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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD DAY

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday May 14th two highly deserving ladies received the Citizen of the Year Award. They were Barbara Clark and Nora Bensley.

Over the past 20 years plus they have been key figures in our community in many ways.

Barbara was a Parish Councillor for many years, President of Belton WI, a committee member of the Village Show and with Nora the other half of the Belton Events Committee. It was these two ladies who provided many evenings of great entertainment at the JGI over the past years and are greatly missed. They also organised many Bingo evenings and Quiz evenings.

Nora was also a committee member of the Belton WI and played an active part with Barbara in raising funds for MacMillan Nurses.

As Barbara now lives away from the village with relatives it is hoped she will visit again in the summer when a presentation can be made to both her and Nora on that occasion.



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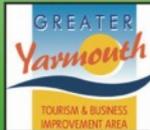
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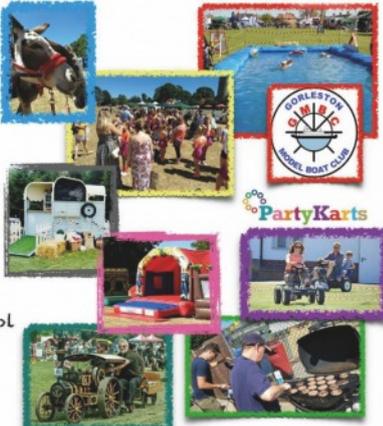


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- Ice Creams
- Fire Engine
- East Coast Blackbelt School
- Belton Scouts
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- and lots more



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Thank you to the kind lady who found my car key over the weekend of 30/31 March and traced me. I was in a bit of shock when you returned it as hadn't realised I'd even lost them, and would love to thank you properly. If you could pop your address or phone number into my letterbox that would be really appreciated.

Kind regards
Maria Nerney

(Editor's response: If you are the person who helped Ms Nerney or know who did, please let me know on beltonvveditor@gmail.com and I shall pass the information on to her).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I live in the US but enjoyed delightful visits with Lillian Liffen and her family in Burgh Castle several times. Would it be possible to order the issue with her biography and photos? Or, would you be able to send me an attachment with the pictures and text? The issue was sometime between January and March of this year. I would be happy to pay you by credit card or send you a check. The Village Voice is terrific. I have an old issue and reading the articles makes me feel like I'm travelling through your local villages and learning about their organizations and special events. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards
Jeannie Parker

(Editor's response: Thank you for your letter. I trust this has been dealt with by my colleague in the editorial board, Mr Brian Swan).



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue of your Village Voice is a 28 pager and while space limitations mean that some regular columns are

not there this month, there is no shortage of very interesting material.

Continuing with short listed entries from the second annual VV writing competition, the Book Club this month features an extraordinary short story- Hidden Rocks by Jill Waters(page 15). Malcolm Metcalf writes in his inimitable style about partridges (page 14) and Lesley Chalmers continues to amuse us with stories of Lennie and Harley (page 25).

In the news section, the cover story this month from Kevin Lee is on Empathy Day and the marvellous efforts that are being led by Mr Biddle and other staff and children at Moorlands School. The local election results are covered in detail (page 19) and there is a request from Mick Graystone (page 3) asking for volunteers to become parish councillors in Belton with Browston PC.

Finally a special mention of the item on page 24, a remarkable success story from East Norfolk Sixth Form College attended by many of our children. They really do have a lot to be proud about.

Regi Alexander, Editor

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LOUISE HAMILTON CENTRE

As a result of local and national developments in cancer care, James Paget Trust is reviewing options regarding the future of Louise Hamilton Centre. They are in discussion with both local and national third sector/ charitable organisations to identify opportunities for providing even more services for local people with cancer and other life-changing and life-limiting conditions. The Trust reaffirmed that they are committed to securing the long term future of the Centre for the people of Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

A NOTE FROM PC NATALIE SIMMONS
Please note I gave my telephone number incorrectly last month on the front cover article. If you wish to contact me on any non-emergency matter call me on 07989199558.

A NOTE FROM MICK GRAYSTONE VICE CHAIR, BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Hi everyone
Now that council elections have come and gone there are a few seats available on your Parish Council. There's no politics, just ordinary people who have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday evening once a month to help put a little back in to the community. We would much appreciate more ladies and younger house holders. So please come along to our next meeting and just see for yourselves. If it is something you can help with, please do.
Mick Graystone.



BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL



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BELTON & BROWSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

About 17 people attended the Belton with Browston Annual Parish Meeting on May 14th including County Councillor Andy Grant and Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron, the chairman was Parish Council Chair Peter Nichols. In his annual report the chairman thanked Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the village caretakers and other councillors for their support during the year and all local groups for what they do in the community.

Councillor Nichols reported that the ongoing saga of water on the road at Stepshort could be coming to an end, Norfolk County Council have now accepted responsibility and remedial work will take place but not till after the summer, unfortunately this will not resolve the issue of the unlevel road surface which still needs resolving. Councillor Nichols thought that the parking issues at Moorlands School had been resolved but he was advised that although the school gates are now open at arrival/departure times there are still problems with inconsiderate parking on Gorse Close/ Moorland Way.

The winners of the annual Citizen of the Year award were announced, it goes jointly to Barbara Clark and Nora Bensley for their work in the community especially with the W.I and the Events Committee, it is hoped that Mrs Clark, who now lives away with family, will be visiting in the Summer when a joint presentation will be arranged.. Brian Swan reported on another successful year for Village Voice, with the Norfolk Day event, writing competition which had national author Joanna Cannon as a judge and visiting to present prizes, plus over £3500 awarded in grants during the year. All this and still publishing 28/32 pages a month, all voluntary and with a healthy bank balance. The Poores Allotment fund reported having made 26 grants to residents at Christmas, funds coming from the rental income on their land.

PC Natalie Simmons outlined crimes in the Lothingland area urging all residents to report incidents via the simple on line system, overall not much difference in totals but with some noticeable ups and downs in the figures compared to the previous year.

A special item on the agenda was a discussion on the possible donation of a piece of land on Belton Common to the community if a current planning permission involving the Common, Caldicott golf course and the Wild Duck Holiday Park is approved at the Borough Council. Peter Nichols said that, with good publicity that the item was on the agenda he was disappointed at the very low attendance to the evenings meeting. With potential initial costs topping £30K for fencing and treatment of Japanese Knotweed plus ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs the meeting was generally against the idea. No formal vote was taken, a special meeting will be called later if and when the planning is approved and a firm offer is received.

In the following open discussion after suggestions from Adrian Myers and Bill Richmond it was agreed that a village wide litter pick/clean up would be arranged, probably in late July as this would give time for some planning and an advert to be placed in the Village Voice.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

There were ten Parish Councillors, County Councillor Andy Grant, Borough Councillor David Dewitt and one member of the public at the April meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, Peter Nichols was in the chair. There were no objections to a list of planning applications (all subject to comments of neighbours), First floor extension at 12 Rosedale Gardens, Alterations and extensions at 26 Heather Road, replacement of a single garage with a double one at Fairways, River Way and demolition of garage and store at 39

Selwyn Drive to be replaced with rear and side extensions. Members views had not changed against a proposed store at Fairview Farm, they were still against the plans after seeing the floor plans. The Borough Council had approved plans including an annexe at Crossways Livery Yard, Browston, against the wishes of the Parish Council, conversion of a single garage to an annexe at 15 Bracon Road, a two story extension at 4 Bramble Gardens and a two storey side extension at 47 Heather Gardens, also approved were entrance gates and wall at Browston hall, the Parish had objected but were concerned that they had not seen revised drawings mentions on the approval notice. Members were reminded of the bad condition of the car park at the New Road Centre, further quotes for repair work are to be chased up, also lighting improvements were agreed.

The point was raised that there is an area of Japanese Knotwood at Belton Common on land which the owners are offering to the Parish, possible acceptance of this will be voted on at the annual parish meeting on May 14th. The enforcing officer is to be contacted over the Wild Duck Holiday park apparently using an are of land for activities which is designated as a buffer zone between the site and village. Concerns were raised over the possibility of effluent from the pig farm towards Fritton getting into the water supply at Lound, the County Councillor said he and a local doctor had already raised concerns both the the water company and the borough environmental health department but they did not appear to have concerns.

There were again issues raised over heavy vehicles using Browston Lane and Church Lane in Belton, signage is supposed to be going on the surface of Church Lane and the County Councillor agreed to obtain to 'twenty is plenty' signs for the entrances to the road. The school have issued a reminder to parents about parking sensibly in the Moorland way area when collecting pupils. Members were informed that the possibility of upgrading the New Road cycle track is still being investigated by County officials who are looking into the possibility of a particular pot of funding being used. The years accounts were accepted by councillors, the whole years figures only showed a difference from start to finish of £250 which was noted as excellent budgeting on a turnover in the region of £70,000.

STEPSHORT BELTON - Whilst there has been some cleaning to the path where there is the constant water seepage, clearance is not perfect, the Borough Council will monitor the situation, whilst the Belton with Browston Parish Council is aware of the condition of the road. A spokesperson for Norfolk County Highways has stated that it could be as late as September before any work commences on the road.

COUNCIL DIARY

COUNCIL - During June and July the Council will continue to meet at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month, as usual there will not be a meeting in August and then from September meetings will move to the first Tuesday of every month. The June meeting is on the 18th and the one in July on the 16th of the month..

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 Tuesdays June 11th and July 9th, both at the New Road Centre with the times now being between 1 and 2pm) 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.

BURGH CASTLE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

All Parish Councillors, five members of the public and Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron attended the Burgh Castle Annual Parish Meeting. Outgoing Parish Council Chairman, Trevor Greenacre gave his final annual report after 35 years on the council, the last 16 as chairman, he again raised concerns over fly tipping and the deterioration of roads and hedgerows and mentioned maintenance problems at the Fort site during the year. He thanked the Speedwatch team for their actions and in wishing the new council every success said he would be happy to offer any support that he could.

Margaret Greenacre reported on the Playing Field accounts, stating that with no paid activities funds will run out in two years therefore a merger with the Village Hall is on the cards. Mrs Greenacre's report on the Village Hall was much more upbeat, she reported income from a large refund of rates from the Borough Council, the hall had been paying when it should have been exempt, more bookings and other income from regular hall openings. The hall now has a healthy bank balance even after new heating and lighting in the back meeting room and long term electrical issues being resolved. The Committee was also grateful to the Community Council for donating £4200 to enable new heating and lighting to also be installed in the front room of the hall. In Miss Greys absence Mrs Greenacre stated that the Community Council was still running and still organising two very successful events each year the Plant Sale and the Christmas Fair.

BURGH CASTLE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL

At the Burgh Castle Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 13th Brian Swan was elected chairman and Bob Grimmer was re-elected as vice-chairman. Councillor Swan thanked Trevor Greenacre who after 35 years on the Council, 16 as chairman, had not stood for re-election, he also introduced new Borough Councillors Tracy Cameron and Adrian Myers to those present (Adrian was returning to the Borough Council after a four year gap). The accounts for 2018/19 were accepted, along with the excellent Auditors report, the chairman stated that although there had been an excess of expenditure over income again this was now being rectified with an increase in the precept charged to parishioners, a lot of the deficit was due to a reduced burial ground income.

Members had no objections to a new property behind Sonning on High Road but were concerned that there be sufficient visibility splays for the new vehicular access being created on High Road. Plans for a large extension at Bishy Barneybee on Back Lane met with objections, over development, not in keeping with the area and its setting against the main house which has a

thatched roof, the owners were at the meeting and said that the hedge removal to the side was because it was dying and that it would be replaced and that the right of passage to the marshes would be retained as appropriate.

There was a letter from English Heritage asking for members comments on proposals for the Roman Fort site, these include reinstating worn ground areas, removal of some timber treads (now worn and trip hazards) and reducing the effect of informal paths. Members were concerned about the use of temporary fencing without site security, similar fencing for another on site purpose recently had suffered vandalism, whilst discussing this issue concerns were raised about safety where the viewing area hedges had been cleared back leaving an unprotected sheer drop to the riverside.

The Borough Council has made a Tree Preservation order on a number of trees on the Burgh Castle Marina site where there have been other specimens removed recently. Approvals have been received from the Borough for planning applications for driveway entrances at 33/35 Butt Lane (against the wishes of the Parish Council because of the loss of the layby) and for extensions at Four Acres on Mill Road. Members requested that the Borough planning enforcement officer visit the Yare Village Holiday Site to ensure that all the new bases put down for mobile homes are covered by their various planning permissions

The County Council area highways office and local County Councillor are to be contacted again over speed limits on the Cherry Tree Corner, the officers response to an earlier contact was that there are insufficient properties on the road to justify a reduction to 30MPH however with four accidents on the corner recently there are serious concerns that if no action is taken there will soon be a more serious accident there resulting in loss of life. Attempts are also to be made to get some form of slow/speed signs on the road funded by the County Councillor's local ward budget.

DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS

At the Burgh Castle Annual Parish Meetings a resident of the village urged everyone to keep to doctors' appointments they had made or at least advise the relevant surgeries if they did not intend to attend. This after he linked a conversation he listened to that day, May 13th, at Falklands Surgery which included the fact that the next appointments were not available before the beginning of June and a notice in the surgery that stated in the previous month about 140 doctors' and 40 nurses' appointments had NOT been kept by patients. To everyone wherever you live – PLEASE - IF YOU WILL NOT BE KEEPING AN APPOINTMENT – ADVISE YOUR SURGERY SO THE TIME CAN BE RE-ALLOCATED – It all helps.

BURGH CASTLE FUN DAY 23rd June 2019. Noon - 5pm

We are delighted to be able to run this event again this year. many thanks to our Sponsors Greater Yarmouth Tourism & Business Improvement Area Ltd and Great Yarmouth Caravans for their support. This year we are hosting The East Coast Pirates Classic Cars, Peter (Step back in time) Presley, The Fay Bedford Stage School, Razz and Auntie Pearl Clown Workshop, The Egyptian Dancing Ladies and attractions include Tombola, Games, Beer Tent, Food, Raffle, Stalls and Tea Room. There is still time to book a stall, charity £10 others £15, for information/booking contact Margaret on 01493 780126, e mail mgreenacre532@gmail.com

BURGH CASTLE PLANT SALE

Plans are in hand for the Annual Plant Sale at Burgh Castle Village Hall however the organisers are unable to set a date this far away as it is dependent on weather conditions. It is expected to be on the 1st or 2nd Saturday in June. Watch out for posters and advertising nearer the date.

BURGH CASTLE QUIZ NIGHTS

The Friday Quiz on 5th April raised £62.00 for the Church Restoration Fund. Why not come and join the regulars at this friendly gathering at The Queens Head on the first Friday of every month (next quiz June 7th), - 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 which is available from the bar.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL & CHURCH

TEA ROOM -The Tea Room at the Village Hall is now open every Wed/Thurs/Fri until the end of the summer between 10am and 4pm. Please come along for a cuppa and browse through our bargain stall. We are always looking for donations of good quality bric-a-brac, books, produce etc. We will take donations at any time and can arrange to collect from you Tel 01493 780126 or e-mail mgreenacre532@gmail.com.

BURGH CASTLE SPEEDWATCH

Burgh Castle Community Speedwatch have been actively recording speeds of drivers on the roads in the village for more than two years now, anyone exceeding the speed limit will have their details supplied to the police. We are hoping this will encourage drivers to SLOW DOWN in our village. Continuously the main culprits are drivers from outside the village, we have recorded 11 people in April driving in excess of the speed limit with only 1 from the village. If you are interested in joining our Speedwatch team then please contact the co-ordinator wendygriffiths.2k@btinternet.com One last thing, if you see any of our Speedwatchers on the side of the road please do not shout abuse as they just want a safe village to live in.



LOTHINGLAND CLT

Earlier this month I took a walk around Belton and Burgh Castle with two planning officers from the Great Yarmouth Borough Council. This was to identify land for possible CLT development and discuss what obstacles may present themselves with regard to any planning application.

We did identify three possible sites. Two in Belton and one in Burgh Castle that would present the best opportunity for development with regards to infrastructure (highways, water and environment) and which the the council planning office would be prepared to look favourably upon. I will be taking this information back for the next meeting of trustees which will be taking place on Thursday the 23rd of May at Burgh Castle Village Hall.

Adrian Myers

Chair Lothlingland CLT

ROAD CLOSURES

Riverside, Burgh Castle -

There are still no actual restrictions on the riverside path from Beurgh Castle through to Yarmoth, infact the proposed closure has now been taken off the long term roadworks listing

Stepshort Burgh Castle-

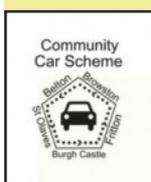
This link between the two villages of Belton and Burgh Castle is set to be closed for one day on June th11th for works by Anglian Water.

Station Road North, Belton

- Scheduled to be closed for five days (June 24-28) for works by Cadnet between Dashwood Close and St. Johns Road, this will have a bearing on the rute of the X11 bus service.

Jay Lane Lound - Although just off our area this is due

to be closed at the A47 end for two days (June 18/19) for works by Essex and Suffolk Water.



COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

April was a much quieter month than recently for drivers with only 23 trips

completed, however May looks like being very busy. Our team of 8 drivers are happy to offer support to those in need. Thank you to the drivers who give up their time so patiently to help those in our community who struggle to access public transport.

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To know more contact: mgreenacre532@gmail.com or 01493780126

CRIME REPORT FOR MARCH

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

Burgh Castle (Total 3) (Mar 2018 - 4)
1 x Violence, 1 x Public order, 1 x Vehicle crime

Belton (Total 16) (Mar 2018 - 10)
2 x Anti Social behaviour, 6 x Violence / Sexual offence, 1 x Vehicle Crime, 2 x Criminal Damage / Arson, 1 x Other Theft, 1 x Cycle Theft, 1 x Shoplifting, 2 x Public Order

Fritton (Total 5) (Mar 2018 - 1)
1 x Public Order, 2 x Criminal Damage, 2 x Anti Social Behaviour

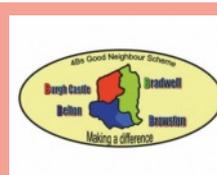
St. Olaves (Total 0) (Mar 2018 - 1)

BELTON FUN DAY

Planning for Belton Funday and Classic Car Show is at full steam as this popular event draws near again. Saturday 3rd August 11am to 5pm (yes an extra hour this year!) at the New Road Sports Field is where it will all happen, with a crowd approaching the 4000 that attended last year expected again.

There will be some great entertainment as always, including old favourites and exciting new attractions. Expect character appearances, rides, great variety of stalls and of course some fantastic cars and bikes. If you would like to display a vehicle you do not need to book, turn up at the field anytime from 10am and we will find you a space.

There is a £3 car parking charge but if you walk, cycle or use the bus, that stops directly outside the venue, it's still free to enter!



4Bs GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Whilst it has undertaken many small tasks to help residents in Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle and Bradwell over the last three years the Good Neighbour scheme is currently in limbo awaiting the start up of the similar county wide Good Neighbour Plus scheme which our local group intends to be a part of. Currently funding issues are being sorted out centrally but it is hoped that the scheme is now very near to its re-launch. To keep in touch contact Steve Carter on 07544 161848 or e-mail gns4bs@gmail.com. Some of the jobs undertaken by the old scheme were dog walking, hospital visits, adjustments to walking aids, befriending, small house hold repairs and light gardening work.

POOL MARATHON & AUCTION

The 24 hour pool marathon at Burgh Castle Queens on the Saturday of the May Day weekend

was a great success with some of us dressed up as 'Village People' There were 11 of us in all and nobody fell asleep! The auction on Sunday evening and raffle was another success raising over £4000 on the night. Our next event is on 16th June – a microlight event, then on 6th July there is a 12 hour darts marathon the Queens Head Pub, then on 21st July a 'zip wire' if any one would like to sponsor me please get in touch on 01493 780697 all money raised is for Great Yarmouth Gateway Club.

Ray Humphreys

SHRUBLANDS CENTRE IS 70

The very popular Shrublands Youth & Adult Centre on Magdalen Way in Gorleston is 70 and in celebration will be holding an open evening on Friday June 21st from 7pm. There will be a free buffet, archive film show, memorabilia, raffle and much more. The event will be hosted by the retired former warden of the centre Mr Julian Macey and the Shrublands Archive Group.

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BRANDON LEWIS MP WRITES

Another set of local elections have come and gone. And with the move from electing councillors on an almost yearly basis, to choosing everyone for four years, we won't return to the polling booths for the Borough Council until 2023.

I would like to thank all those candidates, who stood for the Lothingland ward, for being prepared to put their heads above the parapet. They've spent the last few months pushing newsletters through letterboxes and knocking on doors

listening to local opinion. This year, more than any other, they would have endured the criticism, maybe even ire, from voters focussed on national issues rather than the important local issues. Whatever these candidates individual motivations and whatever their political colours, they will all share a sense of public duty and a desire to change our communities for the better.

My Conservative colleague, David Drewitt, unfortunately wasn't re-elected having served the area with great diligence over the last year. He will be sorely missed from the council. However, Tracy Cameron was elected as your Conservative councillor and I know she will continue in David's footsteps in serving this area well.

An advantage of moving to a borough election every four years is the substantial saving to the taxpayer, but it also provides local stability, allowing councils to achieve so much more. The new Conservative-controlled council has many opportunities ahead. They will take advantage of the new third river crossing, enabling an expansion of our local economy, boosting the benefits already brought by the enterprise zone. There are exciting plans to improve leisure facilities for both visitors, and residents, along the seafront that the council needs to deliver. And there are all the bread and butter issues of local services – the emptying of our bins, sweeping of streets, cutting of grass... the list goes on – this Conservative council will continue providing these while delivering value for money.

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The next visits to Belton will therefore now be on Wednesdays June 5th and July 3rd at the following points.

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- 14:35 – 15:25 : Belton - 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 June 19th and July 17th, at the following locations

- 15:15 – 15:35 : Fritton - New Road.
- 15:40 – 16:00 : St Olaves - Priory Close off Herringfleet Road.



BELTON F.C.

Unlucky Month but Positive News on the Horizon

On the pitch it's been a frustrating month for all at Belton F.C. Firstly came the Bank Holiday Wiltshire cup final against Hopton. With the reserves lads



having a frustrated season in the league but some great results in the cup this came to an end with a narrow 2-1 defeat in the final. Hopton scored early on and then an own goal half way through the first half meant Belton were 2-0 down before they really got going. Having hit the bar three times from Callum Ingram free kicks, Belton managed to get 1 goal back 5 minutes from time, from Callum himself, this leading to a tense finish to the game. Hopton saw out the result and the reserves will rue their missed chances and a chance for back to back Wiltshire Cups. However they can take great credit from a miss matched season with a different squad every week and look to build on their strong finish to this season come the restart in August. The First team followed on the Thursday in what was their first ever C.S Morley cup final. A fantastic achievement by Manager Luke Miller and his players just to reach the final having failed to make it past round three in the last two seasons. Facing a UEA Reserves side that get the added benefit of choosing from a hundred plus sports science students, fitness was always going to be a struggle come the latter part of the game. Belton however dominated the first half going in 2-1 at half time thanks to goals from Callum Ingram and Ash Rampling. UEA levelled mid way through the second half and with substitutes coming on Belton created limited chances to grab a winner. Extra time came and with Fitness taking over and injuries coming thick and fast Belton ended up losing 6-2 after the extra thirty minutes in what will be a valuable learning lesson for next season in division four of the Anglian Combination.

Off the pitch Belton F.C. are pleased to announce some fantastic news for both the club and the village. The club will from this coming summer return to playing their home games at New Road, Belton. The club have signed a four year contract. The club has plans to help the New Road committee develop their current facilities to sit equally with other facilities at the same level of football. Funding is being sought and any help local villagers could do to support the club in any way would be massively appreciated. New box goals have recently been purchased and will be installed in the coming weeks. The club await news from the planning department on the construction of new permanent dugouts to be placed alongside the pitch at New Road. With other ideas in the pipeline please stay tuned to our monthly updates. Another major change at the club will be the full return to the post war Belton F.C. colours of green and yellow stripes, we felt with a new venue for the club next season a fresh new look would make all the difference. Hopefully we will be seeing a lot more of this new colour scheme at New Road next season.

Nathan Brown
Belton F.C Secretary

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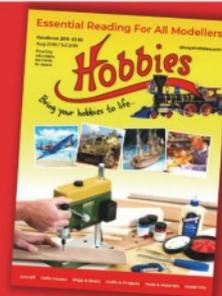
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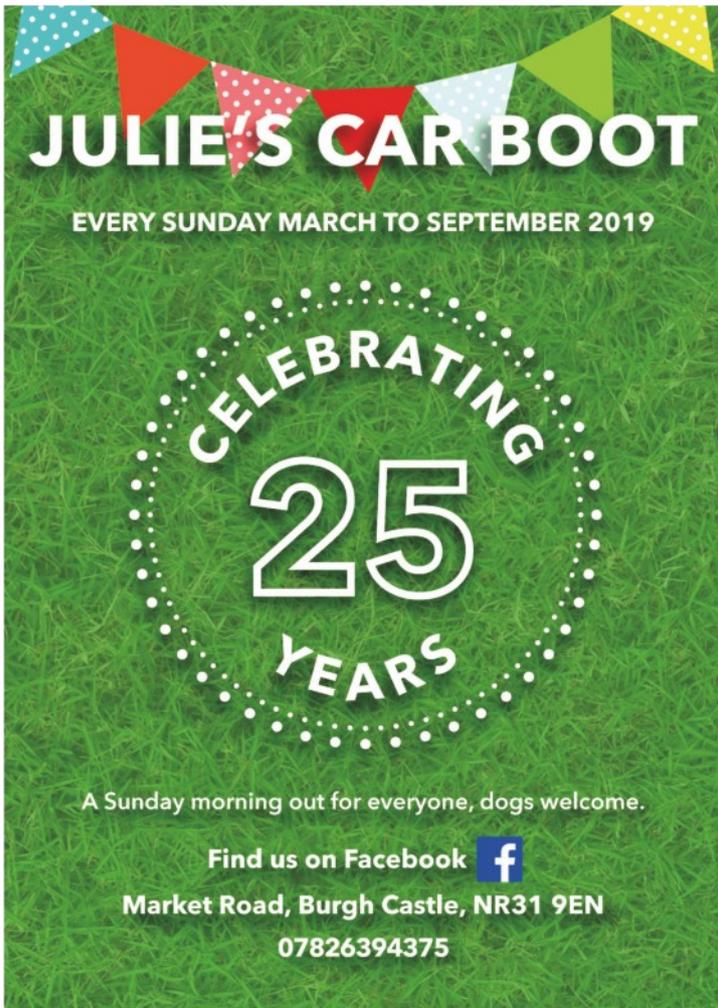
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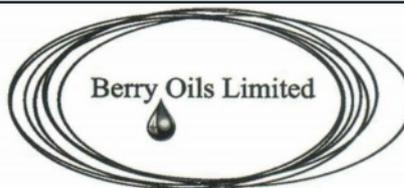
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Partridge



The Red - Legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) (photo by Alan Collier in his garden in Lingwood.) was introduced to Britain in 1790, but not Ireland. Its numbers have been maintained by the breeding of birds in captivity. It seems to prefer drier regions, being more numerous in the eastern parts of England. It is fairly reluctant to fly and would sooner run to avoid danger. It has plain brown wings

and back, a bright red bill and legs, vivid head markings, a grey forehead, white eye stripe, creamy brown chin and a black line across the throat, up to its eyes , its length is about 14 inches (36cm). Its nest is built by the male, who will build several nests, from which the the hen bird will select one, usually beneath a bush or in a hedge bottom, with a small lining of grass and dead leaves. There is only one clutch of eggs in the year, laid towards the end of April or during May, the nest can contain up to twenty eggs ,which are a variable shade of buff, with fine specks, sometimes with larger spots of red- dish brown. The eggs are incubated for about 24 days and since in- cubation does not begin until the last of the clutch has been laid all the eggs hatch on the same day. The chicks are able to feed them- selves, but are brooded by both parents to keep them warm during their early days of life. They can also undertake short flights at around 15 days old, but do not become fully grown until about 10 weeks old. Chicks need a plentiful supply of insects such as aphids and caterpillars, plus large quantities of cereal grains, they also love chickweed. The adults eat mainly plant material, seeds, and roots and tend to dig for food with their bill.

The Grey Partridge (*Perdix perdix*) (photo Dave Curtis) at 12 inches (30cm) is a little smaller than the Red – Legged, it is a native of Britain and Ireland, however numbers have decreased by 80% in Britain

and its now on the Red List of threatened species. They are stocky birds, largely grey, with a distinctive black u-shaped mark on their underparts, and a bright rust coloured tail, mostly seen when the bird flies, they have an orange head and chestnut bars on their flanks. The female nests in thick vegetation and builds her own nest, eggs are coloured olive and are un- marked. In America they are locally established in many states, including, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota, but not in Eastern U.S.A.. They are well adapted to areas of intensive agriculture, where no



native bird can exist. I recall on one of my American rail journeys, the "AMTRAK" train I was on had to pull into a siding to let a slow 150 wagon freight train to pass, this took 45 minutes. Luckily I was sitting in the observation car and had excellent vision of the surrounding area. A fellow passenger pointed out to me some of the flora and fauna ,including several " Hungarian Partridges" ex- actly the same birds as our Grey Partridge (*Perdix perdix*) The last time I saw some in England was on Scolt Head Island in North Nor- folk.

I have received lots of correspondence from 'Village Voice' readers during the past weeks. My Naturalist friend Keith Knights of Bradwell has observed a pair of Red Kites, Large Red Damselflies, and told me that a White Tailed Eagle had been seen in the locality. Another friend David Pye of Belton has seen a Woodchat Shrike and Hoopoe at Winterton and in his garden a Hairy Dragonfly on May 2nd, the earliest he has ever seen it. Further afield my Scottish Naturalist friend David Sutcliffe telephoned to tell me the Ospreys have returned to the their tree near the village of Muthill, he has also observed Pied Flycatcher, Willow Warbler and Nuthatch. I am looking forward to my visit to Scotland in August, where I will be giving one of my talks



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For the next few issues, we will publish the winning entries from the second annual Village Voice writing competition. This month features *Hidden Rocks* by Jill Waters (photo left) which was short-listed for the top prize.

HIDDEN ROCKS Jill Waters

Roxanne got off the bus and walked along the path towards the fort. Lots of people thought it was a castle, but she knew otherwise. There wasn't much she didn't know about Romans. She loved it here.

As she walked she remembered the marching on her primary school trip - 'sinister - dexter - sinister - dexter' - but the words were quickly superseded by 'rocks in your head - rocks in your head - rocks in your head'. Even the view as she reached the breach in the walls couldn't quieten them. When had she morphed from just 'Roxy' to 'Rocks in your Head Roxy'?



Was it when she'd struggled to find her way around her new school, or when she'd run away from maths because she couldn't explain what a prime number was?

Was it because she wore second hand uniform, or was it simply her stupid name? Would her life have been different if her mum had read *Pride and Prejudice* instead of *Cyrano de Bergerac* when she was pregnant? Whatever it was, she knew she'd never fit in.

She watched marsh harriers wheeling above the reeds on the opposite bank of the river, envying their freedom. How she wished she could fly away, leaving everything behind - her stupid brother, her stupid mum, her stupid, stupid, stupid self. The trouble was, the voices never went away.

All the while she was eating dinner, watching TV, trying to sleep she could hear them: 'rocks in your head - rocks in your head - rocks in your head'.

Her phone vibrated. A text from mum: Where are you? School rang. Talk to me x She scrolled through her other unread messages: Skiving off Rocks?; Scared Rocks?; Uniform dirty Rocks?; Shark week Rocks? The last text before her mum's just said 'Dead, Rocks?' followed by rows of laughing emojis.

She opened her mouth and screamed, surprising herself with the intensity of sound. Birds flew up around her, complaining at the disturbance. Roxanne imagined that even they were mocking her.

Dead, Rocks, Dead Rocks, Dead Rocks... Sometimes she just didn't want to 'be'.

Roxanne walked down the steps towards the river and sat on the jetty. She was thirteen, friendless and at a total loss as to what to do. Maybe they were right - she really did have rocks in her head.

Everyone else at school seemed so self assured. They made friends easily, didn't bore people with random Roman facts and wore shoes that didn't have holes in. She knew her mum tried, and that, if it wasn't for her brother's health problems, she would be able to work more hours but...she really hated secondhand shoes. Clothes she could cope with, but not the shoes.

Out of nowhere, an idea formed in her head. A way of stopping those voices forever. She remembered seeing a painting of *The Lady of Shallot*, floating peacefully as if sleeping, but dead, romantically surrounded by flowers.

She looked at the river. It swirled and eddied as it fought with the tide. She knew that the movement would make her panic and she'd need a way to stop herself bottling out. Roxanne calmly started picking up stones and putting them in her pockets. If she could weigh herself down, the water would wash the voices away and she'd never have to hear them again. Rocks in her pockets, not rocks in her head.

As she scoured the shoreline, she spotted something bright and colourful tucked into a hollow in the wooden pier. Intrigued, she prised it from its spot and held it in her hand. It was a smooth, round stone that had been decorated with a picture of a sunflower on a sky blue background. Turning it over, she noticed some writing: 'Hidden by Maisie #hiddenrocks #sunflower'

Roxanne opened Instagram on her phone, typing in #hiddenrocks. Instantly her screen was flooded with images of stones that had been decorated in every way imaginable - pictures, patterns, sequins, drawings. She scrolled through until she found 'her' rock. And there it was, in Maisie's hand.

She had no idea who this smiling child was, but she felt connected to her by the painted gift. She would have had no idea that, when she pushed it into that hidden niche, it would be found by someone adrift, desperate and in need of a vestige of hope. And yet she'd had faith it would be found by someone who would value the time she had taken in decorating it.

At that moment, the sun broke through the clouds and Roxanne knew what she needed to do. Emptying her pockets, saving only one smooth, round pebble, she pushed the sunflower stone into a space in the wall of the fort. Taking a photo, she posted it onto Instagram adding 'Rehidden by Roxy #hiddenrocks #sunflower #rocksinmyhead'.

Admitting that she needed help would be difficult and horrible but, as she walked back towards her life, she realised that all she could hear was a skylark singing.

(Jill Waters has lived in Belton for over thirty five years and retired three years ago as assistant head teacher of a complex needs school. She is a member of Quill, a local writing group and a proud Norwich City season ticket holder).

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IS MINDFULNESS REAL OR A BIG HYPE?

When a subject like mindfulness gets taken over by the media and large companies wanting to profit from a perceived latest trend, then it can seriously alter the true essence of how valuable something is. I want to share its value here.

I remain passionate about this subject as I live it in every facet of my daily life and love to share it with others to support their wellbeing.

This mini article is an invitation to learn a little more about mindfulness and for you really stop and be fully in this moment. Let's experience it for a moment...notice any pull to multitask whilst reading, maybe all those other things the mental space thinks you should be doing!! Close your eyes or cast your eyes down and notice with kindness all the pulls to be somewhere else that may be arising (or not); it is normal to feel pulled in so many directions, but for now, just one breath at a time, sense into your body and what it might need. Maybe dropping of the shoulders, or softening the jaw or feeling the contact of your seat on the chair and feet on the floor. To truly stop and be in this moment. To fully give yourself to this moment, to these words and allow yourself to be touched by them and how they might relate to your life. Just this mini exercise is a taste of mindfulness. Notice how you feel during and after putting in this pause in your day. We are hard wired to stay safe and are constantly on the look out for

things that may get in the way of this. In the long distant past we'd be looking out for physical threat of say animals in the jungle, but in our modern day the threats we perceive are often formed in the space of our mind. How someone looks at us or talks to us or something on social media or the news. We have become so busy that our nervous systems are under threat far too often and for many have forgotten how to switch off and reset the inner balance.

Mindfulness is a way to learn how to tune in and notice how we feel and what we need and responding with kindness. We develop great concentration skills (rather than living on autopilot and being distracted a large amount of time). We also get skilful at gaining sensory clarity and are able to make choices of how to respond (rather than habitual responses of overreacting). A truly valuable outcome is in finding equanimity with whatever we are experiencing .

With equanimity we find mental or emotional stability or composure, especially under tension or stress. We feel a kind of calmness and acceptance that was not previously with us. Our nervous system is soothed, and our inner chemical cocktail can find balance again. It is worth every minute of time to cultivate these skills with a regular mindfulness practice.

Modern life is increasingly stressful. Mindfulness is proven to relieve stress and improve wellbeing, resilience and happiness.

I will be running a donation based Breathworks Mindfulness for Stress Course in the Autumn of 2019, possibly a Thursday evening at Burgh Castle and am taking names for interested people. It is on a first come first served basis. If you are interested, please message or email me. Limited spaces available.

I am accredited with Breathworks CIC to teach both their mindfulness-based programmes and comply with the Good Practice Guidelines for Teaching Mindfulness-Based Courses set out by the UK Network for Mindfulness- Based Teachers. <http://mindfulnessteachersuk.org.uk/pdf/teacher-guidelines.pdf>

I am insured with Holistic Insurance Services. **For further information or to book, please contact Soo Strong on 07557141869 www.mindfullifeeast.org.uk mindfullifeeast@gmail.com**

BELTON YOUTH GROUPS

Rocksolid

Rocksolid is our weekly children's club on a Thursday for ages 7 to 11. Over the spring/summer it runs at the Rectory Stables 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. June dates are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Youth group



Youth Group is Our Thursday Night Youth Bible study group that meets at 7pm and finishes at 8.30pm. For the spring/summer we will be meeting at the Rectory Stables. The group starts by having 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. June dates are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

The Hub

The Hub is our social group at the church building from 6pm to 9pm fortnightly on Fridays for years 6 and above. June dates are the 14th and 28th. 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 and some new board games so do come down to try them out.

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 Wednes-

day of every month at the church. Starting at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm. June Date is the 5th

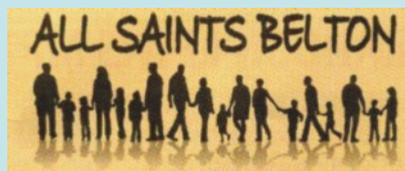
I would love to see more new faces at all our groups. If it is something you have been thinking about then come and join us and see what we get up to. If you are interested in any of the above groups or would like to know more please contact me on: 07783573210 or email me on: bruce@allsaintsbelton.org.uk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



SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton (sorry not other local villages) on Saturdays June 8th and July 13th. 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.



REV ROSIE WRITES

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray when they asked him to teach them to pray. In the

Bible Jesus tells them this is the **way** to pray, and the different translations give us slightly different versions, but they all begin "Our Father". Jesus was teaching his disciples (and us) that prayer is a conversation with someone with whom we have a relationship, Father God. Jesus would have spoken in Aramaic and used the word Abba, which is more like Daddy, but in translation to Greek and then into English becomes Pater, then Father. Jesus' use of Abba shows a more personal and intimate, trusting and close approach; it is a word used by Jewish children, both young and grown up in approaching their Father.

So the prayer begins with an intimate and personal approach and then, after giving honour and respect, "hallowed by your/thy name" we hear the words "Thy/Your Kingdom Come" and "Your/Thy will be done". Peter Hicks, writing in *The Prayers of Jesus*, says "*The Lord's Prayer isn't something we can comfortably mumble through, smug in the knowledge that God is our Father, there's food in the cupboard, our sins are forgiven, and we have special protection against temptation and difficulties. Rather, to pray it is a life-changing experience with every potential to change the world.*"

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called the church to pray "thy kingdom come" in the 10 days between our remembering the Ascension of Jesus to heaven and Pentecost/Whit Sunday when the disciples first received the Holy Spirit empowering them to share the good news of the gospel. Praying over this period is just what Mary and the disciples did as they waited for the outpouring of Holy Spirit. All Saints, Belton will be meeting together at some point during each day, from Thursday 30th May until Sunday 9th June, to pray together, and "thy kingdom come" will be the focus of our prayers individually, too. The church in Burgh Castle will be praying too, as individuals, and together on the Sundays.

But what do we hope for in praying "thy kingdom come"? God's kingdom is about justice and equality; love, peace and joy; good quality of life for everyone; care of the environment and the enjoyment of creation; healing and wholeness, and much more. We shall be praying for our places of work and education; for the Government and the economy; for law and order; for the influences that the arts, culture, media and sport have on our lives; for families, neighbours and our environment; for health, social care and the emergency services, and for the church, community and charities that work in our area, because when I look at the Lord's prayer in detail, I see that Jesus is teaching his disciples to pray about all aspects of life.

My hope is that each and every one of us who will deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, and pray for the work of God's spirit in the lives of our family, friends and community, and come to realise that every aspect of our life is the stuff of prayer, because I believe that that was Jesus' intention when he taught his disciples to pray.

Further details of prayer events may be found on the church website: allsaintsbelton.org.uk

THE CHURCHYARD OF ALL SAINTS BELTON

We have just celebrated Easter, the weather has improved, and the grass is beginning to grow. I recently took a walk around the churchyard to determine what work needs to be carried out and I have to admit there is quite a lot of areas that need attention over the coming months.

One thing I couldn't fail to notice was the increased number of graves that have numerous vases and memorials placed on top of them, and some where the turf has been dug out and edging and stones added. Many people are unaware that according to the Diocese of Norwich

Churchyard regulations additional vases and memorials are not permitted within the graveyard. The Regulations give clear guidance:

- Kerbs, railings, fencing or chippings are not permitted
- Mementoes and objects such as statues, toys, wind chimes, windmills and photographs are not permitted (but may be allowed on new graves for up to thirteen months – at the discretion of the Rector and/or Churchwardens)
- The surface of the churchyard should be kept, as far as possible, level and free of grass mounds.
- Bulbs and annual plants may be planted but must be kept tidy
- Flowers and wreaths may be removed from graves, if they have died or are in a poor state.

The full Churchyard Regulations can be found on the Norwich Diocesan website: dioceseofnorwich.org/churches/registry/churchyards

I am very aware that the churchyard is a very special place where people come to remember loved ones who have passed away. Neither the Parochial Church Council nor myself wish to cause any distress to bereaved families but there are clear regulations that we are expected to follow, and we hope you will understand that. Since I have been Rector, when an application for a gravestone or memorial is received, a copy of the regulations has been sent to the person making that application. I realise that is usually just one member of the family so not all the family may be aware of the regulations. A copy of the Regulations is available (please contact Rev Rosie Bunn – 01493 780210 or email rosie@rosiebunn.co.uk) and is displayed on the church noticeboard and in the church porch.

Over the coming months, we hope to continue to improve the appearance of the churchyard as we attend to the areas that require further maintenance. As you may realise this is a time-consuming and costly exercise, all undertaken through the generous giving of church members. When we have a working party in the churchyard, would you be prepared to join in and help us? Your assistance would be much appreciated, and the work carried out benefits all who come to visit or who walk through the churchyard on a daily basis.

Rosie Bunn

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart is an over fifties group who meet weekly, on a Tuesday, 10 00hrs-12 00hrs at All Saints church, Belton. We gather for refreshments and a chat. We share our happy news and our sad times. Smiles and friendly ears await. If you over fifty and would like to join in the laughter, companionship and occasional trips out, please just come along.

A warm welcome awaits.

Contacts- Sue Angell 782443, Margaret Greenacre 780126.

CRAFT and COFFEE MORNING St. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL

We look forward to welcoming you to our Craft & Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st June, 10 am. – 1 pm., and do hope you can join us. As well as lots of interesting stalls, there will be a Tombola and assorted refreshments. See you there. (All proceeds towards the ongoing refurbishment of the Village Hall). We hope to see you on Saturday 1st June.

SOMERLEYTON FETE & ART EXHIBITION

Saturday July 6th (Noon - 5pm) : **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**

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We are looking for local artists, any level or medium and will also accept embroidery or other crafts as long as the item(s) can be hung. Hanging fee from £1.50. For details contact Dee Smith somerleytoncharityevents@gmail.com or 07974546296



ELECTIONS 2019

We now have the results of the Borough Council elections and will

give the figures for Lothingland and the two wards in Bradwell that join on to the north and where we have some of our readers

LOTHINGLAND (this covers Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle, Fritton and St. Olaves).

Adrian Myers (Independent) 631
ELECTED

Tracy Cameron (Conservative) 579
ELECTED

David Drewitt (Conservative) 450
Hilary Williams (Labour) 315

Turnout 29.1%

BRADWELL NORTH

Graham Plant (Conservative) 904
ELECTED

Carl Smith (Conservative) 817
ELECTED

Daniel Candon (Conservative) 702
ELECTED

Jo Thurtle (Labour) 670
Turnout 30.6%

BRADWELL SOUTH & HOPTON Carl Annison (Conservative) 954
ELECTED

Sue Hacon (Conservative) 785
ELECTED

Katy Stenhouse (Conservative) 736
ELECTED

David Greggs (Labour) 511
Turnout 27.4%

The makeup of the Borough Council is now Conservative 20, Labour 15, Independent 3 and UKIP 1

The Lothingland Candidates have provided the following pieces for publication in this months 'Village Voice'

Tracy CAMERON

Dear Residents

I would like to thank all of the Lothingland ward who turned out to vote the the council elections. It is you the voter who decided who will be elected for council for the next four years. I am proud to have been selected to represent you on the Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course and working with you in the coming years.

Thanking you all **Tracy Cameron**

Adrian MYERS

Dear Residents

I have now been elected as one of your councillors for Lothingland, at the last local elections. I absolutely appreciate that the appalling way in which politicians of all parties have denigrated and disregarded the vote to leave the EU

played a part in my election. (I am a Brexiteer and share that betrayal). However, I am humbled deeply by the fact, that people voted for me as a person and not a rosette. I have always been a constituency ward councillor, supporting and caring for all the people of this ward without bias or favour. I would like take this opportunity to say to all of those who voted for me and those went out and helped me deliver leaflets, and the message of independence, that you have my most heartfelt thanks and gratitude. I am a servant of the people, not a political party and that personal belief will always guide me as your local councillor.

Thank you **Adrian Myers**

David DREWITT

Dear Residents,

Just a little note to say - Thank you to all of the residents who voted for me in the recent Local elections. It has been my pleasure to serve on the council and attend all the Parish Council meetings on your behalf over the past year. I have had a great year and have enjoyed meeting lots of you at the various coffee mornings and charity events throughout the years.

I am very pleased to leave you in the capable hands of your new local Conservative Councillor Tracy Cameron please give her your trust and support as you did me.

I wish you all well, Regards **David Drewitt**

Ex-Councillor, Lothingland Ward. .

Hilary WILLIAMS

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the 315 people of Lothingland that put their trust in me and voted for me on the 2nd May. Well we always knew that the mountain of Lothingland would be a very high mountain and I was climbing from the bottom. However in spite of the whirling and angry storm named Brexit, and the cold fog of apathy and confusion, with my dedicated small team of helpers I managed to reach a level to construct a base camp, in which we can continue to strengthen and prepare for the next climb, when ever that time comes.

I will continue here within our community and serving on the Parish. I have enjoyed the whole experience and learned so much and am proud to have stood up for what I believe in. I would also like to send a nod of appreciation to David Drewitt, who although we are on opposite sides politically, was kind and respectful through out the two crazy days of the election process.

Thank you all, I am still here and not going anywhere, **Hilary**



ENTUA (East Norfolk Transport Users

Association) is a voluntary

independent body which monitors bus and rail provision in the East Norfolk Area. To learn more about us and to view the latest news please visit our website at www.entua.org.uk

The real-time information screen has finally been installed on the west side of Gorleston High Street (opposite the Feathers Bus Shelter). It is situated on the pavement between Boots (Chemist) and the Card Factory.

In last months article we referred to the closure of Reedham to Great Yarmouth via Berney Arms line and the installation of a new signalling system on the Wherry Lines (Norwich to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft) ENTUA now understands that the Reedham Branch re-opening and the installation of the new signalling will not be complete until April, 2020. However Greater Anglia do not envisage any problems with operating their direct summer trains between Great Yarmouth and Norwich via Acle.

The summer timetable comes into effect on Sunday 19th May, 2019. The Mondays and Fridays only 4 direct trains (stopping only at Acle) each way commences from 22nd July to 6th September, 2019.

On Saturdays the 7 non-stop services between Great Yarmouth and Norwich commence on 25th May to 7th September. These services leave Great Yarmouth at 0946,1047,1147,1247,1347,1447 and 1547. These non-stop services, coupled with peak hours increased frequency provides a ½ hourly service from 0717 through until 1617. Then from 1717 through to 1917 then hourly at 2017,2117,2217 and 2334.

For many years ENTUA has been pursuing a direct bus service linking Great Yarmouth Market Gates Bus interchange with the Railway Station. Most of our discussions have been with First Eastern Counties and apart from their Summer service 1b they have been reluctant to introduce a year round station service, mainly due to the infrequency of trains which is hourly throughout most of the year! After much discussion First Eastern Counties have agreed that if bus stop infrastructure can be created on either side of the road close to the station entrance, they would be willing to stop the X1/X11 services there en route to and from Great Yarmouth and Norwich. We are now in conversation with Norfolk County Council on the best options for the siting of these bus stops, which include lay-bys and bus shelters.

ENTUA's AGM and Public Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th August, 2019 at Christchurch, Deneside, Great Yarmouth. The AGM will commence at 1330 with the Public Meeting following at 14.15. Representatives from First Eastern Counties, Greater Anglia, Our Bus and Norfolk County Council will give presentations and answer any relevant questions.

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

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MONDAY ACTIVITY MORNINGS

Now we are in full swing and classes are getting back to normal, its lovely to see some new members. We are still only running one class on a Monday mornings at New Road and its enough for Sallyann for now. Bank holiday Mondays during May means no classes, but for June and July its full steam ahead.

Belton Activity Morning dates.

June Monday 3th, 10th, 17th & 24th . Cost £3.00 per class.

July Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Cost £3.00 per class.

Nordic walking starts Monday 1st. July for four weeks of July, at 10.30 am. Beginners welcome. Poles provided. £3.00 for session or £1.00 extra if you have attended the first class. Nordic walking uses 46% more calories than ordinary walking. It's a low impact exercise that helps support you while you walk, meaning you can walk a little further than normal. It's a social activity fit for all, in the fresh air.

New Payment information for Everyone.

After a visit to my new accountant, he too says it will be increasingly difficult to use cash/change soon, especially when the new HMRC digital system is brought in next year for all businesses. Sallyann is asking all her members/groups to consider paying for their monthly classes at the start of the month. This will allow Sallyann to pay for rent at the start of the month, it will also reduce the amount of time dealing with coins. It will be a big change and the sooner we start the easier it will be. Sallyann understands, for some it may prove awkward, but it would be great if most of you could pay for the month's sessions at the start of a month.

Here are the ways you can pay,

1. Pay direct to up4fitness for the start of the month. (see Sallyann for details).
2. Pay by card payment for the start of the month. (No data is held on the Card Reader). See Sallyann for more information.
3. Pay cash for the month's sessions at the start of the month.

Often it can be difficult to find the right money for a class. It would also be safer not to carry around. In the event you do not attend a class one week we will transfer it over to the following week or when you return. However, if you have not returned to class within a 3-month period no refund will be given unless you have agreed with Sallyann prior.

If your class must be cancelled your very welcome to join any of the classes, just check with Sallyann and call on 07599044806 or email up4fitness@gmail.com

The following classes are to start from and on a monthly basis.

Nordic Walking Pakefield, Friday 5th April at 10 am.
Gunton Baptist Church Seated Ex, Tuesday 2nd May at 2 pm.

Sallyann has had the all clear for her lungs which is great news, however the results from another scan had not been received for my appointment in May, so hopefully they will in July for my next visit. I have recovered from my surgery with the support of family, the hospital and all those whom I work with in my groups. Belton activity morning members and friends have been fantastic too. Texting and ringing to keep my spirits up. Thank you all. Its so frustrating and hard when we are unable to do the things we would like to do. We think of how we used to do things and forget that our bodies may not be able to. Every day is a different day, have the best you can that day. Its lovely to see everyone on a Monday morning, however some members are a little poorly and not able to make it. So, we wish them to have the best day they can. We are thinking of you...

GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP.



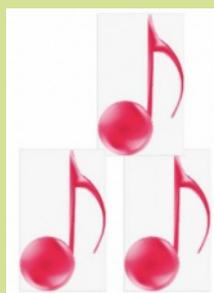
Great Yarmouth Stroke group had Dave Gold come to the group with his wonderful singing, it was so good to see members singing and dancing. We also had our treasurer Margaret Hilton give us an insight into a holiday camping in outback Australia using our new projector which was donated to the group. Our beautician Rebecca who is so kind coming to the group to give the ladies and gentlemen nail and hand treatments has also visited us. Our new volunteer Brenda has been sending out letters to companies hoping to get donations for our stall at the Somerleyton Fete in July. We have birthdays for Maureen, Stuart, Tom, and Grace who is 90, all our birthday cakes made by Sam Clark and our photograph this month shows Sam Clark and Ciaran Clark, with their gift of Easter eggs for every member in the group. Contact Sue Casey 01493 781846 for information about the group, we meet at Belton New Road Sports Centre on Thursdays 2-4pm

MUSICAL MOVERS

NEW!! Starting Friday June 7th

Musical Movers is a new group for youngsters aged from 0 to 5 years at the Belton New Road Sports Centre on Friday mornings in term time (9.30-10.30am) starting on June 7th.

Fun interactive music, singing and development sessions for babies and pre-school children. £5. For more information please call 07974 173216 or see us on Facebook : Musical Movers.



BELTON BOWMEN

Belton Bowmen have now moved to their Summer location, the New Road Sports Centre field. We have a children and families session between 6 and 7pm (cost £3.50) and an adult group between 7 and 9pm, or sunset for a cost of £5.. All ages and abilities welcome, we would particularly welcome some new members into the Children and families group. Tel Duncan (01493) 780418 for more information.

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

BELTON JUDO CLUB

Members of Belton Judo club continue to make excellent progress.



At their last competition, Holly won her first and well deserved Gold winning all four of her fights with no mistakes. Rubin won Gold by winning all three

of his fights with total domination throughout. Thomas won Silver with three wins out of four in a really tough group just being caught with an excellent technique in his last fight but an excellent performance overall. Hannah won Silver but had the toughest three fights of the day as there was only one other girl in her group but she weighed a massive 10.5kg heavier than Hannah (almost a third of her body weight !!) but surprisingly she won her first fight with two excellent throws but unfortunately lost the next two, unable to overcome the superior strength and power of her opponent but nonetheless a good performance in a very uneven match. Daniel won Bronze losing his first two fights against stronger and more experienced boys but recovered well to win his last fight against a boy he had lost to in a previous competition. These excellent results and performances just goes to prove that the hard work in training is now paying off and looks very promising for the future.

Ryan King, England squad member and assistant coach at the Judo club, is presently training in Spain for three months at some of their toughest Judo clubs. He is combining his training with learning about the culture and language. Judo in Spain is very popular with many clubs in major cities so when Ryan returns in July, he will no doubt have many tips to pass on to his fellow club members. 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. Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy is able to accommodate new members at our Judo clubs in Belton. Contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk or via Facebook.

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB New location

Belton Camera Club has changed!

New Format: We will be concentrating mainly on encouraging people to use more features of their cameras and gaining confidence to capture great digital photos!



New Time: The next meeting will be between 7pm and 10pm on Friday 7th June .

New Location: For the next meeting we

will be trying the New Road Sports and Leisure Centre, New Road, Belton, NR31 9JW

£2 on the door. Tea & coffee available only 50p. Bring your camera - ideally a laptop too with software to process your photo – though not essential.

The theme for June's photo to print and bring is 'Waves'. The evening will be concentrating on Panning – photographing an object that is moving. We will also be exploring Depth of Field. These are outdoors, but in case of inclement weather there will be an indoor project instead. See our Facebook page for information and announcements – Search for "Belton Camera Club 2.0" The photo from our last meeting was taken by Robin Ives.



PILATES WITH HAYLEY

There are two weekly Pilates classes, 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 weeks 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).

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.

BEEBOPS SENSORY MUSIC & DANCE SESSIONS

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The Beebops groups for families and babies at the New Road Centre are now back to two sessions and meeting on Tuesday mornings, they are holding a Family Time class at 10am and Babees class at 11am, admission will be £4.00 for either class but a trial offer is available of 3 classes for just £10. Family time is suitable for ages 0-5 and the Babees class from birth to walking. For further information and booking visit the web site www.beebopsltd.co.uk. Or e-mail enquiries@beebops.co.uk

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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.

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

DROP IN MORNING

Every Wednesday 10.30 -noon
 Call Sue on 01493780822

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 IMPROVERS - Every Friday (10.30am-Noon) No partners needed, beginners welcome Call 07788 408801.

VILLAGE VOICE EASTER EGGS

The correct answer to the Easter Eggs count was 86. Eight correct entries were received. There was one difficult one to find as most entries were for 85. Following a draw at the JGI at the May coffee morning the winner was Samantha Clark. Samantha received the £25 first prize with the seven runners up each receiving £5. Thanks to all who entered.

BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting - Our next meeting will take place on Sunday 9th June 2019 at 2.30pm, with a visit to Caister Lifeboat station and Coast Watch. Tea and coffee on arrival, we then have a guided tour approx. 1hr 30mins, followed by fish & chips. Non-members £6 each, members free of charge, booking closed by Sunday 19th May 2019. (There is plenty of on site free parking)

AGM Meeting - The AGM, held on April 14th, saw our annual membership fees stand at £5 per individual and £10 per family. The committee welcomes on-board Christine Morden, as a new committee member and Georgia Carroll as Secretary. Ian Walker re-elected Chairman, Peter Hume voted treasurer, Bill Richmond voted Vice Chairman. Shirley Hume, Ken Lindsay (bookings), Nathan Brown, Kathy Lindsay, Kim Saul (website) all join us for another year as part of the committee. It is with sadness, that we say goodbye to Brian and Gloria Swan from the committee as Secretary and committee member, due to their many other commitments. We sincerely thank you both for your hard work during your time with committee, organising and running fund raising event raffles. We wish you both success in your future activities.

Future Event - July 21st 2019, Wings in the Garden, illustrated wildlife talk with Tony Brown, will be held at the JGI from 2.30pm

For further information on the Society or to obtain a membership form, please visit our website at

www.beltonhistory.co.uk or call our Chairman, Ian Walker on 07887 640 385 (evenings).

THE BELTON LADIES GROUP (BLG)

Unfortunately the speaker for the May meeting of the Belton Ladies Group let the group down at the last minute. However the ladies enjoyed a social evening of quizzes and chat.

Members are reminded that the meeting on Tuesday 11th June will be at **Fritton Plant Centre (Myhills)** at **6.30p.m.** (please bring a garden chair to sit on) This is an opportunity to look round the nursery and flea market and enjoy what we hope will be a warm summers evening with refreshments. (We will also endeavour to answer any of your gardening questions.)

JGI QUIZ NIGHT

The next village quiz night at the JGI is on Friday June 21st 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. Future dates are July 19th, August 23rd and September 20th.

WEDNESDAY DROP IN

Come along for Coffee/Tea and cake every Wednesday morning between 10.30am and noon. We are a very friendly bunch who love to chat and exchange information.

Find out what is happening in your neighbourhood and get informed about the latest scams etc to beware off. Come and meet new friends.
 For more details contact Sue on 01493 780822

SCOUTS JUMBLE SALE

The 1st. Belton Scout Group are holding a Jumble Sale at the JGI on Friday July 12th (7pm), admission free. If you have anything to donate please call Jane on 01493 780965 or deliver to 6, Station Road North, Belton.

JGI TRUSTEES

The next Saturday Coffee Morning will be on June 8th from 10 to 11.30am. There will be a local group raffle as well as a free Jig Saw swap table. The Scouts will have their Bric a Brac table plus other activities.

Come along for a chat and discuss any ideas you might have to help within our community. If you know off any group who would like to hire the hall on a Tuesday morning or during the day on a Thursday please contact Bill on 780822 or any of the Trustees for more information.

SVAG (SOUTHERN VILLAGES ACTION GROUP)

The next meeting before the area SNAP meeting will be on Thursday June 6th at 7pm in the rear Green Room at the JGI. This is your opportunity to raise any concerns about policing in your area that can be put forward as a priority at the area SNAP meeting in Bradwell in June.

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1st. BELTON GUIDES

Since the Easter holidays, the girls of 1st Belton Guides have been very busy getting ready for our trip to Patteson Lodge, the theme has been decided, they have chosen a crime investigation weekend. Everyone is excited as we always have a brilliant time away, with outdoor pursuits at Hautbois House and activities relating to the theme of the weekend and of course a traditional guide campfire and songs.

Saffron, one of our leaders recently passed her full qualification as a Guide Leader and is now undertaking the Going Away With qualification and will hopefully complete this during our weekend away.

We are undertaking activities at the moment related to nature and recycling, this has included making an ecosystem using empty fizzy drinks bottles, compost, water, string, duct tape and basil seeds. The Guides love planting things and have previously grown things like sunflowers, however hopefully by growing something that can be eaten, they will find it both inter-

esting and delicious. We will also be making bug houses and learning about bees over the next few weeks.

We do not currently have any vacancies in our unit, however more information can be found on www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents regarding other local units or being placed on our waiting list.



Beavers The Beavers have started

their gardens activity badge this term They have planted French marigolds seeds to grow ready for planting out on Rectory Corner, Belton, planted onions in their vegetable bed at the scout HQ, sowed cress and flowers to take home to watch grow at home. They have also made a grass head to take home to watch his hair grow (that is if they remember to water them). They had a go at mini bows to see if they could improve their scores from last time. Congratulation to Talon who was presented with the Beaver of the half term. He was presented with a badge to keep for his camp blanket and a

white woggle to wear for this half term.

Cubs

The Cubs have this month had a camp-fire and have welcomed 7 Beavers who have started their link to Cubs and 3 new Cubs into the pack. We sang campfire songs and toasted marshmallows. The sixers and seconds ran an evening at Cubs on the theme "I'm a celebrity get me out of here"- they completed the planning of the evening and ran the whole evening. In the last 2 weeks, the Cubs have been working towards their staged swimmers badge.

Scouts

The Scouts started the term with a back to basics evening- putting tents up, taking them down correctly, doing basic knots from a reef knot to a sheep bend, collecting their own firewood and having a go at fire lighting. Do you have time to help support the Scout section (there is no age limit just over 18 years)? You don't have to come every week - a few times a month is great. They are a busy section of 10 years to 14 years both boys and girls, they like the outdoors doing lots of activities outdoors, if you would like more information about joining the team please contact John (Gov) Group Scout Leader 01493 780965.

Group Items

The group gathered together for a St Georges day event on Sunday 28th April. This year they had great fun in taking part in a Crystal Maze Game where they were split into groups of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and did activities to gain crystals. They did activities from making a tower out of spaghetti being stuck together by marshmallows, jam

sandwich, wood collecting and loots more. At lunch time everyone gathered around the flag pole outside and renewed there scouting promise. Our thanks go to Akela and Bangura for organising the event. Can we say a big thank you to St Andrews youth group who helped us with some of our groups and the parents who helped move our woodpile to make a camp kitchen.

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

You will find this month's Digital Camera Club article on the New Road pages.

YARMOUTH HOCKEY GIRLS RECEIVE NEW SHIRTS

Yarmouth Girls Junior Development hockey team say a big thank you to Douglas & Maureen Gray of D & J Metals Ltd for their very kind sponsorship. The team plays regular Saturday



matches in the Norfolk Junior Development League and trains at Cliff Park Community Pitch every Thursday at 6:00pm. The team is open to any girl between the age of eight and fifteen and new members are always very welcome (photo: team with Mr & Mrs Gray).

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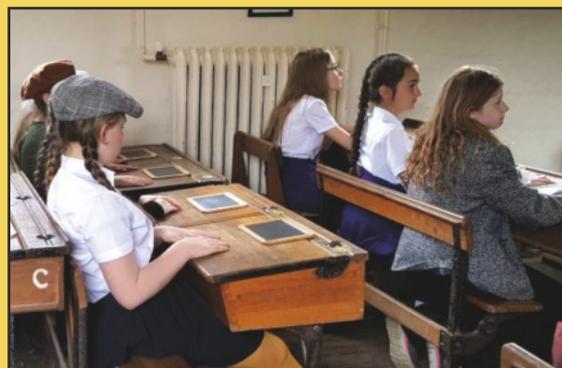
Proceeds to Village Hall & Parish Church Restoration Fund

GRESSENHALL VISIT

On 24th April, Years 5 and 6 pupils at Moorlands visited Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse for a World War 1 experience day to fit in with the topic that they have been studying. They learnt all about the home front during the First World War. To make the day even more authentic, the children and staff

dressed up in period clothing.

As well as experiencing what school life would have been like a hundred years ago, the children also had a go at some of the jobs that they



would have been expected to take part in, including mucking out the stable yard and learning how to wrap slings. They also had to negotiate meeting a soldier who attempted to recruit one or two of the taller children!

There was time to visit the famous Suffolk Punch horses and learn how to milk a cow. Ruby said "It was very interesting to learn how it was back in the day and it made our topic seem more real." Cayla said "It was a really good day and it reminded me how lucky I am to be a child now, not a hundred years ago. The teachers then were really strict and scary!"

FUNDING FOR TRIP TO SPAIN



The Modern Foreign Languages department at Ormiston Venture Academy is delighted to announce that the Great Yarmouth Grammar School Foundation has awarded the school an incredible £7,175.00, to go towards a trip to Madrid in



February 2020. MFL teachers Mrs Waring and Miss Pellegrino led on the grant application and were delighted with its success. The Great Yarmouth Grammar School Foundation grants financing for projects and students at local schools throughout the region.

Thanks to the grant, Ormiston Venture will now be able to considerably reduce the price of the trip, which is set to contain a range of exciting and beneficial activities. In their visit, 40 students will receive an expansive three-hour guided visit of the most fascinating cultural spots in Madrid. The group will also take a ride on a cable car to enjoy the amazing views of the Spanish capital, alongside visiting an aquarium and zoo. The football fans of the group are also excited to visit the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home of the Real Madrid football team.



EN STUDENTS FIRST CLASS AT HIGHER EDUCATION

East Norfolk Sixth Form students are top of the charts for outstanding performance at university according to latest national figures, especially for First Class degrees. Data released by the Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA) shows that 56% of students who progressed to Russell Group Universities achieved First class degrees in 2017/18 – 20% higher than the national average for all other Sixth Form Colleges, State and Independent schools. Just as impressive, 92% of EN students who progress to Russell Group Universities achieved First class and upper second class honours, placing them well above the national average for all other Sixth Form Colleges, State and Independent schools. EN Principal, Dr Catherine Richards, said: "The performance of our students who progress to universities across the UK is outstanding. They leave EN with some excellent results and then excel on the national stage, outperforming students from other prestigious UK colleges and schools in the process. I am so proud of our students who continue to put EN on the map with their fantastic academic achievements."

The SFCA data also shows that EN students who progress to all other UK Higher Education Institutions from the lowest participation wards perform higher than the average for Sixth Form Colleges and State schools with nearly 84% achieving First class and upper second class honours. Dr Richards added: "The figures also show that those students from wards that do not traditionally aspire to progress to university because of financial constraints and personal limitations, are achieving some fantastic results. The added value they get at EN supports them to aim higher and then reap the rewards, giving them opportunities they might not have imagined possible at school."

Useful Contacts

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Blocked Road Drain	Anglian water	0845 7919155
Water Supply	Essex & Suffolk	0345 7820999
Power Cut	UK Power Network	105
Gas Leak	National Grid	0800 111999
Telephone Lines	BT 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 Pete Lamin	01493 780476 01493 780747
Church Wardens B.C.	Maureen Grey Margaret Greenacre	01493 781747 01493 780126
Norfolk County Council	County Hall	0344 8008020
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Borough Councillor	Adrian Myers Tracy Cameron	07824 313792
Parish Clerk Belton	Kate Palmer	01493 602960
Parish Clerk Burgh Castle	Kate Palmer	07948 705218
Parish Clerk Fritton/St Olaves	Kate Palmer	07827681269
Local MP	Brandon Lewis	01493 854550

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.



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EVERY MONDAY

Exercise Sessions (9.30am) - New Road Sport Centre -- Seated exercise sessions (See New Rd 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 - Belton New Road Centre Field-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

Beebops Pre School New Road Centre -Family Time (10am) Babies (11am) - 07934 276167

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 2 groups alternate 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

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 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 Sue Tel 07897 532922

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

Rock Solid (5-6pm) Belton Rectory Stables - Childrens Club (June 6/13/20 & 27) 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) Belton Rectory Stables (June 6/13/20 & 27) Exploring Christian Youth & Fun. Free 07783573210

EVERY FRIDAY

NEW from June 7 Musical Movers (9.30-10.30am) New Road Sport Centre Music for under 5's 07974 173216

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

The Hub (Open youth group) (6-9pm) (June 14 & 28) Belton Church - years 6 & above - 07783573210

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Burgh Castle Roman Fort - (2.30pm) Free guided tours, meet interpretation shelter (main car park)

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

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Every Wed to Fri (10am -4pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall open - Bargain stall & Teas/coffees

Thu May 30 (1-3pm) Village Green, Children's Centre. Money/Debt Advice

Sat Jun 1 (10am - 1pm) St. Olaves V/Hall - Coffee & Crafts Morning

Sun Jun 2 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer

Sun Jun 2 (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration

Tue Jun 4 (11am) Belton Church -Traditional Service of Holy Communion Coffee from 10am

Wed Jun 5 (10.30am) Burgh House -Traditional Holy Communion

Wed Jun 5 Mobile Library in Belton (Times in article)

Wed Jun 5 (6-7.30pm) Belton Church - Messy Church - Free Family Fun

Thu Jun 6 (7pm) JGI - Southern Villages Action Group (issues for local police - open meeting

Fri Jun 7 (7pm) New Road Sports Centre. Belton - Digital Camera Club

Fri Jun 7 (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head -Team Quiz max 6 per team

Sat Jun 8 (From 8.45am) Belton Scouts Collecting Newspapers - Belton only

Sat Jun 8 (10am-11.30am) JGI Monthly Coffee Morning

Sun Jun 9 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun Jun 9 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Sun Jun 9 (2.30pm) Belton History Soc outing to Caister Lifeboat (Pre-booked only)

Sun Jun 9 (6.30pm) Belton Church - Evening Celebration

Mon Jun 10 (7.30pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Parish Council Monthly Meeting

Tue Jun 11 (1-2pm) New Road Sport Centre

Belton/Browston Parish Clerks surgery

Tue Jun 11 (6.30pm) Fritton Nursery - Belton Ladies Group (Bring a chair!) 780494

Sun Jun 16 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun Jun 6 (10.30am) Belton Church - Cafe Church

Tue Jun 18 (7.30pm) New Road Sport Centre. Belton & Browston Parish Council meeting

Wed Jun 19 Mobile Library. New Rd. Playing Field Fritton (15.15-15.35), Priory Cl., St Olaves (15.40-16.00),

Fri Jun 21 (7.30pm) Fritton Village Hall - Monthly Bingo

Fri Jun 21 (7.30pm) JGI Team Quiz Night (teams Max 4, £5 per team)

Sun Jun 23 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer

Sun Jun 23 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Sun Jun 23 (Noon-5pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall & Field - Burgh Castle Fun Day

Thu Jun 27 (1-3pm) Village Green, Children's Centre. Money/Debt Advice

Sat Jun 29 (11am-3pm) Moorlands Primary Academy Summer Fair (School Field)

Sun Jun 30 Burgh Castle Church NO Service

Sun Jun 30 (10.30am) Belton Church - Joint Service with Burgh Castle to celebrate ordination of Rev. Viv Redpath

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

Wed Jul 3 Mobile Library in Belton (Times in article)

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

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

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

VILLAGE SMALLS

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WANTED

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

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

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Jumble/ Bric-a-Brac needed for sale at JGI 12th July (7pm) Tel 01493 780965 (Belton Scouts)

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