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A STERN MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE



At the last SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) a priority voted in was Anti-Social Motor-Cycling in the Southern Villages. In addition, there was mention about anti-social cycling and nuisance youths. This is due to the increase in reports from the community regarding large groups of youths causing anti-social behaviour and harassing members of public. These large groups are intimidating to the residents.

Police have increased patrols in the area to focus on the issues this has caused to local residents.

We have also used some of our partners such as the local businesses and schools and using the local CCTV and the CCTV van to assist in identifying those who are causing the most issues so we can then target them.

The aim is initially to educate those involved on the dangers of this and the anti-social behaviour issues it causes. Many of those involved do not realise the extent to which their behaviour affects the community. But ultimately if all else has been tried and the behaviour continues, then the police must look at criminal prosecutions. Those who use motor cycles, even off road, are liable to have it seized by police if it is used without appropriate insurance, or if used in an anti-

social manner. Police are requesting for help from the public in identifying these youths so that they can be dealt with and taught what impact they are having on the local community. This can be done either through dialling 101 or on line at www.norfolk.police.uk/ and click on the "Report It" icon. Unless a crime or especially anti-social behaviour is reported to the Police, they cannot act on it.

Parents, please could you advise your children to ride safely and considerately and to think of their actions. Please also get to know where your children are and what they are doing, during the coming lighter nights.

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Southern Villages Beat Manager
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue of the Village Voice comes out just before elections to the borough and parish councils, scheduled for the 2nd of May, 2019.

Representative democracy works only when the average citizen is fully engaged in the process of government. While it has become fashionable to blame the political class for voter apathy and disengagement, the reality is that the responsibility for meaningful engagement is as much the voters' as that of the leaders'. As editor of the Village Voice, I believe that social institutions, this magazine included, have a responsibility to nurture and promote that engagement.

As promised last month, this issue includes statements from the four candidates contesting the election from Lothingland (see pages 22 and 23). Low turnouts have been the bane of local government elections with less than a third of eligible voters, voting last time in Lothingland. It is our future which is decided in local councils- please do find the time to cast your ballot on May 2nd.

Regi Alexander, Editor

FRITTON WOODS LITTERING

Debbie Betts



I organised a litter pick of Fritton Woods that took place on Sat 12th April. There were 4 of us, including an 8-year-old. In one hour, we filled 20 bin bags of mainly discarded poo bags! There was me: Debbie Betts, Katrina Bracken and her daughter Bonnie (who do not even have a dog!) Rebecca Clark who lives the other side of Beccles and rarely walks in the woods. I am a new resident in St Olaves and walk there regularly. I am appalled at the irresponsible and thoughtless dog walkers who just bag it and dump it. I know Great Yarmouth Council have been approached about installing a bin nearby, this is sorely needed.

The woods have a diverse range of users from cyclists, joggers, horse riders, twitchers, families, teens and the main offenders dog walkers! With the woods constantly under threat of being quarried and much of it privately owned, surely, we should show respect when we use it. I am sure the woods breathed a sigh of relief when cleared. Unfortunately, when walking there today, there were poo bags hanging off trees and rubbish near where the cars park. What is the answer?

REMARKABLE PEOPLE 2019 - NOMINATE YOUR JAMES PAGET HEROES

If you've been a patient in the James Paget University Hospital over the past 12 months, you may want to do this.

The award categories are as follows: **Ward of the Year, Team of the Year – Clinical, Team of the Year - Non-Clinical, Employee of the Year, Individual of the Year – Clinical, Individual of the Year - Non-Clinical, Inspiration Award, Volunteer of the Year, Apprentice of the Year and EDP Gold 'Patient Choice' Award.** The closing date for nominations in the 10 categories open for public voting is Friday 07 June 2019.

If you would like to nominate a member of staff, team or department, nomination forms are available from the James Paget University Hospital main reception desk or online at www.jpaget.nhs.uk/remarkable-people-2019. You can either complete online or download and print one and send to: Anne-Marie Breach, Communications and Digital Media Officer, Communications Office, James Paget University Hospital, Gorleston, Norfolk, NR31 6LA



ANNA POPPY

Anna has finished her 31 doses of radiotherapy and is now home from Addenbrookes for a 6 week break in treatment. The May Monthly Coffee morning at the JGI on Saturday 11th May 10 - 12, will have a Cake Sale and Raffle to raise funds for Anna. Donations for these events would be appreciated and we hope to see you there.

Elaine White

BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.beltonwithbrowston.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/



MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Ten Parish Councillors, Borough Councillor David Drewitt and one member of the public attended the March 19th meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, Peter Nichols was in the chair.

The Vice chairman reported that both the Borough and County Councils had refused to assist with clearing the damaged bushes from Rectory Corner, he is now looking to other ways of getting a clean up.

In response to a complaint from a resident, members agreed to contact the police, the Borough Council's Parking Officer and the school over issues with parents' cars blocking the entrance to Gorse Close at school arrival and departure times.

A local charity had requested sites for a textile bank, the council will advise that they cannot help but suggest that the charity contacts local public houses to see if they can help.

A large amount of the meeting was taken up by planning matters, although no plans have been submitted yet councillors agreed on the need to object when plans for the proposed 600 homes at the New Road roundabout are submitted, normally Belton would not be contacted as the site lies in the Bradwell parish area. Members had no objections to plans for a two-storey side extension at 4 Bramble Gardens however they were concerned that a proposed agricultural store at Fairview Farm, Stepshort looked like a domestic property with only a domestic style entrance door. Objections were also raised over the overpowering looks and excessive lighting proposed for new entrance gates and a wall at Browston Hall. The Borough Council had approved plans for a single-story rear extension at The Manor Barn, Browston Lane, Browston. Members agreed in principle to a further storage container for sports use to go on to the New Road field however full planning permission would be needed and this would need to be funded by the sports team involved.

Members were concerned at the costs of improvements to the outside lighting at the New Road site and deferred a decision to the next meeting to look at alternatives, whilst after a short discussion on setting up a social media site for the council, a committee was set up to come up with a specific set of plans and rules for the site. The refurbished Belton Village sign will be unveiled and rededicated by Lord Somerleyton and the Rev. Rosie Bunn on March 26th.

Members discussed monthly meeting dates and agreed to meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September instead of the third one, this will help to cut down the time between meetings and publication of the results in the 'Village Voice' magazine, the current dates just miss the next month's editions deadlines resulting in an average six week gap from meeting to publication which will now be reduced to two to three weeks.

COUNCIL DIARY

COUNCIL -The Parish Council's Annual meeting when positions are agreed for the coming year following on from the May 2nd elections will take place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesday May 21st at (7.30pm) Any residents are welcome to attend and questions can be put to councillors at the start of the meetings. The June meeting will be at the same location on Tuesday June 17th.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Because of certain agenda items and

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

SURGERIES -The Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer, is available monthly to meet informally with and take note of residents' queries, (Parish Clerks Surgery), please note revised days and times, the next two months are Wednesday May 15th at the John Green Institute (10.30-11.30am) and Tuesday June 11th, at the New Road Centre (10 - 11am). 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.

BELTON VILLAGE SIGN RE-UNVEILING Mick Graystone, Vice chairman BwBPC

I had a very pleasant time on the 26th March in joining fellow members of the Parish Council along with a few parishioners to welcome Lord Somerleyton to unveil our repainted village sign,



which was originally unveiled by his late father when new in June 1977 which by the quality and finish of the work, will last another 15 years as had the previous art work.

After Lord Somerleyton had done the unveiling and a rededication prayer given by the vicar the Rev. Rosie Bunn I was able to quote a paragraph from Damian Eaton's book 'A Village History' on the history of the village to make sense of the character depicted on the sign and his coat of arms, along with a homage to the market gardens that kept Belton very busy in the early 20th century.

Those present at the event then adjourned to the Parish Church for light refreshments provided by the local Young at Heart group.
(Photo from left to right: Rev. Rosie Bunn, Mick Graystone & Lord Somerleyton)

BELTON with BROWNSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Possible Donation of Land to the Parish of Belton

During this years Annual Parish Meeting one item on the agenda for discussion is the possibility of a piece of land that may be gifted to the Parish Council for public recreational use.

The land is situated on Belton Common South, however as part of the agreement the Parish Council would have to install, and in future maintain, a 1800mm fence to run along the boundary between the proposed golf course and the land gifted. Before any decision is made the Parish Council would really like to hear views from Parishioners as to whether they would support accepting the gift of land or not.

The meeting is being held on Tuesday 14th May, 7.30pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre.

ALLOTMENTS IN BELTON

Are you interested in having an allotment – if so, and you live in Belton or Browston, the waiting list, which is currently not very long, is open for new names. To be included or for further information please call the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer, on 01493 602960 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

FOOTPATH & ROAD CLOSURES

Riverside, Burgh Castle - We reported last month that Riverside footpath from Burgh Castle church towards Yarmouth almost as far as Breydon Bridge, was to be closed from April 3rd for 6 months with a long diversion, however with no signs of work 'Village Voice' made contact with Norfolk County Highways and were advised 'The scheme is *all up in the air*, with no confirmed start date and the plans on hold, currently (April 12th) although there is the closure order there are NO restrictions on the footpath

Road works- There are currently no major road works effecting our parishes in May, just a few minor delaying jobs however this does not mean that a restriction of some sort cannot be put on at short notice if a problem occurs.

CRIME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

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

Burgh Castle (Total 3) (Feb 2018 - 9)
2 x Violence, 1 x Public order

Belton (Total 7) (Feb 2018 - 10)
2 x Anti social behaviour, 3 x Violence / Sexual offence, 1 x Public Order, 1 x Criminal Damage / Arson

Browston (Total 1) (Feb 2018 - 1)

1 x Violence

Fritton (Total 1) (Feb 2018 - 1)

1 x Violence

St. Olaves (Total 2) (Feb 2018 - 1)

1 x Public Order, 1 x Criminal Damage / Arson

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

There are Bank Holidays on Mondays May 6th and 27th, in each case there will not be a refuse collection on that day, the Monday round being collected on Tuesday working through to the Friday rounds being collected on the Saturday to enable a clear start the following week. Brown (garden) bin collections will also be a day late on each of those weeks.



CLT

It has been a quiet month with the Lothingland Community Land Trust (CLT) seeking to ascertain the suitability of land within

the villages for development. To this end, over the next few weeks, trustees of the CLT will be visiting various locations with the planning and development officer. This will allow us to have an immediate view, or what obstacles may exist, at the time of the visit. This opposed as to making planning applications and awaiting a decision. The advice given, is just that advice and that advice will be based on the opinion of the officer at the time. It is of course not binding and will give the trust an opportunity to discuss the prospects of overcoming any objections if any. It will also help us identify land that would not be subject to objections saving considerable time and money.

Adrian Myers
Chair Lothingland CLT



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.

BIDDIES Vs KIDDIES

A Grand total of £659.00 was raised at the Biddies V's Kiddies Fun Day event at the New Road Centre on April 13th, £329.50 each to Mind GYW and Make a Wish East, plus an extra £11.50 to Mind from the bucket and £6.50 to Make a Wish. With the money



already raised online, and not including the current Man Utd football VIP auction, that is an AMAZING (approx) £2529.00!!! The charities will collectively get over £3,000 once that sale goes through!!! Not bad for a run of the mill family event!

I can't thank all the team members and helpers enough: Natalie & Del, Darren, David & Sean, Steph & Vanessa from Tesco selling cookies, Ally & Boo, Kelly & Kyle, Lauren, Lexie & Scott, Sian & Francesca, Jo, Amy & Ross, Michelle from Almond Rd Bakery, Becca & Harvey, Vicki, Kye & Honey, Hayley, Callum & Kayden, Craig, Andy, Ashton, Paul & Summer, Rheanna & Chloe, Josh, Kimberley & Sherry, Rachel, her mum & Phoebe, Phill, Clive & Lynne, Carla from Facebox Face Painting and finally Laura, Claire, Stevie, Jess & Lizzie Not forgetting every prize donor and person who gave tombola prizes and bought tickets/donated! Remember none of this would have happened if I didn't have such kind and lovely friends/acquaintances.

It's now time for me to take a break and work on my own mental health after a very busy year. Since June 2018 we have raised; £800 for Pancreatic cancer, £1552 for The Little Princess Trust, £3,000+ for Make A Wish East and Mind GYW. That's not including gift aid. Not bad going at all! I am in awe of each and every one of you for not only supporting us but also supporting me, with all my mental health problems.

Tess & Paul Rogers & Family

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Six Parish Councillors and eight members of the public attended the April 8th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council.

There were concerns that press notices had been issued stating that the riverside footpath between Burgh Castle and Yarmouth had been closed for flood alleviation works although no work appears to have been started, one councillor stated that he had been told that the Environment Agency have no money for the piling work although the County Council do have funds available for the follow on footpath improvements, another councillor agreed to see what he could find out from a Norfolk County Council officer. In response to the Parish Council's suggestion that the path should be improved from the Fort Site to the Fisherman's Bar it appears that the Broads Authority are enquiring to see if any more land is legally owed by them along the side of the path as they admit that its limited width makes cutting that section awkward.

Two potholes on Mill Road have been reported, one outside Fenside, the other at the Market Road junction whilst there were concerns over the removal of a domestic hedge on Lords Lane along with the nearness to the carriageway of entrance workings at another property on that same road.

Three Planning applications have been approved by the Borough Council, two bungalows on a plot next to Strawlands on Mill Road (to replace a permission for one larger bungalow), a bungalow to replace a caravan at Mill Nurseries on Mill Road and a substantial site expansion area within the Cherry Tree Holiday Park. Members did not object to a new property next to Tree Tops on High Road as it will have a shared entrance with the adjoining property. The Borough Council's Development Control Committee had voted 10-2 against the wishes of its officers to refuse plans for a terrace of four properties on Mill Road backing the Parish Council who had been heavily against this particular development.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday May 13th

(7.30pm) and will be followed directly by the Annual Parish Council meeting. At the end of this month's meeting the chairman, Trevor Greenacre, announced that after 35 years service he will be standing down from the council for health reasons at the May elections.

BURGH CASTLE FUN DAY 2019

Sunday June 23rd. From Noon

If you enjoyed this event in 2018 please come along and get involved in the organisation for this year. The next planning meeting will be held in the village hall at 7pm on TUESDAY MAY 7th. If you can help in any way we would like to hear from you. Plans are in hand to book an entertainer and attractions for the day but new ideas are always welcome. We especially need someone with the experience to organise events to children. Stalls are £15 for commercial and £10 for charity users. There will be a tea room in the hall on the day and beer tent and hot food on the field during the event. For more details please contact Margaret on 01493 780126, e-mail mgreenacre532@gmail.com

If you remember last year we had an arrangement with Bycrofts Estate Agency where they provided their 'For sale' type boards at properties but with the wording 'For sale' replaced with our Fun Day details, for each board they put up, for the two weeks prior to the event we received a donation. If you live in Burgh castle or nearby and would be willing to have a board in your garden please contact Sharon on 01493 780452.

BURGH CASTLE QUIZ NIGHTS

The Friday Quiz on 5th April raised £111.00 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 sessions May 3rd and 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.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL & CHURCH

TEA ROOM - After the successful Easter holiday openings at the Village Hall on Church road we look forward to meeting old friends and seeing new faces when we start in earnest for the season on May 9th. We will be open on Thursdays and Fridays for two weeks and then add Wednesdays from May 29th (open 10-4 each day)

Now the festive season is over for another year please remember us with your unwanted or duplicated Christmas presents, we are always looking for donations of good quality bric-a-brac, books, produce etc., to run our very successful Tearoom. We will take donations at any time and can arrange to collect from you. Please 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 usually held on the 1st or 2nd Saturday in June..... Watch this space!

24 HOUR POOL MARATHON, AUCTION, RAFFLE

A 24 hour pool marathon starts midnight Friday 3rd May and finishes midnight Saturday 4th May at the Queens Head Public House, Burgh Castle plus a raffle and auction 6.30pm on Sunday 5th May, all monies raised go to Great Yarmouth Gateway Club for people with disabilities to take 85 members away on holiday to Butlin's in Skegness between September 23rd and 27th, raffle tickets are now on sale in the pub or from myself (Ray), also anyone wishing to sponsor me or donate a raffle or auction prize please contact me on 01493 780697 my email is raymondohumphreys@hotmail.com To add to the fun those taking part in the Marathon will be dressed as 'The Village People'! Other events planned are 16th June Microlight flight, then on 6th July a darts marathon and finally 21st July the challenge of a zip wire in Wales.

Ray Humphreys

MOBILE LIBRARY

There are now different days for Mobile Library visits to Belton from those for Fritton and St Olaves and the revised dates and times that came into effect on April 1st. are now in place. For more information email the library service here: central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk or phone: 01603 222303 or visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

The next visits to Belton will therefore now be on Wednesdays May 8th and June 5th with the following revised details

14:00 – 14:10 : Belton - Alderslea, 7, Station Road South.

14:15 – 14:30 : Belton - Amhurst Gardens.

14:35 – 15:25 : Belton - 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 May 22nd, and June 19th, again revised times

15:15 – 15:35 : Fritton - New Road.

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

MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

Free, impartial and confidential advice and guidance on a range of money and/or debt issues is available at the Village Green Children's Centre, Belton from a representative from D.I.A.L usually on the last Thursday of every month (1.00 – 3.00pm). The next dates are May 30th. And June 27th. For more information call 01493 789562 or e-mail childrenscentre@moorlands.norfolk.sch.uk

ART EXHIBITION

Broadlanders Art Club are holding their Spring Exhibition at the Methodist Church Hall, 68 Lowestoft Road, Gorleston, NR31 6NA on Saturday and Sunday May 4th/5th from 10am-4pm on both days. Admission is free and refreshments are on sale with home made cakes, all are welcome.



BRANDON LEWIS MP WRITES

Sometimes what is happening in London seems so far removed from life back here in the Great Yarmouth constituency. And for once I am not referring to the long-running saga of Brexit.

No one could fail to be moved by news reports from our capital telling of another life needlessly lost because of knife crime. We reflect not only on a young life snuffed out but the trauma caused to the victim's friends and family whose emotional and mental wounds will take many years to heal, if at all.

Although we've heard of cases locally, where individuals were caught in possession of an offensive weapon, fortunately, these are limited. Fundamentally, I believe our streets are safe, but we should never be complacent. We must tackle the problem to prevent it from spreading elsewhere. We've seen how organised drug crime in our cities has moved to the regions along the so-called 'county lines' something government and local police forces are effectively combatting at the source.

Tackling these problems aren't just about robust policing, although that is a vital element. A multi-agency response is required, involving various government departments and education, health, social services, housing, youth services, and victim services teams at a local level. That's why I welcome the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, which sets out its response to recent events and backs it up with new funding. Early intervention can help catch young people before they go down the wrong path, encouraging them to make positive choices. The work our Police Commissioner, here in Norfolk, is leading in bringing young people and the police together to develop more positive relationships is part of this strategy.

As a former Police Minister, I know how hard-working our police teams are, not just in tackling crime but ensuring we feel safe in our community. The Government recognises the demands placed on our police service and have responded with the largest increase in police funding since 2010. This extra funding will enable forces to recruit more officers, better respond to reports of crime, and tackle serious and organised crime, while also meeting the financial pressures they face. I think that is an example of a Government understanding new challenges, listening to public concern and making it a policy priority.



DOUBLE CUP FINALS FOR BELTON FC

It has been another positive month for both Belton FC teams and means that they will compete in two cup finals in the same week. First will come the Wiltshire Cup final for the Reserve team on Easter Monday against Hopton FC with a chance of winning the trophy back to back after last season's win against Town Hall. The Wiltshire cup is the oldest amateur football trophy still competed for in the country and the second oldest trophy only to the FA Cup so it is well worth saying

that you've won it. Here's hoping there is some positive news to report come next month's update.

The first team will then, on Thursday 25th April, compete in their first ever C.S Morley Cup final against UEA Reserves having only previously reached round 3 in the last two seasons. It has been a fantastic achievement for Luke Miller and his players to even reach the final. But the club will do all they can to bring the trophy back to Belton!

A few league games have taken place in the last month with both teams knowing their finishing positions, the first team winning the Anglian Combination Division 5 South and the Reserves will finish

5th/6th in the Great Yarmouth Saturday League. It has been another great season at Belton FC. With the future looking bright - big plans will hopefully be announced in next months' article where we will look to continue to build this 'Little Village Club'.

Nathan Brown, Belton F.C Secretary

FRITTON & ST. OLAVES COUNCIL MEETING

At the January 31st. Parish Council meeting sites in the two villages were suggested for the new SAM 2 speed warning sign to enable regular rotation of its location.

It was agreed that planning applications would be split between the two parishes with applications reviewed by the respective councillors with only large applications going to all 10 members for their views. There were no objections raised for either of two new applications, enlargements to the outdoor leisure centre at Fritton Lake (provided foul water can be coped with by the current system) or plans for a timber framed garage and store at Oak Dale, Herringfleet Road in St. Olaves. The Borough Council had refused a new dwelling at Watergate, Beccles Road, St Olaves but a Tree Preservation order had been granted on specimens at Mount Forest, New Road in Fritton.

There was discussion on plans from Heart2Heart for a defibrillator, at the time of the meeting £298 of the £1300 needed had been raised by the charity. However, councillors did not favour the group's suggestion of locating it in the former telephone box at Fritton.

The date of the Annual Parish Council meeting has been brought forward to Thursday May 16th (7.30pm) at Fritton Village Hall to comply with legislation on dates following on from the council elections on May 2nd.

FRITTON & ST. OLAVES 'SAM' NEEDS HELP

Fritton and St Olaves Parish Council are looking for volunteers to move the new anti-speeding 'SAM 2' flashing speed warning sign round a series of predetermined locations on a monthly basis in Fritton and St. Olaves. This will include changing the unit's batteries. If you can help please contact Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer on 07827 681269 or e-mail fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com

FRITTON & ST. OLAVES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Just two members of the public joined all parish councillors for the Annual parish Meeting on 28th March 2019. The chairman, Alan Mendum, reported that Doug Youngs had decided to stand down from the council and he stated that Mr Youngs as a valued member of the council will be greatly missed. Also during the year Parish Clerk, Gabi Roesch who in two years had created the councils web site, made the council compliant with the Data protection regulations and ensured compliance with the new transparency Code, had left the councils employment, the council had expressed their appreciation for her hard work.

The council continued to receive support from the two Borough Councillors and the County Councillor whilst finances remained in good order. Four of the main topics during the last year had been traffic speeds, Japanese Knot-wood at The Dell, Fritton, Fritton Woods issues and the possible mineral extraction at Waveney Forest, the latest report on this indicating that the site is unsuitable for this purpose.

FRITTON BINGO

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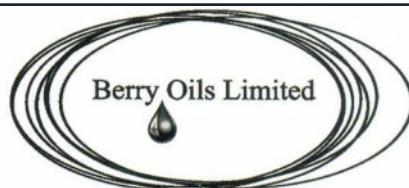
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MALCOLM'S NATURE NOTES



Rooks

In March 2011, during a bus journey from Gorleston to Kings Lynn I observed many rooks building nests, and wondered if a count of their nests had ever been done in Norfolk. With the help of a letter in the Eastern Daily Press I asked if any readers would send me their observations of these nests. I was inundated by people from all over the county writing and telephoning their sightings. That first year's survey revealed 4,115 nests. The following year 8,243 nests were recorded. In 2013 the numbers of nests reached 10,095, and in 2014 a staggering 15,029. Finally I had to end the survey as it was taking up so much of my time.

Recently I biked to Bradwell, where off Lords Lane I counted 14 rooks' nests, riding on in Back Lane, Burgh Castle, it took me some time to count the huge number of nests there- 124. Further on the same road 9 nests. Off Church Road Burgh Castle, 4 nests and in the Church area 22 nests. Finally, off Sandy Lane, in Belton 23 nests.

The Rook (*Corvus Frugilegus*) is a very sociable bird, found throughout the British Isles, though scarce in the uplands of Scotland. Rooks are slightly smaller than crows- 18 inches, 45 cm. Their coat when seen at close range is glossy, with a black / blue plumage. Their straight bill has a distinctive white patch of bare skin around the bill

whilst their long feathers around the upper parts of the legs resemble baggy trousers.

Rooks' nests consists mostly of twigs, lined with moss, feathers and grasses. Both birds help build the nest, and will steal twigs from nearby nests and they tend to occupy the same nest each year. Between 3 - 5 eggs are laid at daily intervals, coloured greenish or blue with dense grey or brown markings. These are incubated for 16 - 18 days by just the female. During this time the male feeds the female on the nest. When the young hatch the female broods them continually, with the male feeding the whole family. When the chicks are about ten days old the female joins the male in feeding them and feeds herself. After 3 - 4 weeks the young are about ready to leave the rookery, but remain dependent on the parents for food for another 4 weeks.

Rooks only have one brood a year. They feed on invertebrates such as earthworms and larvae and help farmers since these invertebrates are pests, however they themselves are regarded as pests as they feed on newly sown seed and cause considerable damage to crops.

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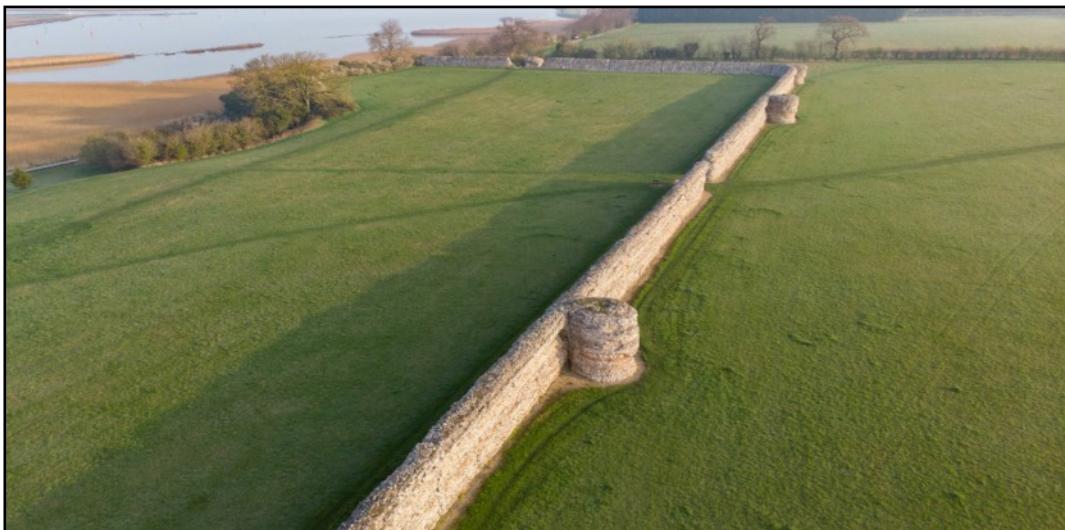
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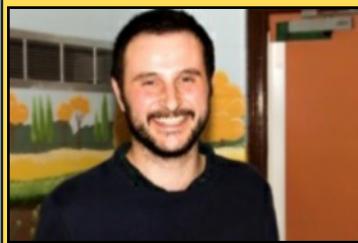
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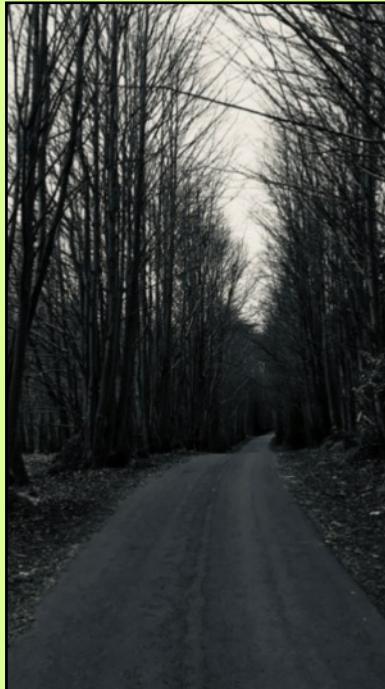


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GEESE Piers Colby



He walked down to the marsh with the old mad dog. Out from the warm glow of home into the sharp glistening dark, the 10 o'clock news shut away behind the door. His empty tea cup stayed abreast of the situation in Calais and began to leave a damp ring on the coffee table. His slippers pushed back against the imprint of his foot.

They walked for a mile. The old mad dog padded out in front. The chain between them hung loose and jangled. Their hot breath grew into heavy fog and the air was cold-spiked. Frost was forming on the posts and pavement and the black street sparkled like the surface of the sea. The lane turned left and they crossed down through the gate onto the old mud track.

They tramped through the wet dark between the heaving swing of Orion and the copper glow of Mars. The old gods of a thousand kingdoms were hidden in the heavens. Ghosts crept beneath the hedgerows. Some were born to this land. Others had blown in through shrouded waterways from rhyme to ditch or had sailed in off the coast in the hot heart of smuggler-ships, or had been whispered into these shadows by the horse-cart chatter of his ancestors.

Go on, he said once or twice to the old mad dog, for no other reason than to feel his voice in the dark. They were swallowed by the wet land. Winter mist rolled slowly across the riven face of the earth and whorled in the sucking depths of the dykes.

Away on the rise of the land where once the shore had met the water the old fort sat black and crumbling. Romans had made their outpost there and had drilled the land for conscripts. They had plugged their numbers with Saxon mercenaries and hireling fighters from North Africa; they watched out over low boats long turned to mud-trapped bones in the ancient channel-bed.

They reached the rise of the estuary bank and climbed up to the edge of the water. They stopped there. The cold sheerness of the night rose like a burial-barrow thrown up from the world's heart into the sky. The lights of the town glowed dull on the horizon. He watched the sky and the water and the shape of the wind that barely breathed through the long reeds once and was gone. The old mad dog sat on its haunches and stared out into the gloom. It shivered and saw nothing, fighting some old battle, busy with its lunacy.

They were planted in this land like trees, him and the old mad dog. His roots were buried deep in the soft earth. They stretched down through the wet sod for centuries, and if you saw him sometimes and thought him warm, thought he was there at all, you'd be wrong. Inside he was not, inside he was out here, his spindled branches pinioned against

the wild sky while the old cold winds from the sea blew hard onto the flat land and the dead called through the dykes and the rattling reeds sang long into the dark.

They waited for them a long time, him and the old mad dog. When he knew they were there at last it was without seeing them. That was the way it always was. The old mad dog pricked his ears and peered out at an invisible horizon, quivering on his hind legs. From a long way off, away over the water, somewhere at the edge of the world, they trembled into being.

Shapeless at first the noise came from nothing and rolled over the night, quickening, quarrelling, tracing the shallow peaks and pits of the land and the banks and the water and the marsh and the mud. Gradually it became a multitude, a single shimmering mass of squabbling voices. Perhaps a hundred, perhaps a thousand, each a cackling madcap migrant in a sky borne flurry flew in an unseen tangle, one vast and shifting formation moving somewhere overhead. As the noise grew louder and more distinct, he began to look for them, not in the soaring black of the sky but in the stars that vanished for an instant as a single bird passed beneath it. He saw them as each star winked and was relit.

These were the raiders, Viking birds, yearly settling from their journey over the white-tipped waves. From Breidafjord and Borgafjord, and Ornolfsdal where Blund-Ketil burned; from the bloody Law-rock; from Iceland, the land of Halfdan's son, where butter drips from grass, they had come to while the winter. He stood below them, and their racket was overwhelming. He felt pushed downwards by their noise. His feet sank into the soft ground as he stretched his head upwards. It was his ground, plundered and settled for a hundred centuries.

The geese flew on overhead until the last of their number had made the journey. Then their noise drifted down into the hard belly of the land. And there followed a moment of stillness such that the frosted ground appeared to fall away and the soft stuff of the world drew back and became nothing, and in its stead was left only the high singing of the night and the flint-cold dark struck sharp like a tuning fork and ringing.

They turned back towards home, him and the old mad dog. Spring crept over the far side of the earth but for a little while longer the winter gods held fast.





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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 *Geese* by Piers Colby (photo- left) which won the first prize and *The Bracken File* by Rebecca Moore (photo- right) which was short-listed.



THE BRACKEN FILE Rebecca Moore



Rachel doesn't know what's wrong with Mr Bracken, but he has a tube in his throat. Despite that, he insists on talking with her. To do this, he must press two fingers to his neck, making speech erupt in gargles, the phlegm gathering in his mouth. He often turns his head to spit into a tissue. From behind her reception desk, Rachel smiles best she can, pretending not to notice. But she never eats after he leaves. The smokers tend to wait a good hour before heading out for their next break.

Today he leaves a dirty tissue in the bin, sticking out at her. He emerges from Lawrence's office fifteen minutes later. Stopping inside the doorway, clasping his throat to her, he struggles; "Thank you. Lovely. To see you. Dear". He turns with so much effort that she cannot bear it. Finally, he opens the front door onto the whoosh of the high street. She already knows that when he softly closes the door, it will not latch. Rising to close it, she stops herself wondering where his fingers touched his throat and where his fingers touched the door. Lawrence calls her into his office.

"See Mr Bracken?"

"Yeh, he looks awful".

"He does. Can you do this tape for me now, please?"

Taking the file to her desk, she slots in the tiny cassette and begins working her foot pedal. Through headphones, Lawrence's voice begins: "This is the Bracken file. Letter to Science Department, Cambridge University, address in the file. Dear Sir or Madam, [Head it 'Body for Research'] We are instructed by Mr William Bracken that he wishes to leave his body for research in the event of his death stop He has this morning been informed that death is comma in fact comma imminent comma and I am therefore writing to request urgent information regarding the procedure stop We look forward to receiving your prompt response stop. Yours faithfully, etc."

Taking the printed letter through to Lawrence for signature she asks, "How imminent?"

"A week or two", he looks up from his post pile.

"Shit".

"Yeh. Poor guy".

The following Monday, she has breakfast tea on her desk when the door opens. Bringing February air, a woman steps into reception with

a tight smile.

"Hello there, do you have an appointment?"

"Are you Rachel?"

"Yes".

"I'm Eve - the niece to a Mr Bracken. He passed away last night".

"Oh. I am sorry".

"He told me to come see you – when the time came".

"Yes, of course. I'll book you an appointment with Mr Lawrence".

"No. I meant – he said you, specifically. He said you were always so kind to him".

All those mornings she'd hurried him through to Lawrence glowed red and terrible in her mind. How she rarely offered him a hot drink. She couldn't stop the image of it flowing straight through his neck and onto the reception carpet in front of her. She'd have to pretend not to notice but then get down on her hands and knees after he left to scrub it up. Her cheeks flush.

"Well, I didn't..."

"All the same. He wanted you to have something".

She fumbles in her bag. For some moments Rachel is sure she will pull out Mr Bracken's throat tube as a souvenir. Finally, Eve passes a wrinkled, black and white photograph across the reception desk. The town's seafront, it's distinctive yacht pond visible in the distance. Leaning on the promenade railing is a young man, his thick hair lifting in the breeze.

"Is this..?"

"William. Years ago. He wanted you to have it. No idea why".

"Thank you, it's...".

There are no words for what it is. What there is, instead, is a great and terrible wish to have asked him more questions. To not have been so afraid of the way he'd answer them. Rachel manages to squeeze Eve and Lawrence a quick meeting. Once they have retreated, she takes up the photograph. He was undeniably handsome, leaning against the railing, so sure.

She turns it over.

'Summer '64' – Rachel xx'.

Rachel! Below that, in pencil, weakened by age and medication, in a different – though more insistent – hand: 'William Bracken, Gorleston-on-Sea'. She thinks of him hunched over in that chair, right across from her. His fingers pressed to his throat. Trying so hard to convey something about himself. Had he tried so hard simply because of her name? Did she remind him of the woman who took this picture, more than fifty years before? She wonders about that other Rachel. Where had they been walking to? Is he in love with her? Later, Lawrence brings through a pile of files.

"First, the Bracken file..."

Rachel lets the tape trail off, sliding the green file in front of her. It is thick and heavy. She knows there will be deeds and documents; his will. Dates and people she's never heard of. She has his whole life in her hands. William's life. Between the names, and the amounts rationed out, there exists - tucked unseen between each line - every minute between that photograph and now. The moment he bent to grasp a smooth pebble from the beach. The moment a breeze blew his fringe across his face. The moment he said I love you, for the very first time. He grins unhurt by any of it, out towards a future with all its questions.

Rachel opens the file, tapping her foot for the tape to begin.

(Rebecca Moore is an artist and writer who grew up in Belton and now lives in Cambridge. Rebecca studied literature at the University of Oxford, and is a producer in the arts sector. Her particular passion is twentieth century poetry).



OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

We live in a part of the country blessed with large skies, beautiful landscapes, unspoilt beaches, nature reserves and wildlife. This column usually describes the story of something you can do in a day in and around our villages.
Please write in with more contributions to beltonvveditor@gmail.com

COVEHITHE AND BENACRE CIRCUIT

Peter Birtchnell



This 6-mile walk follows lanes and tracks along part of the Suffolk Coast & Heath Path. It includes a pleasant walk along the beach and a visit to St. Andrew's Church and its ruins at Covehithe.

Park on the roadside verge on either of the lanes converging on the hamlet of

Covehithe. Our walk takes us back up the lane North West towards Wrentham. After $\frac{1}{2}$ mile turn right and follow a bridleway North past some woodland. After a further $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or so you will meet another lane, continuing generally North, past Hall Farm towards Benacre.

At a point where this lane turns sharp left, turn right and continue East on an obvious concrete road towards the coast. When you reach



Beach Farm on your left, leave the road and continue ahead on a foot-path. Before you reach the beach, look out for a broad

track on your right, which heads South through the bracken and alongside a ploughed field.

Keeping clear of the low cliff, continue through a short area of gorse bushes, and walk down to meet the beach just North of Benacre Broad. This is part of Benacre National Nature Reserve, which also incorporates Covehithe and Easton Broads, further along the coast. In November 2011 a high tidal surge broke through the narrow beach separating Benacre Broad from the sea, inundating the area and increasing the water salinity. The reserve is home to a variety of breeding birds including marsh harrier, bearded tit and a variety of ducks.



Trees which had once stood tall on the cliff tops, now lay on the beach. They give you some idea of the power of erosion of the sandstone cliffs over the years. Continue along the beach for 1 mile, past the cliffs where you may see nesting sand martins, depending on the time of year. At a point where the cliff peters out, look for a track which heads North back through the heath towards Covehithe. This continues through woodland and meets the road near Church Farm. At this point you are just 100m from your car, but why not spend a



few minutes visiting the impressive ruins of St. Andrews Church, just up the lane in the opposite direction.

The original fabric of St. Andrews Church dates from the 14th and 15th centuries. During the latter part of the 15th century, the church was too expensive for parishioners to maintain. They were given permission in 1672 to remove the roof and build the smaller church within it. This small church is still in use, while the tower and ruins of the old church are maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust. Return up the lane to where you left your car.

NB: The walk along the beach South of Benacre Broad is dependent on a low tide, so please check the tide times before you take on this walk.



DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

This popular and regular column in the Village Voice is written by Elizabeth Myhill.
Liz is Chair of the Belton & Lothingland Village Show and the Belton Ladies Group (BLG).

Please send in your comments and suggestions for future columns to

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Impatiens downy mildew is caused by a fungus-like (Oomycete) organism that causes yellowing leaves, leaf loss, and death of bedding *Impatiens*, commonly called busy Lizzies, during wet weather and damp conditions. Attacks are most likely in summer, or spring in greenhouses. Impatiens downy mildew is a disease caused by the fungus like (Oomycete) organism *Plasmopara obducens*. It was found for the first time in the UK in 2003 and is likely to have arrived on imported commercial propagation material (seed or cuttings). Statutory action was at first undertaken by the plant health authorities against confirmed outbreaks of the disease, but this soon ceased. After the wet summer of 2008, damage was much reduced by improved control practices at commercial nurseries.



However in 2011 control failed, probably due to resistance to the commercial fungicides used. Infected plants were inadvertently sold widely. This led to the most widespread outbreak of the disease so far, with many gardens, nurseries and local authority displays affected. Since then, both the popularity and availability of bedding busy Lizzies have declined dramatically, and this will probably remain the case until cultivars can be produced with good resistance to

the disease. Although we didn't suffer as much from the disease as other parts of the country we followed good practice and ceased to grow and sell Busy Lizzie. At the time this was quite devastating for the business as it was the gardener's favourite plant and our number one best seller. The New Guinea Impatiens (cutting grown) has never quite replaced the Busy Lizzie (seed) but now the good news!

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THE VILLAGE VOICE KITCHEN

Do you enjoy cooking or at least watching someone else cooking?
Do you love hearing the stories behind the dishes as much as learning how to make them?
This new column in the Village Voice introduces you to culinary experiences, just that little bit different.
Please send in your suggestions, comments and contributions to Beltonvveditor@gmail.com

FILO PASTRY FRUGAL QUICHE

Sonia Shephard

Here is another of my recipes. When you have little time to make something healthy and not a lot in the fridge or the purse this is an ideal healthy lunch or dinner both for adults and children. The lighter pastry is perfect and children like the crispiness as well as the cheesy taste.

Hope you like it as much as us. We have it with Jacket Potato and salad, or you could do it with Chips and Peas, but don't tell my husband that!



Ingredients:

1. Half pack of frozen filo pastry (or you can make it yourself)
2. Four eggs
3. Quarter pint milk
4. Left over ham
5. Half tomato
6. Extra mature cheddar- 4 oz
7. Half an onion
8. Six mushrooms
9. Pinch Salt and pepper
10. Two oz Margarine, low fat works just as well.

Method:

1. Grease a 7" round cake tin or pie dish.

2. Layer 5 sheets of filo one on top of the other brushing each one with melted margarine(low fat).

3. Lay them diagonally across each other, then lift them gently into the prepared tin. Grate the cheese and cover the base of the tin with most of it, keeping a little to one side.

4. Chop up the onion, ham, tomato and mushrooms and place in the tin on top of the cheese.



5. Beat the eggs with the milk until frothy and season with salt and pepper.

6. Pour the egg mixture carefully into the tin and sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.

7. Bake for about 30 mins on gas 3 or 160 degrees.

8. The Quiche is done when its nicely plump and brown on top. Enjoy!

BELTON FIRST SCOUTS

Beavers

The Beavers Scouts have been busy doing their Space Activity badge looking at how far the planets are from the sun and in which order they are in our solar system. They made a constellation and are looking at recent space missions of which they have made a great poster displayed in the Scout HQ. We played games called meteor shower and another called zombies. On that evening it was too cloudy to go outside to look at the stars, so we are hoping for a clear evening soon. For Mother's Day the Beavers have put a dolly around a jam jar and made flowers out of bun cases. The Beavers are all working hard at home doing their chosen Personal Challenge over 4 weeks from washing up to keeping their bedrooms tidy. Congratulations to Betsy, Nancy, William and Samuel who have all worked very hard to gain their Bronze Chief Scout Awards.



Cubs

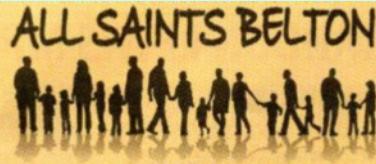
The cubs have been busy baking cakes and having fun this term, the 1st meeting of March saw us bake American cookies, make cornflake cakes with chocolate and decorate a cake that Akela had made with our favourite topping that the cubs bought in. The 2nd meeting of March saw us learn how to be part of a team to complete a task. This involved such things as the newspaper challenge where every time you stepped on it, it got smaller the next time. The next meeting the pack was split into 2, the sixers and seconds were taken into a different part of the scout HQ to undertake a plan to run the next meeting in the form of a "I'm a celebrity get me out of here." They will from start to finish run the meeting with the close supervision of the leaders. The sixers and seconds are very much looking forward to running this which will gain them their team leader challenge one of the latter challenge badges before they move to scouts.

Scouts

The Scouts spent an evening on the District night hike (this competition has not been run for about ten years, so it's nice to see it back) this time in the Martham area where we came a very respectful 6th, lots of new things have been learned at the bases on the night hike, which means we will be able next year to be more prepared to compete for the trophy! Those Scouts who did attend were then able to run a similar evening showing the other scouts what they had learnt.

Group

The Group would like to thank everyone who gave items to our Jumble Sale and Bri-a-brac sale; we raised £116.38p toward our funds. Thank you.



REV ROSIE WRITES

Politics! Many of us, I know, are fed up with politics, nationally. We have heard very little but Brexit! Brexit! for the past few months, and the date and details for our leaving the European Union are still far from sorted. Often it seems as if the political parties are focussing on what is best according to their own party's needs, rather than the best interests of the country. Living in a democratically governed country, as we do, politics are an important part of the structures.

Last month there was a call for the Prime Minister to stand down, and for a general election to be called. I have to admit; my head was in my hands! I really wasn't sure that that was such a good idea during the frustrating negotiations with the EU. I'm glad this suggestion did not come to fruition – I believe it would have just added to the chaos. (At this point I must make clear I have no political allegiances.) The lack of vision for the common good, the vacuum, the scarcity of hope and what seems to be complete inertia, is extremely concerning.

If you feel like me, you might be wondering whether you want to even consider who to vote for in the local council elections. Traditionally, these elections see a much lower level of turnout of voters, but these elections determine who will run our local councils, and what emphasis and priorities the party in control of the Council has. Our every-day life is affected by who is elected and therefore every vote counts. Will you be voting on 2nd May 2019? If we don't vote, do we have a right to complain? At the time of writing, there is also the real possibility of European Elections having to be held on the 23rd May. I do so hope our Brexit ruminations can be sorted so that governmental money does not have to be spent on such an exercise but, on the other hand, European elections could bring a real shake-up within the political parties in our nation – we shall see!

For Christians, the Bible teaches us to pray and thank God for all people, and for kings/queens and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives. (1 Timothy 2:1-2) Society today seems more than happy to complain about the way things are done and to disagree with priorities decided upon by others; but are we willing to get involved in the work that the councillors do on our behalf, or to do the job ourselves?

Do you know who the candidates are for the local elections (in the Lothingland ward) and which, if any, party they are affiliated to? Tracy Cameron (*Conservative*), David Drewitt (*Conservative*), Adrian Myers (*Independent*), Hilary Williams (*Labour*).

In seeking to decide on which candidate to vote for, I ask myself questions about:

what their interests are and whether they will represent the interests of the area, well?

what experience they bring to the table?

how have they served the local council or the borough in the past?

how active and involved with the local community are they?

whether it is possible to discern their motivation?

will they be servants of the people, or seek to follow their own agenda?

will they enable the Council to govern well?

Some of these questions are not easily answered but taking time to at least think about them means I will make a reasoned choice in the one/two crosses I put on the voting slip. In listening to the sound-bites that the national parties want us to hear, we might be wooed to vote one way or another. But what about the local issues? I don't want to hear all the negatives, the sniping, and the blaming; I want to hear what each person stands for, how they plan to make a difference locally, in my neighbourhood and borough-wide. I want to know that they know about the social, political and spiritual challenges facing our area today, and that they will work at improving the lives of people on the margins or our society, as well as maintaining the practical issues of day-to-day living.

What about you?

BELTON YOUTH GROUPS

Bruce Gearie, Church Youth Worker



Rocksolid

Rocksolid is our weekly children's club on a Thursday for ages 7 to 11. Over the 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. May dates are 9th, 16th and the 23rd.



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. May dates are the 9th, 16th and the 23rd.

The Hub

The Hub is our social drop at the church building from 6pm to 9pm for years 6 and above. This is a place where our youth can come, relax and chill out safely. Activities include: Pool, Table football, DVD room, Chillout zone, Craft tables, Table Tennis and badminton. We have just recently got a new XBOX ONE S, so do come down to try it out. This takes place fortnightly on a Friday. May Dates will be on the 3rd and the 17th

Messy Church

Messy Church is fun for all the family, it starts with a meal, then a talk and then lots of messy activities. This takes place on the first Wednesday of every month at the church. Starting at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm. May Date is the 1st.

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

YOUNG AT HEART

Well, spring has really sprung and as I write to you today I am looking over my garden decked out in swathes of narcissuses (I could have said 'narcissi' but that does not sound complimentary!) and tulips of many different shades and sizes nodding their greeting in the gentle breezes. In a way, this brings to mind our group in Young at Heart. We are all various shapes and sizes with very different personalities but at Young at Heart we meet on the same level playing field to share friendship, a sandwich and maybe a sticky bun. We are all over 50 and we come from Belton and Burgh Castle with a few outsiders. Some of us are members of All Saints Church where we meet up on Tuesday mornings between 10am to noon but some people aren't - however all are made most welcome. Those times are not set solidly in stone and if you can't make it dead on time, (e.g. I am always half an hour late as I walk my spaniels before I turn up) it doesn't matter a jot.

Gloria, who is a new member, said to me that she feels that our Young at Heart is more like an extended family than a club as we all chat to each other freely sharing news and advice and we have developed close bonds to support each other. We have lots of activities and trips out plus speakers on a range of topics. Currently a programme for the new season is being put together and Sue reliably informs me that there is in the offing a meal at the Pier Hotel followed by a stroll down the 'prom' in Gorleston, now that sounds good to me.

If you would like to join us and have questions do not hesitate to ring either Sue on 01 493 782443 or Margaret on 01 493 780126 or on www.all saintsbelton.org

ELECTIONS 2019



With Election Day set for Thursday May 2nd when Polling Stations will be open 7am-10pm we now know who all the candidates are. This year on the Borough Council ALL 39 seats are being contested so that electors will have more than one Vote in all wards depending on their size.

LOTHINGLAND (this covers Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle, Fritton and St. Olaves). Here there are 4 candidates contesting TWO seats therefore up to two votes for everyone. Candidates :-
Tracy Cameron (Conservative)
David Drewitt (Conservative)
Adrian Myers (Independent)
Hillary Williams (Labour)

'Village Voice' has invited all the Lothingland candidates to write up to 250 words about themselves and their responses are published in this edition.

We appreciate that some of our readership live on our boundary in Bradwell where there are two wards with three seats up for grabs in each, (THREE votes for every elector), candidates are :-

BRADWELL NORTH
Daniel Candon (Conservative)
Graham Plant (Conservative)
Carl Smith (Conservative)
Jo Thurtle (Labour)
BRADWELL SOUTH & HOPTON
Carl Annison (Conservative)
David Greggs (Labour)
Sue Hacon (Conservative)
Katy Stenhouse (Conservative)

Parish Councils
Here there is generally a shortage of candidates with only one village in the whole Borough where there needs to be an election (Scratby). There are just two Parishes, one being Burgh Castle, where there are sufficient candidates for all seats, in all other cases those who put nominations in before closing time will be able to co-opt colleagues to bring their respective councils up to

strength at their first meetings.

Locally your Parish Councillors so far are :-
BURGH CASTLE (7 nominations for 7 seats)
Pauline Carter, Margaret Greenacre, Wendy Griffiths, Bob Grimmer, John Hogg, Peter Nichols and Brian Swan.

BELTON with BROWSTON (8 nominations for 13 seats)
Kenneth Botwright, Nathan Brown, Michael Graystone, Margaret Greenacre, Nigel Light, Peter Nichols, Ian Walpole and Hilary Williams. (*To find out about being co-opted on to Belton with Browston Parish Council contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer on 01493 602960 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk*)

FRTTON with ST. OLAVES (9 nominations for 10 seats)
Stannas Bellaby, Judy Bosworth, John Burton, Rowland Dunn, Margaret Johnson, Allan Mendum, Keith Nunn, Jill Rose and Peter Storey.

STATEMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES IN LOTHINGLAND WARD

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF SURNAMES)

TRACY CAMERON Conservative Candidate - Lothingland Ward

Hi my name is Tracy Cameron, I am one of the Conservative candidates for the forthcoming Borough council elections.

I was born in Hampshire, I've lived in various areas in the UK as my husband was a Submariner, we finally settled in Gorleston 25 years ago and moved to Belton in 2007. I have an art/photography and horticultural background and currently I am a self-employed gardener. Much of my spare time is dedicated to my role as Commanding Officer of Gt Yarmouth Royal Air Force Air Cadets. This has allowed me to guide and develop many young adults in not only the area but across the country.

My main interest is the environment and how it can be improved and getting our young people involved in community projects and making our Ward a place we are all proud of to live in

Through the Parish Council and Council meetings I will hear more of your concerns and will ensure I assist the Council by representing your views.

By voting in the local election, you are supporting your local community and making a direct difference to your own environment as opposed to a national scale which occurs in the general elections. So let us hear your voices, vote Conservative.

You can contact me by via the number. 07500 125781.

DAVID DREWITT Conservative Candidate - Lothingland Ward

Let me re-introduce myself as one of your Conservative Candidates for the forthcoming borough council elections to be held on Thursday May 2nd.

I was born and educated in Gorleston and Great Yarmouth. Joining the Royal Navy after leaving school I served my country for several years, before returning home to a long career in the offshore oil and gas energy industry, both here in Great Yarmouth and around the world.

Our local elections are all about ensuring we manage our environment, education, economy, health and community issues together to provide a better living for ourselves and our dependents. This is a local election, fought on local issues by local people who are focused on solving problems.

If re-elected I will continue to work hard to ensure the community is well represented at all levels of the council. I will continue to attend the important local Parish Council meetings to ensure that I can listen to the local people to help address any concerns you have. Let us have local policies for local people.

Here in the Lothingland Ward residents have the opportunity of voting for and electing **two Borough Councillors**. Please Vote Conservative who will always Care and Campaign for our Community.

I look forward to meeting you at the Polling station on Thursday 2nd. May. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions I can answer for you. Tel. 07500 125781

ADRIAN MYERS Independent Candidate - Lothingland Ward

I was not surprised by the statement on the Labour leaflet and I quote "you will have more than one vote but you don't have to use all of them only vote for the Labour candidate" Why do political parties think they OWN your votes? Surely it would be in the interests of Labour supporters, to better use to their second vote (rather than not using it) by lending it to a **third choice** candidate.

After all it is not the electorates fault that the Labour party are unable to field enough candidates. Something I warned about as a councillor when I voted against the electoral change.

The utter arrogance of telling people what they can do with their vote is a sad reflection of the political entrenchment of long term career politicians on both sides.

The Conservatives have two candidates, and on a similar vein I would ask you to consider using one of your votes for the candidate who actually lives in the village and the other for the Independent to send a clear message to May and Westminster that you betrayed the people on Brexit and this is the price. As an Independent, I serve all the people of the villages no matter what their political position.

Whatever you choose, please do not stay at home, please do not spoil your ballot paper, but do go out and exercise your democratic right. It will be another 4 years before you can again.

HILARY WILLIAMS Labour Candidate - Lothingland Ward

I moved to Belton with my husband from the City of Derby, in 2013, we have been heartened by the community warmth, settling into our forever home. I have been a carer most of my working life, first as a Nursery Nurse, running a community playgroup as a young mother, and later as a home (*continued on page 23*)

carer with Derby City Council.

I am proud to serve on the Parish Council learning valuable experience of working together as one, for the benefit of all. I have been fighting the closure of our local Children's Centre at Moorlands School, sadly not successful but we do not give up, it is too important.

I was asked recently what I consider the centre of our village, I replied community wise, our Church and JGI. I have since mulled this over and here is my final answer. 'The centre of the villages of Lothingland are the people within, they are the beating heart of the community.'

The heart needs to be cared for, to be looked after with all vital needs met. Neglect brings sickness, loneliness and despair. - Nurturing brings growth, strength and hope.

It is my sincere belief that Labour is the party which understands these values and works tirelessly for all of us, not only the few.



ENTUA (East Norfolk Transport Users Association) is a voluntary independent body which monitors bus and rail provision in the East Norfolk Area. Please visit our website www.entua.org.uk

May 2019 is the traditional time for timetable changes both with First Eastern Counties (buses) and Greater Anglia (trains). No major changes are envisaged with either the buses or the trains except for:-

Buses – First Eastern Counties will be re-introducing their seafront summer Service No 3 between late May and September using the very popular open-top bus. This operates between Seashore Holiday Camp along Marine Parade to Pleasure Beach. Also, from late May, First Eastern Counties will be re-introducing Service 1B. This will operate between Market Gates, Railway Station, Vauxhall Holiday Camp and Hemsby via Caister. Between May and July, it will operate hourly, but during the peak summer season end of July

beginning of September (approx. 6 weeks) it will operate half-hourly. No other major timetable changes are planned for the town routes or the X1/X11 services.

Trains – Greater Anglia will be introducing their Summer timetable from 19th May 2019. No precise times are available at the time of writing, but it is expected that Greater Anglia will operate a similar pattern to last year with 4 non-stop additional trains each way between Great Yarmouth and Norwich on Mondays and Fridays only and 8 additional trains each way on Saturdays (non-stop) between Great Yarmouth and Norwich from 25th May to 7th September, 2019.

There is still a question mark regarding trains that normally operate between Great Yarmouth and Reedham. This line has been closed since October 2018 and to date Network Rail have not provided a date when this line will be back in service. In the meantime, services scheduled to travel via Reedham have been re-routed via Acle. If this line is not returned to service by the end of May it may affect Greater Anglia's ability to operate the Monday and Friday only and Saturday additional non-stop services between Great Yarmouth and Norwich. Confirmation on this situation will appear in ENTUA's article in the June Village Voice.

We understand (although again not confirmed) that Greater Anglia may introduce some of their new Stadler bi-mode class 755 trains with the introduction of the May 2019 timetable. If this happens, we may well see the end of the 'short set' top and tailed by 2 x class 37 locomotives which have served us well over the past years. At the time of writing there is still no specific date when the new signalling system will come into operation.

As the summer approaches, ENTUA draws your attention to the benefits of using the local bus service for days out. The X11 operates virtually ½ hourly between Belton to James Paget Hospital, Great Yarmouth, Acle and Norwich (Mon-Sat). Admittedly the portion of the journey between Belton to Great Yarmouth is slow, but once you have left Market Gates there are only 2 stops, one at Acle and the other at County Hall and this portion of the journey is much faster. It is ideal if you are having a day out in Norwich and include a meal with a beer or glass of wine with no worry about who is going to drive home. Return fare is £6.50 Adult or £4.30 Young Person

(up to and including 19 years of age). Or depending how many of you are travelling, you could take advantage of the 'High5 group' ticket. This entitles a maximum of 2 adults (age 20 and over) and up to three young persons to travel for £10.00. So, 2 Adults can travel return to Norwich for £10.00. The Adult, Young Person or High5 group YarLow zone tickets entitle the holder for a whole day travel anywhere along the coast and to and from Norwich bus station which is extremely good value for money. Remember that on Sundays a reduced frequency operates on an hourly basis commencing at 0922 with the last through service from Belton to Norwich leaving at 1722. The last through X11 service from Norwich to Belton departs Norwich at 1810 hours arriving at Belton Bracon Road at 1921 hours (Mon-Sat). On Sunday the last through X11 from Norwich at 1705 hours arriving at Belton Bracon Road at 1816 hours. And lastly if you are short of cash you can pay by credit or debit card on the bus.

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

TONY GRICE

SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton (sorry not other local villages) on Saturdays May 11th and June 8th. 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.



1st

BELTON GUIDES

It has

been another busy term for 1st Belton Guides. We started the term by celebrating World Thinking Day which is celebrated by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the world on 22nd February each year, where we are encouraged to think of our sister guides and scouts in other countries that may not be as fortunate as we are.

We had fun making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, it was interesting to see how different girls like their pancakes to be different thicknesses and to be topped with different toppings from traditional lemon and sugar to chocolate spread mixed with jam.

At 1st Belton Guides we try to encourage a culture of kindness. To try and encourage kindness we made kindness pots. The idea was that girls would decorate a plant pot and complete this with an inspirational phrase or kind thought, the completed pot would then be given to another guide. There were some truly unusual designs but the sentiments were lovely and everyone was pleased with the final results.

This term has also seen the guides trying their hands at sewing and finger knitting with varying degrees of success, there were some very nice cats, unicorns and toucans produced.

On the last week of term we held our annual Easter fantastical creatures competition which the guides never seem to tire of. This involves creme eggs and sweets being used with melted chocolate to create amazing creatures. The winner was chosen after much deliberation. The guides also made Easter themed cupcakes which were taken home to be enjoyed.

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.

EVENTS AT THE NEW ROAD SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE



CENTRE POST CODE
NR31 9JP

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

To break the ice Sallyann encouraged everyone to exercise their vocal cords by making different sounds together, which is said to stimulate different parts of the body, lift morale and increase oxygen flow to the lungs. We might not make a choir, but we had fun doing it. Finally, a well-earned cup of tea or coffee was to follow.

Just to remind you Sallyann will only be running the seated exercise class until further notice. In case you didn't get to read last month Village Voice we all had a great time catching up at the coffee morning and raised £170.50! The charity organisations we chose on the day were sent the following, £80.50 to 'Anna Poppy's Army', £40 to Alzheimer's and £50 to Children's ward at the JPH. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this event.

Dates for May will be, Mondays the 13th and 20th as both the 6th and 27th are Bank holiday dates and there will be no classes.

Dates for June will be, Every Monday June 3rd to Monday July 29th all assuming Sallyann has no hospital visits. We will then break for the summer holidays.

Cost of the session will remain at £2.50 for April & May 2019, because January and February we were closed. (This is to honour the grant given in 2017 by the VV to help keep session costs down till April 2019).

Please note. From Monday 3rd June 2019 the cost of a single class will be £3.00. This is still very low in comparison to most exercise classes in general and can only be so low because we have a high number of members every week. The outcome of a recent audit has made Sallyann think very carefully about changing the way you pay for classes. She is asking all her members/groups to consider paying for their monthly classes at the start of the month. 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.

It's becoming difficult to deal with change and the cost of using it seems to be increasing. Often it can be difficult to find the right money for Monday morning. It would also be safer not to carry. For Sallyann its quite time consuming to add up all cash accumulated during the week, account and record where it's come from then to deposit it. 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.

An update on Sallyann – She has a consultation on May 7th for the results. Classes are resuming on a monthly basis and dates mentioned above are provisional, in case visits to the hospital are needed.



MONDAY ACTIVITY MORNINGS

We reopened Monday April 1st 9.30 am at New Road Sports Centre, New Road Belton. It was lovely to see everyone on Monday Morning again, considering we had been closed since our last session on December 10th last year. We had a gentle approach to our first class to wean ourselves back into exercise & movement, re-awaken muscles and increase our mobility.

Belton Activity morning was the first class for Sallyann to start after her operation.

Nordic walking at Pakefield started Friday 5th April at 10 am.

Gunton Baptist Church Seated exercise is to start Tuesday 2nd May at 2 pm.

Marram Green Senior Circuits plans to start Thursday 7th May at 9.30am.

If your class is cancelled because of a hospital appointment, remember you are very welcome to join any of the classes, just check with Sallyann and call on 07599044806 or email up4fitness@gmail.com

GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP.

At a recent session Chris and his lovely wife Jane entertained the group with music. A visit from Health Watch was arranged when stroke members spoke of their care and treatment at the James Paget Hospital which came on top for excellent care. Main concerns related to aftercare especially with issues about speech therapy and physiotherapy being raised.

A big 'Thank you' from all members to our volunteer member Sam Clark who donated Easter Eggs for all the members. We had a sweet quiz and Ice creams from DiMascio's which were enjoyed by all. Our photo this month shows a recent outing to the Pier Hotel.

It was so good to see that Grace is now back after been unwell for so long. For information on the group which meets at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre every Thursday (2-4pm) contact Sue Casey on 01493781846.



BEEBOPS SENSORY MUSIC & DANCE SESSIONS

Special offer

The Beebops groups for families and babies at the New Road Centre are pleased to announce that from April 23rd they have returned to two sessions and meeting on Tuesday mornings, they are holding a Family Time class at 10am and Babies 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 Babies 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

BELTON BOWMEN

Belton Bowmen are now meeting at Wroughton Primary Academy, Gorleston on Monday evenings for the winter however we will return to the New Road Sports Centre field on Monday May 27th, when we will 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.

BELTON JUDO CLUB

A big step forward was made by several of our members in the last month when they entered competition for the first time and came away with some amazing results. Not only did they win medals (including several Golds) but they did it in style with some amazing techniques that they had drilled at the Judo club. All they needed was the confidence to believe in themselves and that they certainly did! The club still have spaces for new members, so why not come along and give it a try. We have all standards at our club from British champions and medallists to complete novices and all standards and ages between, so there is something for everyone whatever your ambitions may be.

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

Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy is able to accommodate new members at our Judo clubs in Belton so anyone wishing to join either of the clubs should just turn up any Tuesday (under 8s 4.30, over 8s



5.30) or any Wednesday (all juniors 5.30 to 6.30) and Open mat for all styles/disciplines 6.30 to 8.30 only £6.50 per person for two hours at the New Road Sports Pavillion or contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or email on dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk or contact him via Facebook. Other venues/days are available if Tuesday or Wednesday is not convenient, all session times and venues can be found on our www.fightingfitjudo.co.uk

This month's photo shows attentive students being shown a technique by Dominic and Ryan.

PILATES WITH HAYLEY

BODY CONTROL PILATES CERTIFIED TEACHER

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 week costs £48. Hayley also runs numerous other local classes. To book call her on 07767 864568 or email hayley@hayleyallenpilates.co.uk. (Booking is essential).

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.

A THANK-YOU FROM AFRICA

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who has donated soft toys and other items which have gone towards us raising money to help the children, including orphans, in Africa.



A special 'Thank you' for all the anonymous sacks found on the door step, we raised lots of money and were able to send money and Christmas parcels to the children. Special thanks to Roger for his generous gifts. Please come and visit our stall at the Burgh Castle Fun Day on Sunday June 23rd.

Kath and Sandra

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Email: beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk

EVENTS**AT THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE****HALL POST CODE NR31 9JG****Hall Trustees**

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Roger Gowen (Chair)
Robert Goffin
Terry Ladbrook
Bridget Lawrence
Michael Farrell
Faye Green (Sec)

WEEKLY AT THE JGI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Meet Wednesdays from 6.15pm.

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

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

BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Next Meeting – This is at the JGI on Sunday 19th May (2.30pm), when we will have a New Members event with ALL admissions just £1. It should be good afternoon with the return of a very popular and interesting speaker Angela Bishop whose topic this time is 'The Old School Days'

Membership – Our new year started with the AGM in April, any outstanding membership fees, which have been kept at £5 single and £10 family again this year, should be paid without delay to ensure benefit of reduced admission at the hall and the special deal at Caister in June.

Outing to Caister – We are now taking bookings and payment for our visit to Caister Lifeboat and Coastwatch on Sunday June 9th (arrive at Caister at 2.30pm – free on site parking). After tea/coffee on arrival here will be tours of the lifeboat and/or Coastwatch for about 90 minutes, this will be followed by a Fish and chip tea which will cost £6.00 per person (free to members). Bookings must be confirmed no later than the may event (see above).

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

AFTERNOON TEA

Put this date in your diaries now -Saturday afternoon, July 27th, Afternoon Tea at the JGI organised by the re-formed Belton Events Committee in conjunction with Norfolk Day, the countywide series of events brought together by the EDP and Radio Norfolk to make people aware of events and venues throughout Norfolk.

WEDNESDAY DROP IN

We meet every Wednesday morning between 10.30 and noon for tea/coffee and cake and especially for a good chat. We try to inform about the latest scams and will provide help on many matters. Come along and you will see what a friendly bunch we are. Contact Sue on 780822 for more details.

CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

A great evening was had by a full house at the JGI in March when both "The Cats Pyjamas" and "John Woodhouse" provided superb entertainment during the evening. From a fun Bingo round to a super raffle £500 were raised. £400 of this was given to the Church for the erection of the "Poppy Tommy" on the west wall of the Church to preserve him for future generations to see and remember. After hall hire expenses etc the remainder will be donated to Anna Poppy.

**JGI QUIZ NIGHT**

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

THE JGI
Belton Village Hall
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Bill on 01493780822
or go to www.beltonandbrowston.com



JGI CRAFT GROUP

The JGI Craft group meets in the Hall every Thursday (7-9pm), we are a friendly group, new members are always welcome, the first night is free, then £3 per session. We're a friendly, mad bunch who enjoy helping each other with hints and tips. The photograph shows some examples of our recent work. For more information

call Linda on 07721 599559

BELTON BINGO

Belton Bingo holds sessions at the JGI every Monday, eyes down at 7.30pm and always welcome new players. Please note that there will be sessions as usual on the two May Bank Holidays.

THE BELTON LADIES GROUP (BLG)

On Tuesday 12th March ladies of the newly formed Belton Ladies Group braved the weather to enjoy an evening at the J.G.I. As it was our first The Ladies Group met on Tuesday 9th April to unravel the intricacies of basket weaving under the tuition of Mr Ken Cole who somehow coped with teaching 25 of us the basic rudiments of weaving. The talented ones managed to finish making a small pot in which to keep pens and pencils. Others amongst us found it more difficult and needed greater help. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the time whizzed by. This concludes the beginner craft sessions until July when we hope to improve on what we have learnt so far this year.

Tuesday saw the first of our competitions, the theme being 'Spring'. It was very pleasing to see so many members taking part and the judge said it was difficult to choose a winner. The choice was 1 A Sketch 2. A Flower Arrangement. 3 A Spring Photograph. 4. A Poem. 5. A Piece of Jewellery. The competition was won by Mrs Sue Richmond who received the £10 prize. The next competition will be on July 9th when the theme will be Summer.

Next month there is a change to the programme. We will meet in the J.G.I. on Tuesday May 14th when there will be a talk by Celebrant Susan on her role in Funerals & Marriages. At the Coffee Morning 13th April we took £155 for our funds. My thanks go to all the members of the B.L.G. who donated prizes and to the Saturday Coffee morning people who supported us so well. The funds will be put to good use.

SOMERLEYTON CRAFT FAIR

Saturday May 25th (10am - 3pm)
Somerleyton Village Hall

Entrance fee Adults £1, children free, Stalls £10.00
For details contact Dee Smith,
somerleytoncharityevents@gmail.com or 07974546296

BELTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Why not come and join us and hear great talks about subjects near and far and participate in interesting visits to local attractions

Membership is very reasonable at only £10 per year for a family or £5 per person

It is £2 for members and £3 for non-members at each meeting

As a member your costs for outings and visits are subsidised

Meetings are held on mainly the third Sunday of each month at the JGI at 2.30pm

Our next meeting is on Sunday 19th May at 2.30pm at the JGI

For this meeting entry is just £1 for All "The Old School Days" with Angela Bishop

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

The club had a great practical evening at the April meeting with a walk around the village getting experience at "Street Light Photography". It proved challenging and rewarding. As I have been running the club for 12 years now it has come time to hand over the main operation of the club to someone else. It will continue in the same format with encouraging people to learn more about the capability of their cameras and obtain better photographs. It does not matter what level you are at we can help you obtain a better understanding of digital photograph. After the next meeting on May 3rd we will be able to inform who will be running the club and contact details. I thank everyone for all the support I have had during the past 12 years. I will still be a member of the club but only as a visitor.

Bill Richmond 01493 780822

JGI TRUSTEES

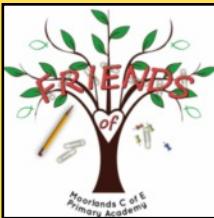
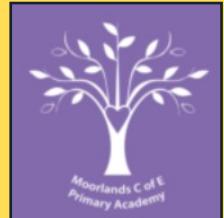
The May coffee morning is on Saturday 11th. The raffle on this morning will be for the Anna Poppy charity. If anyone would like to offer their services in the maintenance of the hall both in and out, please contact the Trustees who would love to discuss things with you. This is the Village Hall of our community and we value it highly. We are all listed on the JGI page of the Village Voice.

HERRINGFLEET STUDIO & GALLERY

The following workshops take place at Herringfleet Studio and Gallery, NR31 9HJ. Booking Essential. For more info:
call 01493488551 or contact@deniseallen.co.uk

Thursday 25th April 2019. Sketch to paint. 10am to 4pm £45 including lunch; Wednesday 15th May Oil over acrylic workshop. 10am to 4pm £45 including lunch; Sunday 19th May Still life but not as you know it. Acrylic. 1pm to 5pm £30

2019 Open Studio Dates: 12th, 25th*, 26th* and 27th* May; 1st*, 2nd* and 16th June. I am often open other times, look out for the sign. Other times by appointment. (* Part of Norfolk and Norwich open studio event)



NEWS FROM MOORLANDS SCHOOL

Friends of Moorlands Easter Fair

The Friends of Moorlands have been very active this half term with a Mother's Day shop, support with improving the school courtyard and a fantastic Easter Fair. This raised an incredible £776. These events not only contribute a significant amount of money to the school, but



also play an important part in developing a sense of community and responsibility. The committee are very keen for more volunteers, especially with the upcoming Summer Fair. This does not need to be a big, or even regular, commitment but just to help spread the load a little. If you are able to help then please contact Alex Hemp via the school, or on the Friends Facebook page.

Key Stage 1 Improvements

Moorlands have once again been supported by the generosity of the Norwich Town Close Estate Charity, whose donation provided the vast majority of the school library. With their most recent grant we

have been able to make improvements to the key stage 1 outside area, with tables, seating, fencing and a storytelling chair, and more improvements are to follow. The children have really taken advantage of this area, particularly at the recent science cafe. Mrs Burrell, the Key Stage 1 lead said: "We are so grateful to The Town Close Charity. Through their generosity, we are able to make a significant improvement that many children will benefit from."

Goldfield Ensemble

Moorlands have been very fortunate to have been able to offer two music performances this half term. The first was a theatrical presentation of Alice in Wonderland by M and M Productions, a very well

respected provider of theatre-in-education. Then years 1, 2, 3 and 4 were treated to some live classical music and shadow theatre in the shape of the Goldfield Ensemble's



performance of "Bogles, Marsh Sprites and Green Mists: Three Fenland Tales." Goldfield Productions are a nationally recognised music group aiming to present music and art in different ways in order to enrich lives. Our children were captivated by the performance and Goldfield were very impressed with how well they engaged. A huge 'thank you' must also go to Bill Richmond who provided the JGI for the performance. Headteacher Kevin Lee said "The performance by The Goldfield Ensemble was spellbinding. The children really enjoyed it and it was a great and much needed opportunity for them to experience live music."

Wind Power at Moorlands

At Moorlands, we pride ourselves on how well our children engage with reading and books and this is something visitors to the school always comment on. However we have also been working hard on



developing the wider curriculum across the school and in the Spring Term, we have had a particular focus on science. This has been led by Mrs Burrell, who has asked teachers to work on a practical, investigative approach to the

subject. Classes have shared these investigations in assembly to help raise the profile of science, and have included looking at light and the properties of materials. We have also had a whole school science investigation, into a wind powered vehicle with all the vehicles being weighed and tested. This meant seeing how far each vehicle travelled when propelled by a fan. It was something that families could work on at home and received an enthusiastic and competitive response!

LEGO for Schools

A reminder that Moorlands are still collecting the Lego for Schools tokens in papers that include the Great Yarmouth Mercury, EDP & EEN, these can be handed in to the school or to Belton Pet and Hardware.

ORMISTON PUPIL GETS GRESHAM'S SCHOLARSHIP



Ormiston Venture Academy pupil Jasmine Loades is the recipient of the prestigious Gresham's Sixth Form Scholarship. It will provide a full academic and boarding scholarship for two years, enabling Jasmine to fully experience life at Gresham's, a leading independent school. A member of the Union of Venture students and actively involved in fundraising events, Jasmine has been praised for also working exceptionally hard to achieve fantastic academic grades.

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.



NEW HEAD OF GARDENS AT SOMERLEYTON ESTATE

Lord and Lady Somerleyton have appointed Simon Gaches (*in picture, from left to right*) as their new Head of Gardens to lead their team of gardeners and volunteers across the Somerleyton Estate. Simon joins the Somerleyton team having previously held the position as Head Gardener to the Bishop of Norwich, where he transformed the garden during his 25 year tenure and which now



attracts over 5,000 visitors annually.

The Head of Gardens is a new role that has been created to incorporate Somerleyton Hall Gardens and Fritton Lake Resort, including the much loved parterre which runs down to the lake and also the gardens belonging to the Somerleyton property portfolio, in a drive to make them more nature friendly and enjoyable for those visiting and living on the Estate.

Simon will be responsible for the strategic direction of the gardens and will work closely with Lord and Lady Somerleyton. He will also be managing the team of gardeners including Head Gardener Mathew Moxey and garden volunteers working across a range of projects, including expanding the sale of plants and produce for visitors to take home. Somerleyton Hall is considered to have one of the finest gardens in East Anglia since the mid-17th century. Set over 12 acres, the centerpiece of the garden is the Nesfield Parterre. The garden also features a world famous yew hedge maze. Other highlights include ornate glasshouses and peach cases designed by Sir Joseph Paxton who also designed London's Crystal Palace. The garden is home to magnificent specimen trees, shrubs, borders and planting providing colour and interest throughout the seasons. The Hall and Gardens are open every year from Easter - when they open their doors to the annual Easter egg hunt – closing at the end of September. The Hall is accessed by guided tours only. Opening days and times vary throughout the year, so it's always best to check the website www.somerleyton.co.uk

The Vision is 'READY' to be seen

- 7.54 acres site purchased and owned by the charity
- Full planning permission (In perpetuity)
- Based on planning - we did it ourselves
- Saved £2m+ on design
- Saved VAT on build
- 3 archaeological digs - all completed and paid for
- Easement has been granted and due to commence
- Traditional build project - NOT a design and build
- Margaret Chadd House is built on a 'no profit or loss' basis. This means that the charity will not make a profit on the build, this allows the charity to decide how the hospice is built; what is needed; what we can provide; what the money is spent on and how much.
- Fixed price contracts agreed with all professional services working on project
- Architect, Quantity Surveyor, Mechanical Engineers, Structural Engineers, Building Control etc.

We are ready to build

With the fantastic support already given by the community, over £2m has been raised so far towards the hospice appeal. These funds have been used to pay for the project, to get us to our current stage. We are **NOW** on the final push to raise the additional £2m needed to start the build.

We have the 2020 'Vision'

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2020 VISION

APRIL FOOL

Following the article in last month's VV on "Further Local Developments" (page 31), it must be pointed out that the company APR Solargrowth should have given it away as an April spoof.

GUIDE TO EVENTS

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

UPDATE Belton Bowmen - Wroughton Junior Academy - Juniors/family (6-7pm) £3.50, Adults (7-9pm) £5. Move to Belton New Road Centre Field on May 27th 01493 780418.

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

UPDATE 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 two 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

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 (9.30-1030am) 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 (May 9th, 16th & 23rd) 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 (May 9th, 16th & 23rd) Exploring Christian Youth & Fun. Free 07783573210

EVERY FRIDAY

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

The Hub (Open youth group)

(6-9pm May 3rd & 17th) Belton Church - years 6 & above - 07783573210

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

EVENTS THIS MONTH

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

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

Wed May 1 (6-7.30pm) Belton Church - Belton Messy Church - Free Family Fun

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

Fri May 3 (8pm) Burgh Castle Queens Head -Team Quiz max 6 per team

Fri May 3 (7.30pm) JGI - Digital Camera Club 780822

Fri May 3 (Midnight - Sat 4th Midnight) Queens Head B/Castle - Charity Pool - Gateway Club

Sat May 4 (9.15am) From Belton Rectory - Men's Walk

Sun May 5 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church -Morning Prayer

Sun May 5 (10.30am) Belton Church - Morning Celebration

Sun May 5 (6.30pm) Queens Head B/Castle Charity Auction & Raffle - Gateway Club

Tue May 7 (11am) Belton Church -Traditional Service of Holy Communion Coffee from 10am

Wed May 8 (10.30am) Burgh House -Traditional Holy Communion

Wed May 8 Mobile Library in Belton (Times in article)

Thu/Fri May 9/10 (10am-4pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Tearoom & Bargain stall

Fri May 10 (10am-Noon) Belton Church - Women/s Bible Chat

Sat May 11 (From 8.45am) Belton Scouts Collecting Newspapers - Belton only

Sat May 11 (10am-11.30am) JGI Monthly Coffee Morning

Sun May 12 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun May 12 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Sun May 12 (6.30pm) Belton Church - Evening Celebration

Mon May 13 (7.30pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting

Tue May 14(7.30pm) New Road Sport Centre. Belton & Browston Annual Parish meeting

Tue May 14 (7.30pm) JGI - Belton Ladies Group

Tue May 15 (10.30-11.30am) JGI Belton/Browston Parish Clerks surgery

Thu/Fri May 16/17 (10am-4pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Tearoom & Bargain stall

Thu May 16 (7.30pm) Fritton V/Hall - Fritton & St. Olaves Annual Parish Council Meeting

Fri May 17 (7.30pm) Fritton Village Hall - Monthly Bingo

Sun May 16 (2.30pm) BDHS 'The Old School Days' Talk with Angela Bishop.

Sun May 19 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun May 19 (10.30am) Belton Church - Cafe Church

Tue May 21 (7.30pm) New Road Sport Centre. Belton & Browston Annual Parish Council meeting

Wed May 22 Mobile Library. New Rd. Playing Field Fritton (15.15-15.35), Priory Cl., St Olaves (15.40-16.00),

Thu/Fri May 23/24 (10am-4pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Tearoom & Bargain stall

Fri May 24 (7.30pm) JGI Team Quiz Night (teams Max 4, £5 per team)

Sun May 26 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun May 26 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Wed/Thu/Fri May 29-31 (10am-4pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Tearoom & Bargain stall

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 Ch. Traditional Communion

VILLAGE SMALLS

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

WANTED

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

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

Old Mantle Clocks & Wall Clocks Tel. 07835 740671

WORK

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

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

FOR SALE

Kingsize 5ft. Mattress VGC (changing for medical reasons) £50 ONO Tel. 01493 781071

Singer table top electric sewing machine £30. Tel 01493 781580

Childs Swim armbands £2.50, Childs Toy Fort £2, Childs Back Pack £5. Tel 01493 662323

2 Upright high fireside armchairs. Light pine with beige/cream leaf design upholstery. Almost new £300 the pair. Tel 01493 780309

Pioneer 42in TV with Freesat & stand £120. Tel. 01493 781846

Small safe, size H35cm, W25cm, D25cm. £15 Tel 01493 780443

Close coupled WC & Cistern, new £45. Tel. 07811 184607

Ladies Winsmore coat, Maxi length black with fur collar. Size 16/18 As new £15. Tel 01493 780145

Flymo electric 300 mower VGC £25 ONO Tel. 01493 781071

Keyboard - Yamaha Portatone PSR-38 electric/battery with stand / instruction book / music books & stool £30. Tel. 01493 662169.

Hagen Vision bird cage L46, W36, H51, Excellent cond. £15, Wooden budgie play tray £5. Tel. 01493 780619

BOSCH 60-16 Electric hedge trimmer. Used twice £30 Tel. 07811 184607

Computer monitor . 17.5in screen, built in speakers £5.00 Tel 07796 982259

About 5000 sheets high quality A3 premium paper for colour copying / printing etc. 420 x 297mm £20. (Collect) Tel. 07757 393805

Infants Push Chair £5, Tel. 01493 662323

Creda small Tumble dryer (with new vent pipe) Tel. 01493 781071

Hula Quickie powered wheelchair (indoor use) £375. Tel 01493 781846

Smart Wonder Core exercise machine. 6-in-1 sculpting system, as on TV. Unused £60. Tel 01493 780309

Apex Rapid Mobility Scooter. Good working order, Easy to collapse, £350. Tel. 01493 782327 (can deliver)

Flotex carpet Pink/beige W145cm, L160cm. £8 Tel 07554 577366

Two metal gates 46ins wide x 35ins high £10. Tel. 01493 780965

Professional 6x8m Party tent Steel frame, roof, side & end covers. To BS Standard & Fire retardant. Incl ground bars (usually extra). Cost £1400, used 3 times for £900 OVNO. Tel 07788 408801

Large dehumidifier Excellent cond. £25. Tel 07554 577366
Wheelchair - used twice - £110 ONO Tel. 01493 780129

Mobility Scooter - Sterling Saphire, blue, good cond.,

Recently serviced, 2 new batteries, charger £595. Tel 01493 780710

Carl Lewis treadmill. Folds up. Motorised incline, heart monitor, Little used. Cost £495, accept £250 No offers Tel 07788 408801

4 Secondhand sheets of 10mm clear Polycarbonate (ex conservatory roof) £50 each, £175 the lot. Tel 01493 444041

Youngmans 5 rung steps £10 Tel 07554 577366

Light weight Wheelchair. Good cond. With large shopping bag £60 ONO Tel 01493 781946 (Burgh Castle)

Cross Trainer 6 months old, folds for storage, little used. £60 ONO Tel. 01493 661594

Professional 8x4m Party tent Steel frame, roof, side & end covers. To BS Standard & Fire retardant. Incl ground bars (usually extra). Cost £749, New/boxed £500. Tel 07788 408801

2 drawer solid wood white chest H47cm, D 44, W60 £7 Tel 07554 577366

Lowery electric organ, double keyboard. Wood cabinet, stool & music books. Lovely sound. £150. Tel 01493 780710

Photo/Picture frames (41 in all). Assorted sizes/styles. Individual sales or 'job lot' Tel. 01493 781094

Emsmorn bowls carrying case with wheels £35 Tel 01493 664784

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CD Carousel wooden storage unit Holds 72 CD's. Size H 13", D 11.5", W 11.5" Exc. Cond. £50. Tel. 01493 781094

Draper 1.5 tonne Scissor car jack, as new unused £15. Tel 01493 789049

Toyota electric sewing machine GWO £20. Tel. 01493 781112

Free - Horse manure, Bagged & ready for collection (Burgh Castle) Tel. 07919 281675

Single Step-Up 1 step, tubular

steel, ribbed mat platform H10", W 17.25", D 15". Good Cond. £20 Tel. 01493 781094

Childs pushchair, As new £10. Tel 01493 789049

2 Dark brown corner wall cabinets (lights inside) 40" high & 23" wide £10 each. Tel 01493 656315

Fletcher Framemaster Point Driver, adjustable tension c/w box of framers points. Boxed £50 Tel. 01493 781094

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Myers 620 MK2 Heavy Duty Precision Paper Cutter. Cuts to A2 paper £75 Tel. 01493 781094

Integrated CDA Dishwasher (WC140IN) Still connected for demo. (Needs deco panel your home). Little used. £100 ONO Tel. 01493 603860 / 07952 173504

Suitcases -Set of 4, various sizes with keys. Fit into each other. Exc. Cond. £130. Tel. 01493 781094

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

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

At the time of writing there had been four correct answers of the number of eggs in last month's Village Voice. The winners will be contacted by email before Saturday 11th May to collect their prizes at the JGI Saturday Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who entered.

**Bill Richmond
(for Village Voice)**

GORLESTON COMMUNITY CINEMA

Gorleston Library - Thursdays

The next films at Gorleston Community Cinema at Gorleston Library are :-

Thursday May 2
'The Old Man and The Gun' (12A)
2.30-4.15

Thursday May 16
'Free Solo' (12) 2.30 – 4.15

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