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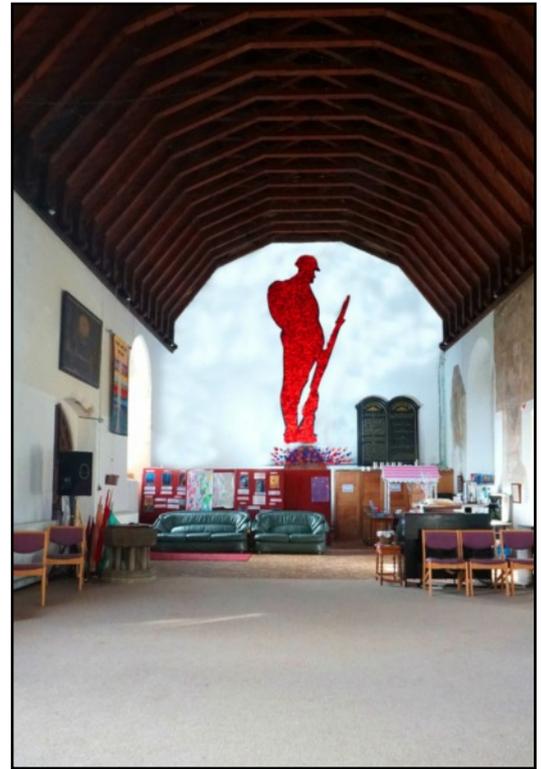
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Tommy's Journey

The wonderful figure of a soldier made from knitted and crocheted poppies that was hung on the church tower in November 2018 for the commemoration of the end of WW1 was seen by many people near and far. It has now been hung on the west wall inside the Church for all to see. This was made possible by the funds raised from a village social event with entertainment from John Woodhouse and Margaret. The Rector Rev. Rosie Bunn had to obtain agreement from the Diocese for Tommy to be placed in the Church which we are all grateful for. It is hoped that many people when visiting Belton and those who live here will take the opportunity to see this display.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

DOG OWNERS OF BELTON

I don't normally write pieces for the village voice but thought on this occasion I would. I walk my dogs around the village at least 3 times a day only to find that there are some lazy people that live in the village who don't clean up after their dog or dogs. This is disgusting and needless to say, an offence. Every day there are piles of poo that people have left and not even tried to clear it up. You are responsible for your dog as they cannot clear it up themselves. If you can't clean up, then you should not have a dog. Be a responsible dog owner and clean up, don't give the responsible dog owners a bad name.

Regards

Jane Thorpe, Belton

Dear Editor

THE BIKE WITCH

I would like to say that when the bike issue first arrived it was a mystery but now, we have a bike dressed up as a witch at the end of New Road junction. As this is an attraction it is also an accident waiting to happen. I myself had a near one where a car started to turn in front of me and then stopped to have a look, had I not been quick on my brakes I could have hit this car. I have also seen people stop in the middle of the road to take photographs. If someone is determined to leave objects like this, then please have some common sense not to put them where they can cause an accident.

Regards

Jane Thorpe, Belton

Dear Editor

METAL DETECTION

I'm contacting you in hope for some knowledge or contacts that may be able to help me. I am in search for some land permission that I can metal detect on. I am new to the hobby and

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



General elections: This is the last issue of the Village Voice before the 2019 general election. Like last time, this magazine intended to host a hustings event at All Saints Church, Belton but due to

a number of issues from the short time period available to difficulties in finalising a date that was convenient for all, it couldn't go ahead. My apologies for that. The candidates for the Great Yarmouth parliamentary constituency are (*in alphabetical order of their surnames*; source: bbc.co.uk) Dave Harding (Veterans & People's Party), James Joyce (Liberal Democrat), Anne Killett (Green), Brandon Lewis (Conservative), Margaret McMahon-Morris (Independent), Adrian Myers (Independent) and Mike Smith-Clare (Labour). I do hope you will exercise your vote on December 12 and play a role in electing the next government which will guide our country through quite a crucial period in its history.

Grants: This month saw the £4800 worth of Village Voice grants being distributed to various clubs and organisations within our villages (see story on page 7). Dear reader, it should be matter of great personal pride for each and every one of you for it is your support coupled with the encouragement from our advertisers that has made this possible year after year.

Earlier December closing dates: Due to the Christmas holidays we will need to make our closing dates a little earlier in December.

ADVERTS & SMALL ADS - We will need these in by noon on Monday December 9, 2019.

ARTICLES & NEWS - Please submit by noon on Tuesday December 10, 2019.

ANNUAL REPORTS - As usual we would like to publish annual reports from local clubs and groups in the January issue, so please could we have a few words from you all, again by noon on December 10, 2019.

Cracker competition: Finally, regular readers would be well aware of the Village Voice competitions usually coordinated by the irrepressible Bill Richmond. Once again there is a competition in this edition of the Village Voice for you to find the red crackers scattered through the text and images. A first prize of £25 will be given to the correct answer and in the event of more than one correct entry, a draw will take place on January 11th at the Saturday coffee morning at the JGI. Other correct answers will receive a £5 prize. Please send your answers by email to cam938@btinternet.com by Wednesday January 8th and you must include your name and a contact telephone number to be eligible for the competition. One entry per household. So read your Christmas edition closely and find the crackers!

Regi Alexander, Editor

after receiving my machine for a birthday present, I never knew how difficult it would be to find somewhere with some permission to use it. I live in Belton and my house even backs on to fields but I can never seem to find any farmers. I don't suppose you have any contacts or could share any knowledge with me that might be able to help please?

Kind regards
Linzi Arnold, Belton

(Editor's note: If anyone has any information on this that may be useful, please e mail me and I shall pass on the information to the correspondent).



BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL



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NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

County Councillor Andy Grant, Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracey Cameron, four members of the public and all eleven Parish Councillors attended last weeks meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, Peter Nichols was in the chair.

There were again concerns raised over the removal of asbestos at two locations in the village, demolition at Brentwood and alterations at the former hardware shop and issues raised about the continued parking of Tesco lorries, there seems little that can be done although it has been made clear that drivers need to reverse into the unloading area behind the shops. Also causing concern were reports that Jhoots Pharmacy had been closed for at least two days as no pharmacist was available, it was agreed to write to the companies head office.

Councillor Grant confirmed that his County Council members budget can be used to purchase two 'Welcome to Belton' signs although there are some restrictions on possible wording, he confirmed that a traffic order is on the way to enable levelling works to take place on the surface of Stepshort, between Belton and Burgh Castle but no definite date. Councillor Myers reported that after the recent Litter Pick he had been in contact with MacDonald's head office with the suggestion that with modern technology vehicle registration numbers could be put on food wrappers to enable fly tippers to be traced, he has not had a reply so far.

Members agreed to run the Belton and Browston Citizen of the year award again with publicity through 'Village Voice'.

At the New Road field it was agreed that Belton F.C. Can have a fixtures board and subject to planning, advertising boards round part of their playing area. The Council will look into options for a separate field users toilet to prevent users and supporters needing to enter the main building during private events in the hall. Finally on New Road, it was unanimously agreed to offer the site caretaker a further contract.

There was agreement in principle for to Parish Council to work with the church on VE75 Day celebrations in 2020, the vice-chairman will discuss this with the rector.

Members had no objections to a self build four bedroomed house at Fairview Farm, Stepshort or a cart shed at Five Acres, Cherry Lane, Browston, they were however concerned to hear of suggestions that the Borough Council would approve revised plans for an out-building at 131 Station Road North which they had previously objected to if it now had 'cladding' and Borough Councillor Myers agreed to investigate this. The Borough Council has approved the change of use to a cafe at the hardware shop, revised access arrangements at 'Empala' on Sandy Lane and extensions at Manor Barn, Browston,

The possibility of placing bollards or signage to stop vehicles driving on the section of Bell Lane from the footbridge to Dashwood Close is to be investigated and further efforts are to be made to get one of the 'wigwag' school crossing signs on Bracon Road more visible to drivers. Members agreed to delay any decision on clearing obstructions in the dyke behind Station Road South till the next meeting as some site meetings are pending,

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at the New Road Centre on Tuesday December 3rd. (7.30pm)

COUNCIL DIARY

COUNCIL - Parish Council meetings are now on the first Tuesday of each month, (7.30pm) at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre, making the next dates are December 3rd and January 7th.

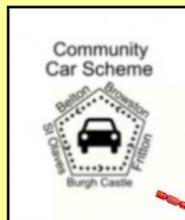
SURGERIES - The Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer, is normally available monthly to meet informally with and take note of residents queries, (Parish Clerks Surgery), The next date will be Wednesday November 27th at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre (1-2pm) however due to Christmas the following session will not be until Wednesday January 29th 2020 and that will be at the John Green Institute. To confirm that Kate will be there please call 01493 602960, e-mail Beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk , she can also be contacted in writing at 56, Victoria Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, NR31 6EF.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Belton with Browston Parish Council are inviting nominations for the Citizen of the Year **2019** awards which will be presented at the **2020** Annual Parish Meeting in April or May. To make a nomination send the persons name and address together with the specific details of your nomination which can be for help and assistance to an individual or with a group or organisation based in the Parish to Miss K Palmer, Parish Clerk, Belton with Browston Parish Council, 56 Victoria Road, Gorleston, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 6EF by **Monday January 20th 2020**

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

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME



Our team of 7 drivers are happy to offer support to those in need. October saw our drivers help 31 residents of our local area, including trips to Norwich. Thank you to the drivers who give up their time so patiently to help those in our community who struggle to access public transport.

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ROADWORKS

According to the Highways web site we can expect the following road closures in the next few weeks (all are always subject to late change as circumstances demand)

10th -12th December : High Road at Burgh Castle will be closed outside 'Strawlands' to enable new water connections to be made to two properties
11th December : Back Lane Burgh Castle. Daytime for tree trimming round overhead power lines.

BELTON SEAT DEDICATION



Not just any Sunday but the first of what I hope will be a new village tradition, some thirteen villagers turned up to watch the dedication of the seat by the village sign by our vicar Rosie Bunn on Remembrance Sunday. Amongst the gathering were Peter Nichols the Parish Council chairman and two other councillors, and Adrian Myers one of our Borough Councillors for Belton. We were bewitched by young Amelia who read out a lovely poem prior to a minutes reflection of why we were all there. Rosie then dedicated the seat and I also read out a stunning poem by a young 14 year old Joshua Dyer taken from a shared post on FB by Linda Ball.

The weather was cold bright and crisp despite all the recent rain and after all the thanks were said to our village caretakers who installed the concrete base and Kate our clerk for chasing permissions to install this idea, I personally bolted down the seat and created a small bed around it to soften the look. This will be planted with red poppies in the spring as they also grow at Passchendaele, the Somme and Ypres. In case any one is wondering the cost of this was met by the Bells Lane Welcome Home charity fund, a second seat will be installed on Bell Lane by the school entrance on May the 8th to also remember the 1939- 45 WWII V E Day, some events will also be organised for this. I am pleased to say that this and other up and coming ideas will go well with our entrance to the Britain in Bloom later next year.

CRIME REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Burgh Castle (Total 7) (2018 - 6)

- 2 x Violence / Sexual offence.
- 2 x Vehicle Crime.
- 1 x Other Theft.
- 1 x Anti Social behaviour.

Belton (Total 11) (2018 - 31)

- 2 x Anti Social behaviour.
- 2 x Public Order.
- 5 x Violence.
- 1 x Other Theft.
- 1 x Criminal Damage / Arson.

Browston (Total 1) (2018 - 0)

- 1 x Anti Social behaviour.

Fritton (Total 2) (2018 - 0)

- 1 x Anti Social behaviour.
- 1 x Public Order.

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

- 1 x Anti Social behaviour.

MOBILE LIBRARY

There are different days for Mobile Library visits to Belton from those for Fritton and St Olaves for more information on the 4 weekly visits contact the Mobile Library service as follows: central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk or phone 01603 222 303 or visit the website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries (There is no service to Burgh Castle)

The next visits to Belton will be on Wednesdays December 18th and January 15th at the following points.
 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 visit to Fritton and St Olaves is Wednesday December 4th however due to the Christmas holidays there will then be an eight week gap to January 29th at the following locations

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

BURGH CASTLE QUIZ NIGHTS

The monthly quiz on the first Friday in September raised the sum of £76.00 for the Church Restoration Fund. Please come and join the regulars at this friendly gathering at The Queens Head on the first Friday of every month (next date December 6th), - You need a team of 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 however please arrive earlier if you are ordering food which is available from the bar.

NORFOLK CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Paul Nicholls again rode on behalf of Burgh Castle Church in this annual September event, he visited many churches on his trusty cycle and called on many homes in the village for sponsorship raising the record sum of £1882.00 well up on last year's total at this stage of £1651.00, there is still the Gift Aid figure to be added to this total and the final sum will be split evenly between Burgh Castle Parish Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. What a marvellous achievement! A very big thank you to Paul and all the wonderful people who supported him so generously. Well done.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL & CHURCH

COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING : To keep in touch with our 'regulars' we are holding a Coffee & Mince Pie Morning in the Village Hall on Friday 13th December, 10 – 1pm. Our stalls

will be open for that last minute bargain or a book to see you over the Christmas period. Please come along to catch up. Admission free.

TEA ROOM : Would like to thank everyone who contributed to a very successful season this year. We will continue to take donations of good quality bric-a-brac, and books, ready for the next event at the hall, look out for dates in Village Voice. To arrange collection please contact Margaret on 01493 780126 or mgreenacre532@gmail.com

JUMBLE SALE : Our Jumble Sale at the end of October was another success with the magnificent total of £407.00 being taken, thank you again to everyone for your support it was an excellent turn out! As usual the proceeds will be split evenly between the Village Hall and Church.

BURGH CASTLE CHURCH RESTORATION : The new lighting and heating are now in full use and we look forward to having the sound system installed early in the New Year. Please join us for our Christmas Celebrations (all listed in the Diary) or come along any Sunday Morning at 9.30. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

BURGH CASTLE SPEEDWATCH WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!



Burgh Castle Speedwatch is run totally by volunteers, we

need some new faces to continue with the sterling work our volunteers are already doing. Do you have just an hour a week to spare. If yes, can you support us and become a speed watch volunteer. All training and equipment will be provided.

Support our village and contact the co-ordinator, e-mail wendygriffiths.2k@btinternet.com or call 01493780452.

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Six Parish Councillors, County Councillor Carl Smith and three members of the public attended the November 11th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council with Brian Swan in the chair.

During a general discussion on fireworks and bonfires the County Councillor reported that whilst nothing could be done against fireworks the environmental health team at the Borough Council can, and have taken action on complaints about bonfires.

Councillor Smith confirmed again that yellow lines will not now be considered for the opposite side of the road outside Cement Cottages as there have been five objections however he will investigate funding the extension of white lines across the entrance to porters Loke, the suggested yellow lining of the Butt Lane bus stop by the bus shelter, double yellow lines at the Butt Lane / High Road junction and, but over two years the funding of a fixed speed warning sign on Cherry Tree corner. Councillor Smith, the Chairman and Parish Councillor Greenacre will meet with site management to discuss the issues outside the Yare Valley caravan site.

Councillor Smith will speak with the Highways Engineer to see what action can be taken against the new field entrance that has appeared on Lords Lane and is causing soil to be washed on to the road.

Members agreed in principle to support the celebrations for VE Day75 next May so there is one event involving the Council, church and village hall.

Members are looking at various options to dispose of the spoil hap at the Burial Ground, a figure to cover the expected maximum cost will be put in next years budget and a meeting will be arranged with the grass cutting contractors to confirm exact contract details before an extension of their current one year contract is considered, the large pothole outside the entrance to the burial ground is being reported to Norfolk Archaeological Trust who are responsible for the fort lands.

Councillor Griffiths reported that the community Speedwatch team are now only able to go out once a week as they have lost several members and are now down to just five, offers from anybody willing to volunteer to join the group would be appreciated.

The only planning matter was approval from the Borough Council for extensions to the respite centre at The Gannel on High Road.

The next meeting of the Council will be at the Village Hall on Monday December 9th (7.30pm).



different types of paper aeroplanes including a helicopter whirly bird which we had great fun making.

We then had a visit from Kimmy from Siemens Gamesa who gave us a great insight into how a plane works and how similar they are to the wind turbines that are being made by the company that she works for. We have had a joint meeting with the beavers where we invested 5 beavers and have had a scout joint meeting where we competed in the first Cub and scout trophy in which points were given to teams who competed in scout skills activities. The final night of the month we celebrated bonfire night making our own guys and burning them at the stake, toasted some marshmallows and focused on what we actually knew about Guy Fawkes and his activities on 5th November 1605. If any young person would like to join cubs then please contact Peter on 07900 494 344

Scouts

The Scouts have been planning a fundraising competition which is to be held at the New Rd Sports Centre on Saturday 30th November 2019 as part of their award work. We would love to welcome everyone. We held a joint meeting with the Cubs having a great evening with a competition based on basic skills. On that evening we invested 6 new Scouts.

Group

The Scout Group has again been welcomed by Belton Church for Remembrance Sunday service (see photo), where flags were paraded. Many thanks for making us welcome.

Many thanks to the Village Voice for our grant we plan on a new activity outside watch this space.

Thanks to those who have supported the Scout by purchasing items from our stall at the monthly coffee morning at the JGI, next stall Saturday 14th December, which we hope will have a Christmas theme with some items that could be suitable as presents. Always wanted Bric-a-brac, toys, games, puzzles and books either drop off at 6 Station Rd North, Belton or phone 01493 780965



1ST BELTON SCOUT GROUP

Beavers

The Beaver finished the half term with an indoor sleepover at the Scout HQ, they helped put up and take down their tents, making pizza and using cheese strings to tie a knot for the top of the pizzas for their evening snack with hot chocolate. The Beavers played games, made fruit kababs, helped wash up afterwards. Congratulations to Talon who gained his Bronze Chief Scout Award after completing the sleepover. The Beavers completed their Air Activities stage 1 badge by finding out about the phonic alphabet and writing there using it, made paper aeroplanes then had a competition to see how well they flew, built a light airplane model, used boarding cards to find their seats and went through the safety talk that happens before a flight. Congratulations to Julian who has been presented with Beaver of the half term, well done. At the present time we have 3 places at Beavers for more information please contact Jane (Brown Beaver) 07975 533572.

Cubs

This month the cubs have been working towards their air activities badge, we learnt the phonetic alphabet, talked with leaders about a plane experience that they may or may not have had, learnt varying



Christmas Refuse Collections

Please check your days carefully as collections can be **EARLIER** or **LATER**

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	REVISED COLLECTION DAY
Mon. Dec 23	Sat. Dec 21
Tue. Dec 24	Mon. Dec 23
Wed. Dec 25	Tue Dec 24
Thu. Dec 26	Fri. Dec 27
Fri. Dec 27	Sat. Dec 28
Mon. Dec 30	Mon. Dec 30
Tue. Dec 31	Tue. Dec 31
Wed. Jan 1	Thu. Jan 2
Thu. Jan 2	Fri. Jan 3
Fri. Jan 3	Sat. Jan 4

VILLAGE VOICE GRANTS



In front of a full hall at the JGI Coffee Morning on November 9th 'Village Voice' presented a record £4800 in grants to nineteen local clubs and organisations, Chairman Adrian Myers started proceedings and the cheques were presented by our guest Wendy French who had advertised in every edition of Village Voice from taking over Belton Pet and Hardware in 2000 (which was when Village Voice started), to retiring from the shop a couple of months back.

The following grants were presented, Belton Village Web Site (£50 for fees), Event 'Us' (£250 towards Belton Christmas Tree and childrens party) Belton Community Choir (£250 for running costs and equipment), Great Yarmouth Stroke Group (£300 towards transport costs), Belton Needlecrafters (£200 for hall hire and materials for charity work), Belton F.C. (£250 for a fixtures board at New Road), Belton Camera Club (£250 for speakers and equipment), Belton Church Pantry (£250 for non donated and perishable goods), Burgh Castle Church (£300 for a new porch notice board), 1st Belton Scouts (£300 for a 'Slingshot' outdoor activity set up), Belton Bowmen (£250 for new targets and hall hire), Young at Heart £200 for Pantomime and lunch outings), Moorlands Primary Academy (£300 for a portable A.V. unit), Friends of Moorlands (£300 for bird watching 'hide'), All Saints Church (£300 towards VE75 commemorations), Rock Solid Childrens Group (£250 for craft materials/games), All Saints Church (£300 to support Easter and Summer workshops at Moorlands) and finally The Victorian pond (£250 to enable the final clearance of the pond to take place in 2020. Village Voice also sponsored the November Coffee Morning.

Brian Swan announced at the end of the presentations that our editor, Regi Alexander was one of the three people short listed for the Psychiatrist of the year award by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. There are around 12000 psychiatrists in the country and although he did not win the award at the ceremony held in London, the previous evening, it was a creditable achievement for all of us.

Adrian Myers closed the proceedings by presenting a gift to Wendy as a 'Thank you' for her support of 'Village Voice' and agreeing to make the presentations.



1st. BELTON GUIDES

The Guides have as usual been very busy. The MacMillan Coffee Evening that the girls held was lovely and it was really nice to see so many parents and friends in attendance, a fantastic

£93.50 was raised, so a big thank you to everyone that took part.

We returned after half term to a Halloween Party, that involved spooky games, music and food, everyone had a great time and some of the costumes were very inventive. We also took part in Parliament Week, during which time we discussed the working

system of both houses of parliament, the girls formed political parties and manifestoes, an election was held and also debates undertaken. Some of the ideas expressed were certainly interesting and somewhat controversial and at times it became necessary for the speaker of the house (the leaders) to step in and call the debate to order. Since Christmas is now only a few weeks away, we have started getting creative and have already made baubles, the next few weeks will see the girls crafting tealight holders out of clay, making wreaths and decorating cakes in a seasonal style. The time has also arrived for us to start planning our annual summer weekend away for 2020 at Patteson Lodge in Coltishall. We always have a great time and it is great to see the girls grow in confidence as a result of trying new activities

One of the best things about being a leader is seeing the girls progress and take on new challenges within Girlguiding, so the leadership team were really pleased when our three eldest girls decided that they would like to undertake their Young Leader Qualification, which is the first step to the girls potentially one day becoming leaders of their own units. We are currently planning more fun and adventures for the remainder of the winter term. 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.

LOTHINGLAND SCHOOL REUNION

Jean Brooks now Samuels

Over 100 ex pupils and staff filled The Belton Kings Head function room on Saturday October 26th. They were those that attended Lothingland Modern School during the late 1960's leaving early 1970's. Lots of laughter, reminiscing and memories. It looked as we we didn't turn out too badly after all! Opening in 1959 the school closed in 2011. Some of us hadn't met since we the day we left school. Many thanks to the Kings Head for the lovely buffet and making it an evening to remember.

Pic 1 Eric Almond & Gary Thrower
 Pic 2 Sue Gillings, Bev Cole, Claire Eastwood
 Pic 3 L to R - Jean Brooks, Elaine Futter, Lynn Bexfield, Francesca Jermy, Stella Watling



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Adjust brakes on Walking Frame	Assemble lawn mower
Repair Keysafe	Find regular gardener
Dog Walking	Unblock guttering
Autumn Coppicing and clear-up	Temporary Garage Door Repair
Arrange Lighting Repair	Internal Furniture Moving
Minor fence repair	Fetch Prescription
Shopping	Prise open shed door (lost key)
Care Home Visit	Change starter in fluorescent light
Befriending and light housework	Hospital Visit
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Christmas shopping!) A friend of mine has been busy making various gifts both beautiful craft handiwork and home-made flavoured gin and vodka, which has involved much thought and preparation in gathering the necessary ingredients and materials together. You may have a preference, of course, but what I thought about was the time and effort she had given to making these lovely things. She also had personalised these gifts in her own beautiful way with labels and tags. She has used her gifts to create gifts that I think will be well received by their recipients.

Christmas can be such a costly time, if we let it. I know that many children will have provided their parents and/or grandparents with lists of things that they would like to receive; often products that are fresh on the market, with a hefty price tag to go with them. Or us ladies love to receive presents all beautifully wrapped with the expectation that what is inside is going to be impressive; something we will be delighted with.

But, may be, it's not about the value of the present itself? Receiving something that someone has gone to a lot of trouble to make or produce is really special, especially if it is something we really want or really like, isn't it? The investment of time and effort by one person is a precious gift to another. Time is something we cannot buy, or can't take back. Time given is a real gift.

But what about the gift of Jesus. God had promised for a long time that he would send someone special for his people; to make a difference and to restore the relationship between God and human-kind. There are many hints and promises in the Old Testament that indicates that God was a long time in the planning and preparation of the gift of Jesus to the world, of giving of himself and when the gift arrived it still has to be received by the intended recipients.

For **Mary** the gift of God's Son, was rather a surprise – but one as she was willing to receive and say "Yes" to the angel who delivered the message; that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

For **Joseph**, the gift of Jesus was initially worrying – how could he go through with his marriage to Mary; but subsequently a gift to be protected and nurtured.

The **Angels** delivered the message to the Shepherds and then sang praises to God for this precious gift.

When the **Shepherds** turned up to find Jesus in the manger, they could have missed out had they just looked at the packaging. A tiny baby- a saviour – in an animal's feed trough! The Bible tells us that they spread the word about what they had seen and heard – they got it!

The **Wise Men**, learned men, invested a lot of time and money to travel a long distance to see the "new king". They made a mistake or two on the way but once they had found what they were looking for – we are told they bowed down and worshiped the small child and gave impressive gifts, before they set off home.

In the first chapter of the gospel book of John – a familiar reading at many Christmas services – there is a beautiful description of the gift of Jesus, but a few verses in it says "*He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...*"

Our God-given gift of Jesus was received by some and refused by others; a gift that had lovingly been prepared for us; a gift to enjoy and be shared; a gift that cost God so much yet was given as a token of his love for us, because he thinks we are worth it.

This Christmas take time to unwrap an appreciate the gift of Jesus for you, personally. Like the Shepherds you may have to be prepared to take a risk and discover for yourself what others have told you; to see past the way that Jesus has been packaged in the past and see/recognise the Jesus you may have been looking for in your journey of life. Jesus is the most precious gift we can receive this Christmas. If you want to find out more come along to one of the Carol Services or the Carols in the Pubs. I would love to share the good news of Christmas with you.



ENTUA (East Norfolk Transport Users Association) is a voluntary independent body which monitors bus and rail provision in the East Norfolk area.

The introduction of the new Stadler bi-mode trains is making slow progress, to date nine of the 4-car units are in service with others to follow in the next couple of months. Of the 24 (4-car) units ordered, 22 are in the UK with only 2 more to be delivered from Switzerland. These new units have been in regular use on the 'Wherry lines' and Norwich to Cambridge and have recently been introduced on the Sheringham (Bittern Line). Once sufficient drivers have been trained, it is Greater Anglia's intention to introduce the 4-car units on routes including Ipswich-Cambridge, Ipswich-Peterborough and the new Norwich – Stansted Airport services. There are 14 (3-car) bi-mode units on order, of which 11 are in the UK, these will be commissioned once all of the 4-car bi mode units are in service. So once these new trains are all in service – no more short trains or single carriage units. The shortest bi mode Stadler train is a 3 car unit.

The new Norwich-Stansted Airport service commences with the timetable change on 15th December, 2019. It will operate 7 days a week. Seven Airport Services will operate in each direction Mondays to Fridays, 15 on Saturdays and 13 on Sundays. At the same time Greater Anglia will be introducing Sunday hourly services between Ipswich-Cambridge, Ipswich – Lowestoft and Norwich – Lowestoft. With increases on the wider Greater Anglia network they will be running 37 additional services per week equivalent to around 9000 extra seats.

In February, 2020 there will be a blockade of the Great Yarmouth – Norwich line from February 1st- 16th and Lowestoft-Norwich line from February 3rd-23rd to enable the final upgrade of the signalling system by Network Rail. Throughout these periods a bus replacement service will operate. The new buses to replace the Enviro 400s on the XL Norwich – Peterborough service are expected to be delivered early in 2020. They are promised to be the most luxurious buses ever used on the route. The new buses will all be based at Kings Lynn garage and the Enviro 400 buses currently at Kings Lynn will be cascaded to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. This will mean that the X1 and X11 service will be made up of Enviro 400's and about 4 Geminis bearing the Excel livery. Hopefully these changes will be completed by March/April, 2020. This will mean that most of the older Volvo Presidents and ALX 400 deckers will be removed from the fleet.

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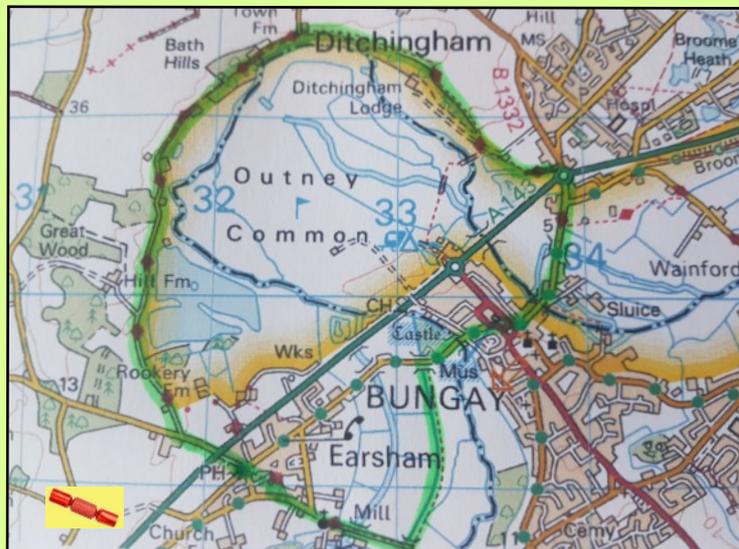
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BUNGAY AND BATH HILLS

Peter Birtchnell



This walk starts in Bungay, follows the river valley to Earsham before ascending Bath Hills overlooking the valley, then dropping back to Bungay.

Walk W out of Bungay along Earsham Street. Go over the bridge on the edge of Bungay and onto a second bridge. Turn left here and head S on a footpath with the stream on your right. Follow this track for c.800m to reach a footbridge, turning right across the stream.

Follow the track NW into Earsham, passing some cottages on your left and All Saints Church, until you reach Lodge cottage on your right. Follow the footpath signposted 'Angles Way' which takes you through the village, crossing the old A143 road by the Earsham Queen PH into Station Road.



Continue until you reach the main A143 road, crossing directly over into Hall Road.

After c.200m turn right to head N along Bath Hills Road. The lane continues for just over a mile, past a lake and gravel quarry until you reach Valley House. Walk



ahead along the track, continuing NE with hedges on either side and through a wooded area.

Continue NE past a wood store on your left with a house on your right. Walk up the drive ahead to the top of the Bath Hills near to an old bungalow. Bear right here along a signposted footpath, heading generally SE along a delightful track through the

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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



SONIA'S CHRISTMAS CAKE - IT CAN'T GO WRONG!

Sonia Shephard



This is a cake that I first made 37 years ago, the first year we were married. I have been making the same recipe since. It doesn't cost too much to make, everything apart from the jar of sweet mincemeat and the dried fruit, would be in the cupboard, and it is impossible to have a disaster, unless of course you were me 37 years ago.

I was so proud of my first Christmas cake, all decorated and looking good. My husband decided to show off the cake to his parents, unluckily it was on a silver plate that we had as a wedding present. Don't ask me why but the plate had a handle like a basket. My husband, as most, is not the most gentle person in the world.

Needless to say the cake turned over on the plate and landed on the floor- good job it's nice with custard!



Ingredients:

3 large eggs, 300g (10oz) plain flour, 250g (8oz) butter- softened, 250g (8oz) dark muscovado sugar, 1 tbsp ground mixed spice, Pinch of salt, 410g jar of mincemeat, 500g (1lb) dried mixed fruit, 4 tbsp Whisky + a little for the cook, or a lot if the Grandchildren are helping!!!! (Pic 1), 2 large tablespoons of Jam or marmalade, 20cm (8in) round or 18cm (7in) square cake tin, lined with baking parchment

Method:



1. Grease and line cake tin – put either newspaper or grease-proof on the outside of the tin and tie with string (this stops the outside getting done before the middle).
2. Put all the ingredients in a bowl together and mix thoroughly. No Faffing!! (Pic 2).
3. Scrape into tin and level, give the tin a bit of a bang on the bottom, will stop any air bubbles.

4. Bake the cake in the centre of the oven for 3-3.5 hours, or until the cake feels firm to the touch and a skewer comes out clean after being inserted into the cake. Gas mark 3 or 160 celsius.



5. This cake is lovely iced with a royal icing rough snowy scene with a trusty snowman decoration or plain with grapes and cheese. (Pic 3).

Good Luck and have a lovely Christmas.



LOST SHEEP CHRISTMAS TRAIL Annika Gearie

The shepherd was getting ready to head to All Saint's Church to help tell the children about the First Christmas when baby Jesus was born, but the sheep have been distracted and wandered off around the village. Please, can you

help us, by telling us where they are hiding so we can make sure they all get returned to the shepherd? Between the 1st and 23rd December, you are invited to go on the Lost Sheep Trail as a family and find the lost sheep. When you go out please always ensure there is an adult with the children. The sheep may be in a window or hiding inside a shop. When you find them you can write its name on the trail leaflet (leaflet available from the church or the church website). If you can help us find all the sheep please return the leaflet by the 23rd December to the Church or The Rectory to be entered into a prize draw. The prizes will be drawn and handed out at the Crib Service 24th December 4 pm at All Saints Church Belton. Everyone is welcome to join us for this family-friendly service. To find out more about the lost sheep trail you can join us at the Christmas Messy Church, which will be held on Wed 4th December at the church from 6 pm, where we share a meal together and enjoy craft time, games and look at the message of Christmas.

A ROGERS CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Rogers Family who organised a Fun day at New Road earlier this year are holding a Christmas event at the 'Pub on The Shrubs' on December 1 (Noon – 4pm). There will be stalls including a tombola, sweets, bath bombs, festive face paints/glitter, giraffe prints, teddies, a raffle and photo opportunities with Santa and his helpers. We are supporting 3 local children, aged 2-14 years, who need our help to raise much needed funds for pioneering cancer treatment and epilepsy monitors.

SANTA AND HIS SLEIGH

The Great Yarmouth Lions Club Santa Sleigh will be touring Belton on Sunday December 8 starting at The Tavern at 4pm. The circular tour of the main village roads will continue until about 6.30pm and will also finish at The Tavern. Please remember that his "Helpers" will be collecting for Lions Charities – Please give generously.





THE VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading? Do you enjoy sharing your thoughts with others who enjoy reading? It doesn't matter whether you are an aspiring critic or an established one. This column in the Village Voice invites book lovers to write about the books that have touched them. From fiction to poetry, biographies to travelogues. We would love to hear your thoughts. No genre is off limits. Please send in your contributions to beltonvveditor@gmail.com



AUSTERITY'S VICTIMS BY NEIL CARPENTER

Reviewed by Bernadette Meaden

There are almost a million adults living with a learning disability in the UK. Neil Carpenter's book, *Austerity's Victims* is a highly readable but disturbing exposition of how they have suffered, and continue to suffer, due to government choices. In a compelling and straightforward way, Carpenter tells the stories of five working age men whom he has befriended in his capacity as a volunteer advocate for Cornwall Advocacy. Frank, Les, Thomas, Mark, and Danny* range in age from late twenties to early sixties, and all have found their quality of life deteriorating due to government decisions since 2010.

The men's stories are much more than the 'case studies' which often accompany a report from a charity or a think tank. Carpenter has clearly developed good and friendly relationships with them, and their lives are revealed in an engaging but respectful and sensitive manner. Their stories are moving, often troubling, and are what make the book such a memorable read. These personal narratives are set in the context of the political policies to which the men have fallen victim. Drastic cuts to local authority budgets have reduced or withdrawn the support they relied on to feel included in society, making their lives narrower and more restricted, and in some cases lonelier.

One of the strengths of the book is the way in which it combines the personal and political. Whilst Carpenter has clearly done his research, references to statistics and documents are restricted to footnotes and don't interrupt the flow of the narrative. There is also an analysis of the men's incomes and expenditure in comparison to the local median, and the Minimum Income Standard set by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. This kind of precise bread and butter detail is almost always lacking in political debate, but is sorely needed. It's very easy for a politician to glibly talk of 'incentivising' people to get a job by cutting their benefits – not so easy when confronted with the pitifully low sums of money on which men like Les and Frank are expected to survive, and the almost complete absence of opportunities for them to get paid employment.

As Carpenter says, "When I began work as a volunteer, one of my strongest impressions as I went to different day centres or visited people at home was how poor almost everyone seemed, as if poverty was an inevitable part of having a learning disability." And yet – almost all the individuals in the book are working to some extent in a voluntary capacity, often showing great commitment and effort. One works at a centre growing salad vegetables. "He is helped by others at various points but he is the pivotal figure in what is produced there – so pivotal that he had to change his day off to Monday because the centre couldn't handle without him the heavy orders that come in on Friday."

Carpenter is clearly shocked by the inhumane way Danny was put through a Work Capability Assessment in 2016. Having slowly learned to sit, crawl, and then walk again after a severe acquired brain injury, Danny now has emphysema and other health problems to add to his difficulties. Danny's mother accompanied him to his assessment but was not allowed to help him when he struggled to answer questions. Danny said if had to go on to Jobseekers Allowance, with the pressure that involves, he'd be "dead in a year – it doesn't matter". When the result came through and he heard that he would lose his ESA, he broke down in tears and asked "Who appointed them? God? Worst thing they've ever had is a broken finger-nail." After a Mandatory Reconsideration, Danny's ESA was restored, but the experience was distressing and demanding for both

him and his family – and as Carpenter says, the whole process for someone in Danny's position was 'insensitive and illogical'.

The overwhelming impression one is left with after reading this book is just how terribly precarious the lives of people with a learning disability have become. An administrative hiccup, another council cut, or a callous decision by the DWP can plunge their lives into poverty and chaos, leaving them dependent on foodbanks and the kindness of neighbours to avoid starvation. The tone of the book is admirably reasonable and restrained, but towards the end Carpenter, clearly angered by what is happening to men like Frank and Danny, expresses his feelings. He quotes the government's Work and Health Green Paper, with its formulaic reassurances about support for people to get into work and a safety net for those who need it. "Such pronouncements would sit nicely among the 'alternative facts' of the Trump administration. Who, however, would you rather believe...the bland, seemingly soothing words of the DWP or the evidence of this book which reveals a supposed 'safety net' with gaping holes, some of them cut deliberately?" He writes about Theresa May's proclaimed commitment to 'fairness' and concludes, "the apparent commitment bears no relation to reality, to the impact that austerity has had on people like Alan and Danny. As long as it continues, for anyone with a learning disability such fairness is a lie."

Sadly, a postscript reflects how, relentlessly, austerity is continuing. Since Carpenter finished the book, funding for a scheme that enabled Thomas to go surfing was withdrawn, Cornwall Advocacy was on the brink of closure, and the roll out of PIP was causing extensive damage. Frank was not transferred to PIP from DLA, so his weekly income was cut to £115.10. Carpenter concludes, "With many cuts still to come it seems inevitable that by the time you are reading this, life for people with a learning disability will have deteriorated even further." This book is yet more evidence that austerity has been a shameful attack on those least fortunate and least able to defend themselves. One would like to think that at some stage in the future these inhumane policies will be reversed, and the politicians who devised and supported them will be held to account. This book would certainly provide compelling evidence for the prosecution.

Austerity's Victims: Adults with a Learning Disability Kindle Edition
by Neil Carpenter (Author)

(Available on kindle from £0.99 and on paperback from £6.57. This review is also published on Bernadette Meaden's blog).

Belton Community Choir

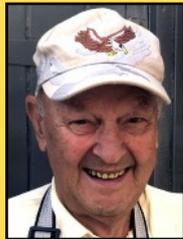


The new community choir that was formed earlier this year are going to give their first concert on Friday 20th December in All Saints Church, Belton. This will be a great Christmas event in a wonderful setting. They will be joined by our other local musical group "The Cat's Pyjamas" who will be performing Christmas

numbers.

The event is free and starts at 7.30 pm. Please give them your support and make this evening a great start to your Christmas.

Thanks to Rosie for allowing the church to be used for this event.



THE MALCOLM METCALF COLUMN



Malcolm Metcalf is the past president of the Great Yarmouth Naturalists Society. His Nature Notes is one of the Village Voice's longest standing and best loved columns. He can be contacted on 01493 661138.

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MALCOLM'S NATURE NOTES

At the bus stop near my home is a large hedge, mainly consisting of



Ivy (*Hedera helix*). It always has something of interest for me to observe while waiting for a bus, including Ladybirds, Butterflies, Moths, Spiders, Wasps, Blue-bottles, Green-bottles, Hoverflies, Hornets, and Bees of which in October, there were dozens of

Ivy Bees, (*Colletes hederae*). These feed only on the nectar of Ivy flowers. These flower clusters provide the last great nectar feast of the year for insects. One of our most familiar and distinctive of our native plants, it is not to be confused with Ground Ivy (*Glechoma hederata*) which is a common member of the Thyme family.

Best known as a climber, Ivy is able to reach high up in trees, cliffs or walls and one of the few native climbing plants to reach any great size, up to 100 ft. (30 m) Ivy is not a tree parasite as many people think, for it is rooted in the earth, feeding at a different level from the host tree, clinging adhesively by discs on climbing roots, fringed at intervals along the stems. It can live in dense shade, but to produce flowers it needs plenty of light. The flower buds begin to be noticeable at midsummer onwards, grey-green in colour, they grow slowly and do not begin to open into umbels of flowers until September. During January and February the ribbed fruits are black. They are conspicuous against the green leaves and huge numbers are eaten by Wood Pigeons, Blackbirds, Mistle Thrushes, Robins, and winter residents like Redwings. Most people tend to regard Ivy berries as poisonous, but unpalatable is a better description. Caterpillars of the Holly Blue butterfly feed on Ivy and Brimstone Butterflies hibernate in its dense foliage. Although our family always had Holly and Mistletoe in the house at Christmas time, we never had Ivy.

On a lovely sunny morning in late October Chis Dowsett invited me to his delightful "Leonies Wood" in Burgh Castle. On its northern boundary Chris had erected a seat, which overlooks the huge expanse of marshland, with stunning views to Yarmouth in the distance. On one marsh we observed two Little Egrets, of which several will be nesting in the trees of his wood next year. In fact, Little Egrets first nested there in 2002. Also nesting will be a large colony of Herons. His wood is probably the largest and most Easterly Heronry site in Norfolk. On top of this there will be around 100 Rooks nesting. During our walk Chris pointed out several places where hundreds of spring bulbs had been planted including Daffodils, Snowdrops, and Ramson's.

We observed several species of fungi including a group of six Parasol Mushrooms. (*Macrolepiota procera*). Although I have never eaten this species, they are said to be excellent to eat. Last autumn was one of the best times in years to find many types of fungi, although due to many commitments I didn't find enough time to search for them. Fruit bodies arise from the vegetative part of

fungi, which exists as fine thread-like cells called Hyphae, these grow into the food source of the fungus, which may be a rotting tree stump, or decaying organic matter in the soil, usually the only visible evidence of their existence is the fruit body



, the spore bearing structure, also known as the sporocarp. Many species take advantage of air currents to disperse the spores. The Dead Mans Fingers, (*Xyaria polymorpha*) fires its spores into the air. Among poisonous mushrooms are The Devils Bolete, Panther Cap, Woolly Milk-Cap, The Sickener, Destroying Angel and Fly Agaric. The Death Cap (*Amanita phalloides*) is the most deadly fungus known to man and despite years of research into its tox-

ins, no antidote exists, death resulting within in 8 days. I enjoy eating mushrooms, but only those bought from a shop.

I would like to thank the readers of my column who have sent me their observations during the past year. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

YOUNG AT HEART

There's such a lot going on in Young at Heart despite the weather pulling away from the mellow fruitfulness of a beautiful autumn and heading to bleak mid-winter. The lights and heating are on, the conversation is lively and we are looking ahead to Christmas.

We have had a lovely meal of fish and chips together and very soon Margaret will be coming round to ask us to choose what delicacies we want for our Christmas Dinner at the Pier Hotel in Gorleston. I always go for the regular roast turkey with all the trimmings but there's always a fish dish and a veggie option. It's just nice to sit together and enjoy silver service.

One of our number went to Canada to visit her daughter and her family. She gave us a lively talk on her experiences over there accompanied by slides. It was very interesting the way she shared this slice of life and we all came away feeling we knew a lot more about Canada.

We are going to see Oliver at the Pavilion Theatre in Gorleston. I personally will enjoy that more than a pantomime. ("Oh no you won't!"... "Oh yes I will!") I am looking forward to singing all those well known songs and maybe having an ice cream in the intermission.

If you think you would like to be part of our merry band then come along on a Tuesday to All Saints in Belton. We start at 10am and finish at noon but if you only want to come for an hour or so - well that's fine, we will be pleased to see you. If you have any questions please phone either Sue on 01493 782443 or Margaret on 01493 780126.



DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Elizabeth Myhill

Here are the three best new varieties voted by 3,500 Trade and Consumer visitors to the Summer Trial Grounds in Oxfordshire 2019. Visitors to the Grounds in July and August of this year were invited to place a 'Blue Flag' in their favourite plant pot and the results were announced in November. Here are the results!

First: Petunia 'GlacierSky (P)' Voted as favourite variety!



"This most unique, stand-out flower 'wows' gardeners with its constellation of stars edged with an 'ice' effect margin... a great new twist on a garden favourite!"

GlacierSky has large violet flowers with a distinct 'ice effect' edging, decorated by white speckles. The uniqueness of the variety is also revealed in the high weather resistance, semi-trailing and strong branching habit, which in combination with a stable colour pattern and a great shelf life makes this a real 'standout' variety. GlacierSky loves a sunny location on the patios or balcony in containers, baskets and window boxes.

Second: Lavender Blue Spear

The showiest English Lavender you can grow. Blue Spear shows off bigger, taller spikes than any other seed Lavender. Upright flower stems stand close to each other, creating huge impact from a distance. Very easy to grow, with high uniformity, good habit and earliest. Height 28-33cm.

Third: Geranium Marcada Pink with Purple Eye (ivy leaved)

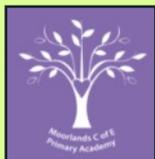
A high impact, single flowered interspecific geranium that flowers throughout the season. Earlier to flower than other varieties. Compact semi-trailing habit. High weather resistance and self-cleaning. Height and Spread 35-40 cm. Other colours include Dark Red (RHS Award of Garden Merit) and White. All varieties available in garden centres in 2020.



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.





MOORLANDS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

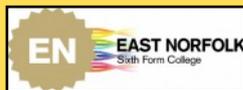
Pupils of Moorlands took part in a poignant Service of Remembrance on Friday 8th November. The service took part at All Saints, Belton and was conducted by Rosie and her team. The children had written their own prayers of remembrance and also made wreaths and their own versions of World War 2 propaganda posters.



One of the Year 5 children wrote in their prayer:
*"Dear God,
 Thank you for Remembrance Day,
 A day to have and never to forget,
 Let God and everyone here*

*together
 Commemorate today the people who sacrificed their lives for ours.
 If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be here wearing our poppies today in the Church.
 So, let's just take a moment to think about what happened and look to the future.
 So, thank you for Remembrance Day.
 Let God forgive us for the mistakes we have made in the past,
 Amen*

Laura Burrell, head of Key Stage 1 said, "It was a lovely service. The children sang really well and their prayers were extremely heartfelt."



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE STEM PROFESSIONALS

East Norfolk's innovative approach to encouraging young women into STEM subjects is reaping rewards as the College outperforms the National average statistics. Nationally, there remains a shortage of women choosing post-16 pathways in the STEM subjects, but the data for East Norfolk clearly shows that the College is bucking that trend. For Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry, the number of female students is well above the national average. Not only are more girls choosing to take the STEM subjects, but they are achieving great results too.



Former EN student Maisie Wright (photo), achieved A stars in Maths, Further Maths, Physics & Chemistry in August 2019 and is now studying Natural Sciences at Cambridge. She says; "I chose to study STEM subjects because I'd enjoyed them the most in high

school and was keen to learn more about how the world around me functioned. My experience of studying at EN was amazing, and I can confidently say I would not be studying at Cambridge without the support and encouragement from my teachers in terms of the application process and achieving the results I did. There is definitely a place in STEM based careers for women; I strongly encourage anyone with an interest to study them, regardless of the stereotypes they're associated with." If you've been inspired by this and to find out more about the widest range of STEM subjects outside of Cambridge, visit www.eastnorfolk.ac.uk or contact the Admissions Team on

01493 662234.



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

With Christmas season just around the corner, students at Ormiston Venture Academy have been exploring ways to build on 2018's successful Shoebox Appeal. Following the launch of this year's Shoebox Appeal in assemblies, form groups and their Tutors have been busily packing items ready to provide some Christmas cheer for less fortunate young people in Eastern Europe, Africa and as far away as Haiti.



The Samaritans 'Operation Christmas Child' is where shoe boxes full of gifts are created and then delivered to countries with children living in poverty as a Christmas present. Over 30 shoeboxes have again been completed jointly by the four colleges and will be delivered to the local drop off point in Great Yarmouth. Students were delighted to be involved in something so interesting that will bring so much joy to so many young people in parts of the world they may never visit.



LOTHINGLAND CLT

The Community Land trust is now in talks with various organisations with regards to possible developments in the villages. We need this input so that we can put together a realistic business plan to apply for funding. These are now the final stages before we produce the development plans detailing the makeup of the development. The trust's aims have always been to build high quality, Eco enriched properties that are low rent and economically low cost to maintain. This may mean that initially the build cost might be higher than a conventional dwelling, but we believe in taking a long-term view with regards to sustainability and increasing energy costs is the right approach. Climate change for whatever reasons, is a reality and we must try as much as we can to future proof our developments.

Adrian Myers Chair LCLT

SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS

Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton (sorry not other local villages) on Saturdays December 7th (note early date) and January 11th . Papers should be put outside properties by 8.45am to ensure collection, please do not make bundles too large as some of our younger members who help are on the small size!.

Glossy magazines, leaflets, greetings cards and old telephone directories can all be included with the papers. 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. Please note that the full list of dates for 2020 can be found elsewhere in this edition of 'Village Voice'

EVENTS AT THE NEW ROAD SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE



**CENTRE POST CODE
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Bookings
Tel Kate (01493 602960)
or Peter (01493 780703)



BELTON ACTIVITY MORNING MEMBERS & FRIENDS

It was great to see so many of you at the Coffee - Catch up on Monday 28th October. Thank you to the ladies which helped with the tea and biscuits. It felt like everyone was pleased to see one another and like old friends had come together after time apart which created that lovely warm feeling. The voluntary donations of £2.00 helped to raise

£53.00 after costs. Sallyann decided to do the same at the end of season coffee event and to add to the funds together for James Paget hospital, ICU and Ward 17.

The Seated Exercise started on Monday 4th November at 9.30 am for 6 weeks and was a gentle class to help ease Sallyann back to work and for her to assess everyone else too. The classes will continue to run until **Monday 9th December 2019**, which will be the last exercise session of the year.

Monday 16th December will be our seasonal end of year meeting for 2019. Time to come will be 10 am and donation of £2.00 as before. Some festive food donations would help make it more special. See Sallyann over the coming weeks.

Reopening after Christmas & New year 2020.

Monday 6th January at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre starting at 9.30 am through to **Monday 10th February 2020**. £3.00 per 45-minute class. Refreshment's free. These sessions of Movement and Exercising your whole body will help to improve and maintain mobility and flexibly. Body strength is super important to everyday living and exercises can be done with body weight or resistance bands.

Finally, what a year it has been. We may have lost our nearest & dearest, we may have had to endure some life changing events, we may have experienced the joy that lifts our hearts, we may know someone who is just starting a journey planned or not planned. Please on our daily journey be thankful for what you have, get out daily if you can feel the sun or the fresh air on your skin. Arrange to meet or have someone come for coffee. Share your joys or worries with someone you. The old sayings 'a problem shared is a problem halved and a joy shared is a joy doubled' is true even in this day and aged. Sallyann is thankful for all the love and support she has received from every one of you. She wishes you all the very best that life brings you every day every hour every minute & second. Love to you all over the festive break. See you in 2020. If your reading this and would like to join us for a class and not sure it's for you, come along for coffee and have a chat. Sallyann is a Level 4 fitness instructor with Specialist Qualifications for Exercise Referral, Cancer Rehabilitation and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

MUSICAL MOVERS

Musical Movers is a music and movement class for youngsters aged from 0 to 5 years at the Belton New Road Sports Centre on Friday mornings in term time (9.30-10.30am). Fun interactive music, singing and development sessions for babies and pre-school children. £5. (£1.50 for additional siblings over 4m) For more information please call 07974 173216. The last Musical Movers session this year will be on Friday 13th December. Commencing again on Friday 10th January 2020. Wishing you all a Merry Musical Christmas.

GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP.



Great Yarmouth Stroke Group had a busy month With the Lowestoft Longshore Fisherman Singers entertaining the group at one meeting. Our lovely Rosie the jewellery lady came and gave a quiz on that subject, members could buy jewellery and Rosie was able to give advice and price on members' own items. A visit from the great Elvis gave an excellent performance with members singing and dancing and we had a surprise afternoon tea party for Margaret Hilton and six friends. Our birthdays this month are for Sid, Sam and Maisie. We meet at the New Road Sports Centre, Belton on Thursdays (2pm), for information contact organiser Sue on 01493 781846.

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 £3 per session, Jolly Babies £2, it is £1 per sibling. Contact Shelley 07767389789, we you can join us. we close for Christmas on Wednesday 18th December and re open on Wednesday 8th January.



'PILATES' Beginners/ Intermediate Monday 6pm and 7.05pm Classes

The Classes at Belton's New Road Sport & Leisure Centre focus on warming your Joints and getting you strong and flexible for the rest of the week ahead. This includes Traditional Pilates methods, using different pieces of equipment to help Stabilise and Mobilise the Body. Engaging the Mind and Body, making you connect and feel relaxed. also Helping with Back pain/Hips/Shoulders/Stress and much more. Classes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels. for Men and Women. Drop in sessions are available.. please call to make sure there is space available first. The last classes will be Monday 9th December (Christmas Break). The New Block will commence Monday 6th January 2020. To my Customers..... I'd like to wish you all 'A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year'. For more information or to book please call Hayley Allen on 07767 864568 or email hayley@hayleyallpilates.co.uk

CAMERA CLUB

The last meeting of the Belton Camera Club was on the 8th of November and with the cold and wet weather truly upon us, we elected to stay inside in the warm and dry. This gave Rob the opportunity to give a practical demonstration regarding the use of flash lighting when undertaking photography. Rob showed how just one flash, on camera and off camera, could illuminate a person beautifully and softly avoiding the stark and harsh appearance that can often be associated with flash photography. These lighting techniques can also be applied for other things including still life. Having seen the effects demonstrated, the members were then able to try the lighting for themselves and experience first hand what a difference something like a simple reflector can make.



Image of the month by Frank Kinch

After a break and time for a bit of photo processing we went on to look at the 'Photo of the month' entries. This proved almost

overwhelming with far more entries than usual, which took up the rest of the evening to view and critique. Well done to Frank Kinch for the winning image. Also Janice Warford's image received a commendation.

A great bit of news I would like to share is that on Saturday, the club received a grant from the Village Voice for £250 to enable us to purchase props and also look to get a guest speaker to the club!



Many thanks to the Village voice for their generosity toward local clubs - we are extremely grateful!

Looking towards December's meeting, the theme for photo of the month is 'People' - so be creative, Think portraits, candid shots, groups of people or something even more abstract! Additionally, Wayne's 12 Days of Christmas challenge is due - so if you have an entry bring that along too, a photo of something to replace the traditional 12 sets of items.

It was lovely to see more new members joining us and getting stuck in - welcome to you! Which brings me nicely to say that anyone who fancies coming along to join us, to get a bit 'hands on' with your cameras and learn how to better use them, then come along as you will be more than welcome! The next meeting will be on December the 6th December, as usual at the New Road Sports and Leisure Centre, Belton, NR31 9JW, £2 on the door with refreshments available. The theme for the evening will be food photography. As well as a laptop (if you have one for editing), please bring along your cameras, tripods and maybe even a flash if you want. Find us on Facebook, search "Belton Camera Club 2.0" or email admin@beltoncameraclub.co.uk

BELTON JUDO CLUB



The last couple of months have been very successful for the Belton Judo club which can now boast of having a Commonwealth Champion and two Area Champions among their membership! Great effort

from everyone at the Eastern Area Championships recently. Holly took gold and is now making it a habit, but to be Eastern Area Champion for the first time is quite nice. Ryan won the -38kg easy so was allowed to compete in the group above which he won comfortably as well. This means Ryan has been Area Champion unbeaten for the last six years in his own weight group. Rubin, Stefan and Ruben all had very tough groups but managed to win well deserved bronzes. Oliver didn't manage to medal this time, but gave it his best. All great experience though win or lose. Big well done to him and Stefan especially as it was their first competitions which is tough for everyone.

It has to be emphasised that at our Judo club, no pressure is put onto anyone to compete or grade and if all you want to do is come along to training and have fun and make new friends, that's fine with us but if you want to reach the highest level that you can in the sport, our coaches will help you every step of the way. We have all standards at our club from British and Commonwealth Champions and medallists to complete novices and all standards and ages between 4 and 73. Our annual two-week Christmas break will be as follows, the last session before Christmas at various venues will be on Friday 20th December 2019 and the first session in the New Year will be Monday 6th January 2020.

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.

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 or contact him via Facebook. Other venues/days are available if Tuesday or Wednesday is not convenient, all session times and venues can be found on our website, www.fightingfitjudo.co.uk

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ANOTHER GOOD MONTH AT BELTON F.C.

It's been another decent autumn month at Belton Fc. With two big cup games and an important 2nd vs 3rd fixture in the league the first team really did have a chance to set up a good Christmas for Belton. Unfortunately a defeat again this year in the second round of the Norfolk Junior Cup means we have the league and league cup to concentrate on.



The following weekend it was 2nd placed Costessey sports vs Belton who at the time sat third in the league 5 points behind league leaders. With a 4-2 Victory Belton look strong contenders for promotion again this season. With important games coming thick and fast hopefully the squad can pull together and aim for a place in Division three next season. The final game for the first team was a last 16 tie in the C.S Morley league cup, Facing Div 5 North opponents Wells Town Res at home who had a man sent off after half an hour resulting in Belton running away with a 8-1 victory and a place in the quarter

finals. A game with a couple of fantastic achievements by players, Firstly Long standing player Ian Holmes made his 200th appearance for the club the first player to ever do so and a major achievement. His loyalty and commitment to Belton Fc is thanked and very much appreciated we've had many highs and a fair amount of lows but Ian has stuck by Belton and that's something the club wanted to acknowledge. we presented him with a special award (see photograph) for this outstanding achievement. secondly came the long awaited return of Belton first team manager Luke Miller back on the pitch. With a free kick being awarded to Belton, Luke substituted himself on and bent the ball into the left hand side, a great goal to cap a return from a very bad injury obtained playing in goal 4 years ago for Windmill Fc on a Sunday. Our reserves had 4 games in the past month with 3 league ties and a second round county cup tie against Hockering Reserves. With the lads going 2-0 down early on they fought back to 2-2 to take the game to extra time. 2 more goals for Belton meant the lads had a thoroughly enjoyable minibus journey home and a place in the third round. 1 win and 2 narrow defeats in the league leave the team sitting 3rd in the Great Yarmouth borough league with the club hoping to finish in the top four places and apply for entry in the Anglian Combination.

Other important events to happen this month at the club, Firstly a massive thanks has to go to the Village Voice and Probe Oil tools for their continued sponsorship of the club, The Village Voice have given us a grant of £250 towards the hopeful installation of a fixtures board at the entrance to New Road. Probe Oil Tools continue to be the main sponsor of the football club, we await news of our planning application for a small container located down near our pitch at the back end of New Road. We then plan on using the sponsorship money from Probe to start to look at installing a post and rail fence to border the far side of the pitch.



The successful application to the Woodland Trust meant the club is currently planting 420 saplings along the back fence in the hope that in years to come we will have a nice hedge to provide wind cover for the pitch. Further work is ongoing and in the coming months we will start looking at ways to improve the playing surface ahead of next season.

Nathan Brown, Club Secretary.

BEEBOPS SENSORY MUSIC & DANCE SESSIONS

The Beebops groups for families and babies at the New Road Centre run two sessions meeting on Tuesday mornings, they are holding a Family Time class at 10am and Babees class at 11am, admission will be £4.00 for either class but a trial offer is available of 3 classes for just £10. Family time is suitable for ages 0-5 and the Babees class from birth to walking. We break up for the Xmas holidays after our last class on the December 10th and we are back on January 7th. For further information and booking visit the web site www.beebopsLtd.co.uk. Or e-mail enquiries@beebops.co.uk or call 07934 276167

From 1st October there will be a new service for 0-5 year olds and their families in Norfolk

Norfolk's Early Childhood and Family Service is for all parents and carers with children aged 0-5 years. How and where you get support will depend on what you need.

Everyone will be able to:

- Chat on the phone or online from 1st October.
- Visit the local library to get information, weigh their baby or join in with Bounce and Rhyme sessions.

If you want help meeting other parents, or need someone to talk to:

- Come to a drop-in event at a community venue – this could be a library, community centre or café.
- Our team will attend community groups regularly, so you can come and chat.
- We can also help you to set up your own local groups and activities.
- We can give you a list of all the events and activities happening locally like baby massage, toddler groups and play sessions.

If you need extra help:

- We will offer support to you and your family through drop-ins and groups.
- We will also support you in your own home, or where you feel comfortable.
- We can put you in touch with other people who can help.

For more information:
 Tel: 0344 800 8020
 Email: ECFS-Families@actionforchildren.org.uk
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BELTON SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS 2020

Belton Scout Group will be collecting newspaper, old phone directories, magazines, leaflets, thin card (incl. Greeting cards) in Belton on the these Saturdays in 2020
Please leave outside your property by 8.45am.

11th January	8th February	14th March
4th April	2nd May	13th June
11th July	1st August	12th September
10th October	7th November	5th December

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We've been overwhelmed with the support we've received so far and are looking forward to giving back to the community. For any questions or queries please contact info@binkyscafe.co.uk.

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WEEKLY AT THE JGI

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

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

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

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

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

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.

SLIMMING WORLD - Meet Thursdays 10am

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

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

BELTON COMMUNITY CHOIR- Every Friday (7.15-8.30pm) New members welcome Call 01493 780060. (NOT JGI Quiz weeks)

BLG

BELTON LADIES GROUP

At the November open meeting members and guests listened to a talk by Mr M Wabe on Foul Murders of East Anglia. Told dramatically and with graphic detail the gruesome details were both captivating and spine chilling! On Wednesday 13th November members had a tour of Gorleston Pavilion:

The committee meets at 7.00p.m. Monday 2nd December at 35 Station Road South. On Sunday 8th December we visit to Snape Maltings for the Christmas Spectacular: The coach will leave the Kings Head promptly at 10.00a.m. Picking up 10.05a.m. at The Tavern. 10.10a.m. at Nursery Corner. **Please don't be late as we have a tight schedule.**

The Christmas Meeting is on Tuesday 10th December J.G.I. When we will be entertained by our local group Cats Pyjamas with Christmas music and carols together with a Christmas Quiz, food, drink white wine or juice. Please bring a glass.

Wishing Everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Liz Myhill. (Chair)

BELTON NEEDLECRAFTERS



We would like to say 'Thank you' to the Village Voice for a £200 grant to the Belton Needlecrafters Group. Part will go towards

paying for the hire of the JGI where we meet on a Thursday evenings from 7 - 9. New members always welcome and your first night is free. Yarn, needles etc can be provided and if you'd like to learn a new skill one our members will be sure to help! The remainder of the grant will be going towards buying yarn etc., for the various charity organisations we help, one being the Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers group who meet at St. George's Theatre, Great Yarmouth on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to 12 noon. All are welcome for a drink and cake!!

We will be going out for our Christmas meal at the Imperial Hotel, Great Yarmouth on Thursday 19th December and will also be closed on Thursday 26th December. We hope to see you all again on Thursday 2nd January 2020!

YOGA AT THE JGI

We meet every Monday 10.15 why not come and join our friendly JGI YOGA group for men and women. We use gentle stretching exercises to help you keep supple and also helps balance which is important for our mature years. Yoga has many health benefits. Our Class is run by Maisie our yoga teacher who is in her late 80s and an inspiration and occasionally when Maisie doesn't attend we carry on with easy to follow CD's. Our last session before the Christmas Break will be 9th December and recommence 6th January. Each session is £2.50 for the hour, no booking required. Bring along a yoga mat and wear loose fitting clothing. If you require any further details contact Julie on 01493 780121. A very Happy and healthy Christ-

mas to you all and look forward to seeing you in 2020.

JGI QUIZ NIGHTS

The next village quiz nights at the JGI is Friday December 13th commencing 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.

BINGO

Bingo sessions are held at the JGI every Monday evening at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm), the Christmas Bingo will be held on Monday December 16th and that will be the last session for the year, we resume on Monday January 6th 2020 when we look forward to seeing old and new faces.

MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

DIAL now offers free, impartial, confidential Money and Debt advice and guidance, from the John Green Institute. The sessions take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 10.30am until 12.30 with the next dates being December 11th and January 8th. Please feel free to call in and chat with our advisor Stephen who will be able to help and support you with concerns you may have regarding your finances. If you would like more information about the services DIAL has to offer please call 01493856900.

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There are Line Dancing sessions at the JGI, Belton, every Friday 10.30am - Noon, its £5.00 per session, NO partner is needed but please bring a drink with you. Our last session this year will be on December 13th and we will resume on Friday January 10th 2020. For more information contact Jane 07788 408801, We hope to see everyone there and would like to wish you all a happy Christmas & New Year.

Jane & Tony (J T's Line Dance Club).

JGI TRUSTEES

The Trustees held their AGM after the November coffee morning when all agreed to continue for another year. Two people volunteered their help for the coming year and if all goes well they will become full trustees after about three months. All other activities at the JGI were agreed and thanks were expressed to both Alan and Becky for their efforts throughout the past year. All finances were approved. Concerned was raised about parking nearby the JGI and it was agreed that a letter to all hall user groups would be sent out clarifying the situation. A suggestion for some Saturday mornings in the New Year to play host to a "Health Forum" was considered positive and will be discussed further. Contact any Trustee for further information.

JGI COFFEE MORNING

The November morning was very busy with a packed hall for the Village Voice presenting their grants to 17 local clubs and groups. Wendy French presented the cheques to all groups and clubs receiving grants.

The Needlecraft group had a stall and sales table of the items they had made and was appreciated by all. The raffle by the Youth group made £150.

Thanks to all who attended and we hope this attendance will be maintained over the coming months. Now is the time for groups and clubs to put forward the month they would like to have the Saturday morning raffle. There is a notice on the JGI notice board to fill in. First come, first get.

DROP IN ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING

This morning continues to provide a great entertaining morning with plenty of chat and exchange of information by all present. Come along and find out more and meet new friends, you will always be made welcome. Call Sue on 780822 for more information

HISTORY SOCIETY

Following the loss of Kenny as events secretary, due to ill health, and the lack of a general secretary the History Society is in deep trouble and faces the possibility of having to finish as a great society in Belton. If you have a little bit of spare time and could fill these two post please contact Ian Walker either by email or telephone. ianwalker22@googlemail.com or 07887 640385. After the November monthly meeting another committee will be held to take a final decision on the future of the Society.

POT HOLES

I am sure many residents have noticed many pot holes appearing in our roads around the village and I ask you to report them using the NCC web site. It is easy to follow and you will get an acknowledgement back with a reference number that you can follow up. This has proved effective with some of the major holes in Station Road being repaired already. The more reports NCC receive the more likely we are to get them repaired.

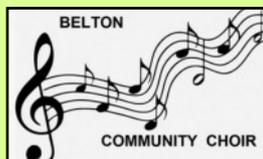
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Final open art studio date for 2019, Sunday 8th December 2019 from noon to 6pm. NR31 9HJ. You are warmly invited to join me for a cuppa and a look around my studio. Free entry. Great value original art for sale, or just come for a chat. Contact@deniseallen.co.uk

FRITTON BINGO

All are welcome to our monthly Bingo at Fritton Village Hall, the Christmas session will be held on Friday December 20th (Eyes down 7.30pm). Just 50p per card excellent prizes to be won.



CHOIR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The Belton Community Choir and the JGI are pleased to invite everyone along to a Christmas performance of songs and more at Belton church on Friday December the 20th. The doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start, it's free and refreshments will be available.

We are currently expanding our repertoire weekly and you'll be invited to join in on some of your favourite carols.

We are still looking to grow our ranks if your uncertain whether you can sing don't be we're all in it together. The feel good factor and a buzz on accomplishment of a new song puts you on a high that lasts until we meet again. We especially need gentleman, - it's only for an hour and a half on Friday evenings 7 till 8.30. Talk to me on 780586 if you are interested

Mick Graystone

BELTON IN BLOOM 2020

An inaugural meeting for the village to enter the Britain in Bloom will be held on Sunday 8th of December at the sports room of the New Road Centre at 10.30am, we can then recognise all who's interested in forming a group to help plan and carry out organising of this competition and maintaining the areas chosen to highlight our hard work. Borough Councillor Tracie Cameron is taking the lead on this one, and I'm her no 2, so please have a think about what we, you, can do and want to see in the village.

The idea at the moment is forward planning as time will soon overtake us, and planting and cultivation need early action, so if you liked the bikes of last year etc then please get on board, let's count numbers and go forward and improve our village and win as we did many years ago, Filby has had the crown long enough! I'll push the arrangements on social media closer to the time so everyone is aware.

M Graystone.

BELTON CHRISTMAS TREE & CHILDRENS PARTY

I am happy to say it's our third year that we'll be dressing and turning on the lights of the Belton Christmas tree by the hairdressers at the shopping precinct. It will be the usual format a few words then over to the Rev. Rosie Bunn but this year, weather permitting, the new Community Choir will take us in to a few carols and Christmas songs for everyone to join in.

This year it'll be on the Tuesday 3rd December and gather at 6 pm, prior to this the Christmas children's party which will have been going on since 4.30 in the church with Robs disco and games by the vicar will join us, again we will invite the children to hang some of their own baubles on the tree as before. To any parents wishing to take their children to the party there's no tickets and no restriction on numbers, so mums dads and granny are welcome. However we dearly need to know numbers for goody bags and food, so please tell Jeanette, Anna, or myself if you wish to come.

Mick Graystone (Event 'Us')

St. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 7th December we will be holding our Christmas Craft & Coffee Morning. Doors open at 10am. and we do hope you will be able to join us and take advantage of the various craft stalls to help you with your Christmas shopping. As usual, there will be an assortment of cakes / tray bakes, sausage rolls, scones, etc. to go with your coffee and tea. Try your hand at our Tombola - there are lots of opportunities to win a prize. All profits from this event will go towards the ongoing refurbishment of the Village Hall. Last but by no means least, we would like to thank all those who came along and supported our Halloween Quiz & Chilli Evening on November 1st. It was great fun and we made a profit of just over £420 before expenses.

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All Saints Belton and St Peter & St Paul Church, Burgh Castle

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Pair of Vitalite short mat woods size '2full' / As new, including carrying case £15. Tel. 01493 603860

Samsung 22" Smart TV white VGC. Little used £100 Tel. 01493 781071

Child's pink Disney Princess dressing table with stool. Good cond. £10 Tel. 07815 439297

2 radiator shelves 1500mm & 1200mm £10 the pair Tel 01493 782192

Self propelled Wheelchair, new - still packed. £10 (Buyer collects) Tel. 01493 488518

Table top Bagatelle £10 ONO Tel. 01493 662323

G-Tech cordless vacuum cleaner. Cost £170. As new / little used full set of tools £70 (Buyer collects) Tel 01493 781506 after 6pm

Nintendo Wii console with 2 hand sets & charger, also Wii Fit Plus board. All connectors plus Wii to DMI adaptor for TV or monitor. All boxed, as new £65. Tel 07960039455 or cam938@btinternet.com

Table top Fridge £20, New Bread maker £5. Tel 07960 913116

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

Draper 1.5 tonne scissor car jack (new- unwanted gift) £15 Tel. 01493 789049

Pressure washer £30 Tel 07960 913116

Electric Mountfield mower 12"cut. Good working order £20 Tel. 01493 780965

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

Childs pushchair, good cond. £8 Tel. 01493 789049

Childs toy Fort £5 ONO Tel. 01493 662323

Horse riders hard hat New unwanted gift 7 1/8 - 7 1/2 (58-59cm) £5 Tel. 01493 780471

5ft. Multicoloured fibre optic green Christmas tree. Hardly used. £20 Tel 01493 781094

100 CD/DVD Aluminium silver carry case with sleeves & keys. Hardly used. £12 Tel 01493 781094

Solid rolltop desk in need of repair, pine panelled doors - been stripped. Cheap to clear. Tel. 07742 634784

Golf Balls. New/boxed. 1 box 'DT Solo Even longer distance', 2 boxes 'Srixon soft feel' (Pure white). Each box = 12 balls. £8 per box. Tel 01493 781909

Tornado 300 CD/DVD Aluminium silver carry case with sleeves & keys. Hardly used. £25 Tel 01493 781094

Beurer 1L50 infrared lamp 30w - as new - £20. Tel 01493 781781

Aqua One 620 Aquarium tank & cabinet 24" x 14.5" x 48.5". Black, with air pump £50 Buyer collects Tel. 01493 488345

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY NOON ON THE 10th DECEMBER IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ITEM REMOVED

LEXI SPALL YOGA

MIND BODY SPIRIT

As we swiftly move into autumn our bodies may seem a little tired from a whirlwind of summer activities, so a gentle YOGA practice and relaxation may be just what your body is craving in order to feel that bit more grounded and focused. We have such a friendly welcoming group at Belton New Road Sports Centre on a THURSDAY morning at 9:30am. Mixed and Beginners are most definitely welcome. Please call 07841985767 or lexispallyoga@hotmail.com for more information.



BELTON BOWMEN

We are now meeting on Monday evenings at Moorland C of E Primary Academy, Belton, our new Winter home. We currently have spaces in our family session when children and other family members can shoot together, adult members are also welcome. Our session details are Child/family club 6pm - 7pm (£3.50 per session), Adult club sessions, 7pm-9pm (£6.00 per session). A warm welcome for new and existing members of all ages and abilities. For more information Tel: Duncan 01493 780418 or just turn up on the

night. We hold our last session this year on December 16th and return on Monday January 6th 2020.

Duncan Wyer.

GORLESTON COMMUNITY CINEMA

Gorleston Library - Thursdays
Our last showing of 2019 is on December 5th. and for the second time this year the British Film Institute wants us to make a special effort. Under the heading BFI Musical Blockbusters to make the event special they will provide two lady singers who will provide a live introduction to a showing of the 1930's Original Film "42nd. Street". The usual times are applicable. Doors open at 2.00pm and the live singing

introduction will start at 2.30. Tickets on this occasion are £5.00/Under 18 £4.00. Anything you can do to tell people about this surprising opportunity to see this Classic Film. Which is unlikely to be available again, in the district and on a big screen, in the near future. www.facebook.com/GorlestonCommunityCinema

FRITTON CHURCH

There are two special services over the Christmas period, on Thursday December 12th there is Carols by Candlelight at 7.00pm, and on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 8.00pm a service of Christmas Holy Communion.

GUIDE TO EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

UP 4 Fitness Exercise - (9.30am) New Road Sport Centre -- 45 min. Sessions

resume on Nov. 4th Tel 07599044806

YOGA - (10.15am) JGI 01493 780121

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

Bingo Night (7.30pm) JGI All welcome

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

Belton Bowmen - for Winter - Moorlands Primary Academy - Juniors/family (6-7pm) £3.50, Adults (7-9pm) £6 01493 780418.

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

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) Moorlands Primary Academy Tel 07484 806384

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

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

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

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

3rd Bradwell Brownies (5.30-6.30pm) Burgh Castle Village Hall

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Slimming World (10am) JGI Tel 07484 806384

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

Rock Solid (5-6pm) Belton Church - Childrens Club (Dec 5/12) 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 Not Running this term 07783573210

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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

The Hub (Open youth group) Currently going through some planning changes - 07783573210
Belton Community Choir (7.15-8.30pm) JGI - New members welcome 01493 780060 (NOT JGI Quiz weeks)

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Wed Nov 27 (1-2pm) New Rd. Centre - Belton/Browston Parish Clerks Surgery

Thu Nov 28 (7.30pm) St. Olaves V/Hall - Fritton & St. Olaves Parish Council meeting
Sat Nov 30 (11am-3pm) Belton Church - Christmas Fair

Sun Dec 1 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion - Advent Sunday

Sun Dec 1 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Tue Dec 3 (11am) Belton Church - Traditional Holy Communion (Tea/Coffee from 10am)

Tue Dec 3 (4.30pm) Belton Church -Children's Christmas Party

Tue Dec 3 (6pm) Belton Precinct - Turning on Christmas Tree lights.

Tue Dec 3 (7.30pm) New Road Sport Centre. Belton & Browston Parish Council meeting

Wed Dec 4 (10.30am) Burgh House - Holy Communion

Wed Dec 4 Mobile Library. New Rd. Playing Field Fritton (3.15-3.35), Priory Cl., St Olaves (3.40-4.00),

Wed Dec 4 (6-7.30pm) Belton Church - Messy Christmas - Free Family Fun

Fri Dec 6 (3pm) Moorlands School. - Friends of Moorlands Christmas Fair

Fri Dec 6 (7pm) New Road Sports Centre. Belton - Digital Camera Club

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

Sat Dec 7 (From 8.45am) Belton Scouts Collecting Newspapers - Belton only
Sat Dec 7 St Olaves Village Hall - Christmas Coffee & Crafts Morning

Sat Dec 7 (7.30pm) JGI Christmas Party (Ticket only) SOLD OUT

Sun Dec 8 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Morning Prayer

Sun Dec 8 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Sun Dec 8 (10.30am) New Road centre - Belton in Bloom 2020 Inaugural meeting

Sun Dec 8 (4-6.30pm) The Tavern Belton - Village Roads - The Tavern - Lions 'Santa Sleigh' tour of Belton

Sun Dec 8 (6.30pm) Belton Church - Evening Celebration

Mon Dec 9 (7.30pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Parish Council Monthly Meeting

Tue Dec 10 (7.30pm) JGI - BLG. Christmas meeting

Wed Dec 11 (10.30am-12.30) JGI. Individual money/debt advice by D.I.A.L.

Thu Dec 12 (7pm) Fritton Church - Carols by candlelight

Fri Dec 13 (10am-1pm) Burgh Castle V/Hall - Coffee & Mince Pies, Admission free

Fri Dec 13 (7.30pm) JGI Team Quiz Night (teams Max 4, £5 per team)

Sat Dec 14 (10am-11.30am) JGI Monthly Coffee Morning

Sun Dec 15 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy Communion

Sun Dec 15 (10.30am) Belton Church - Holy Communion

Mon Dec 16 (10am) New Road Centre Belton. - Monday Activity Group Get together

Wed Dec 18 Mobile Library in Belton (Times in article)

Wed Dec 18 (7.30pm) Queens Head B/Castle - Carols in the Pub

Thu Dec 19 (7.30pm) Kings Head, Belton - Carols in the Pub

Fri Dec 20 (7pm for 7.30pm start) Belton Church - Belton Community Choir performs (Free)

Fri Dec 20 (7.30pm) Fritton Village Hall - Christmas Bingo

Sat Dec 21 (10am) Burgh House - Carols & Communion

Sun Dec 22 (4pm) Belton Church - Carols by

Candlelight

Sun Dec 22 (6.30pm) Burgh Castle Church - Carols by

Candlelight

Tue Dec 24 (4pm) Belton Church - Crib Service.

Tue Dec 24 (8pm) Fritton Church - Christmas

Communion Service

Tue Dec 24 (11.30pm) Burgh Castle Church - Christmas

Midnight Mass (Combined with Belton)

Wed Dec 25 (10.30am) Belton Church Family

Communion (Combined with Burgh Castle)

Sun Dec 29 (10.30am) Belton Church - Combined

Family Communion & Christmas carols (NO service at Burgh Castle)

Tue Dec 31 (7.30pm-12.30am) Belton Church - New Years Eve party (Tickets 780476 / 780210)

Sun Jan 5 (9.30am) Burgh Castle Church - Holy

Communion

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



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RECYCLING AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Make sure you continue to separate your waste over the festive period. You can recycle glass jars and bottles, plastic food pots, tubs and food trays, aluminium foil and foil trays, juice and soup cartons, envelopes, Christmas cards and even wrapping paper.

Just make sure it's clean, dry and don't bag it when it goes into your green bin. With wrapping paper, just remove any sticky tape and do the "scrunch test" – if it holds its shape when you scrunch it into a ball then it's good to recycle. But nappies, clothing, food waste, electricals, paper towels and tissues cannot go into the green bin. You can also recycle your real Christmas trees at Caister's Household Recycling Centre, open 9am to 4pm every day except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Members of the garden waste recycling scheme can chop up their real Christmas trees and put them in their brown bin. **Do not put trees in black or green bins.**

YES PLEASE



- PAPER**
- Newspapers
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Cardboard boxes
- Envelopes
- Directories
- Shredded paper
- Cartons

- RIGID PLASTIC**
- Bottles
- Pots
- Tub
- Trays
- Sprays
- Punnets

- GLASS**
- Bottles
- Jars (including lids)

NO THANKS



- Plastic bags
- Nappies
- Cling film
- Tissues or kitchen roll
- Dirty or greasy paper
- Crisp packets
- Soft plastics
- Clothes & textiles

MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAN, DRY & DON'T BAG IT!



