sun Apr 7 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church -Holy Communion + Annual Parochial Council meeting

Sun Apr 7 (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration + Annual Parochial Council meeting

Mon Apr 8 (7.30pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Tue Apr 9 (10-11am) New Road Sport Centre

Belton/Browston Parish Clerks surgery

Wed/Fri Apr 10/12 (10am-4pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Tearoom & Bargain stall
Wed Apr 10 Mobile Library in Belton (Times in article)

Fri Apr 12 (7.30pm) Fritton Village Hall - Easter Bingo

Fri Apr 12 (7.30pm) JGI Team Quiz Night (teams Max 4, £5 per team)

Sat Apr 13 (10am -Noon) Fritton Church. Coffee Morning

Sat Apr 13 (10am-11.30am) JGI Monthly Coffee Morning

Sat Apr 13 (Noon-3pm) New Road Sports Centre - Biddies V's Kiddies Charity event Free admission

Sun Apr 14 Palm Sunday (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer

Sun Apr 14 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Sun Apr 14 (2.30pm) BDHS AGM + 'The Memphis Trail' Illustrated talk with Bill Richmond

Sun Apr 14 (6.30pm) Belton Church - Evening Celebration

Tue Apr 16 (7.30pm) New Road Sport Centre. Belton & Browston Parish Council meeting

Wed/Fri Apr 17/19 (10am-4pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Tearoom & Bargain stall
Thu Apr 18 (7pm) Belton Church - Passover meal
Fri Apr 19 (10am) Burgh Castle Church - Good Friday Service

Fri Apr 19 (1.30am) Belton Church - Good Friday Service

Sun Apr 21 (5.30am) Burgh Castle Fort & Village Hall - Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast

Sun Apr 21 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun Apr 21 (10.30am) Belton Church - Cafe Church with Communion

Wed Apr 24 Mobile Library. New Rd. Playing Field Fritton (15.15-15.35), Priory Cl., St Olaves (15.40-16.00),

Thu Apr 25 (1-3pm) Village Green, Children's Centre. Money/Debt Advice

Sun Apr 28 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer

Sun Apr 28 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Wed May 1 (10.30am) Burgh House -Traditional Holy Communion

Thu May 2 (7am-10pm) Local Elections All Polling Stations open

Fri May 3 (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head -Team Quiz

VILLAGE SMALLS

It is free to advertise jobs, events, property or items for sale. Send details to Village Voice Small's, 'Skelmorlie', Butt Lane, Burgh castle, NR31 9PU Tel 01493 780776 or email beltonvvads@gmail.com by noon on April 14 to appear in the May 2019 issue. We will run your advert for 3 months but please let us know if you sold it so we can remove the advert. (Commercial entries charged at 25p per word)

WANTED

Soft Toys to raise money for local charities, deliver to 34 Orwell Crescent. Belton, or Tel 01493 782043

Paddock or small field with secure fencing wanted for a reasonable fee to use occasionally to train / exercise young gun dog. Tel. 01493 665556

Any Saleable items, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Games, Jigsaws unwanted gifts etc. needed for Burgh Castle Village Hall Stalls & Fun Day. Tel. 01493 780126 (local collection possible)

Any odd quantities of gravel/stone suitable for paths etc. by Belton Scouts Tel. 01493 780965

WORK

Experienced Personal Assistant has vacancies Wed/Fri/Sat. Help with housework, ironing, social outings, shopping. Insured & DBS checked (Transport) Tel 01493 658058 (after 6pm)

General Odd-job man available 1-2 days a week Tel. 01493 789049

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Cream double wardrobe £70 ONO Tel. 01493 782428

Xerox Word Processor 6015 (can be used as a typewriter) with spare tapes etc. £40. Tel 07799 073958

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PLEASE LET US KNOW BY NOON ON THE 13th APRIL IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ITEM REMOVED

Stop Press FURTHER LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

With the uncertainty with the present political situation and the future availability of fruit and salad, another planning application, no not for housing, but for 500,000 sq metres of glasshouses in the local area has been submitted for growing produce all the year round.

This area was famous for its horticulture business back in the 1950's and 1960's with a multitude of glasshouse everywhere growing tomatoes and other salads in the summer and chrysanthemums in the winter. Now that solar and wind energy has been developed, growing fruit and salad under glass is a far more attractive option as it offers production over the 12 months of the year.

A.P.R. Solargrowth, one of the largest company's involved in this type of business, says this will be a major development for the area and make it a leader supplier of all fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the year without relying on imports. Good access to both the A143 and A47 will be available at this location as well as refrigerated storage on the nearby industrial park. Plans of the development can be found on the web site "aprsolargrowth.co.uk"

The company also says that the area has other advantages. Being close to the coast helps to stabilise the temperature from vast extremes being brought about by climate change. The final important point the company makes is to say that development on land close to the present new housing near Browston will offer much needed employment in the coming years and return the area to its historical roots.

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