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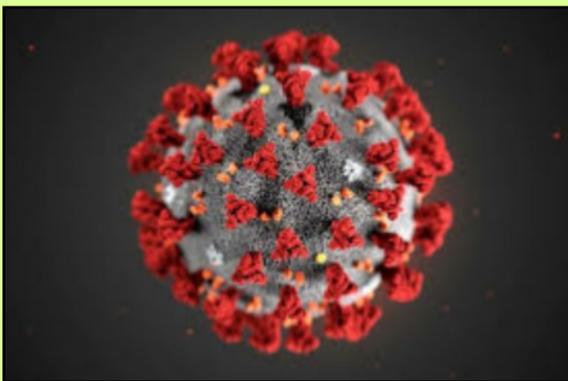
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COVID 19: QUESTIONS AND CHALLENGES



In almost four years of being the editor of Village Voice, this is the first time, I feel obliged to write a front page editorial. It continues from this page and on to page 3.

As COVID 19, a viral illness sweeps across the world, our country faces an unprecedented challenge. Here are some things you ought to know about this illness. (Source: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>)

What is COVID 19?

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called corona virus. Although its initial symptoms

resemble the flu, it is not the same illness. We do not know exactly how corona virus spreads from person to person. Similar viruses are spread in cough droplets. It is very unlikely it can be spread through things like packages or food.

What are its symptoms?

Its commonest symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath. There can also be a sore throat, body ache and tiredness. You can already see the similarities with an attack of the flu, but COVID 19 has the potential to be more serious, particularly in the elderly and those with underlying physical conditions and hence the concern.

What is the advice that I have to follow if I have symptoms?

Stay at home if you have either:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Use the 111 online corona virus service to find out what to do <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

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How long do I stay at home?

If you have symptoms of corona virus, you'll need to stay at home for 7 days. If you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms. If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days. If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

How to avoid catching and spreading corona virus (social distancing)?

Everyone should do what they can to stop corona virus spreading. It is particularly important for people who: are 70 or over, have a long-term condition (having treatment for respiratory and cardiac conditions, cancers, etc), are pregnant or have a weakened immune system. The NHS will contact you from Monday 23 March 2020 if you are at particularly high risk of getting seriously ill with corona virus. You'll be given specific advice about what to do.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of corona virus
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- work from home, if you can
- avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, gyms, theatres and cinemas
- avoid events with large groups of people
- use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- do not have visitors to your home, including friends and family

Treatment for corona virus

There is currently no specific treatment for corona virus. Antibiotics do not help, as they do not work against viruses. Treatment aims to relieve the symptoms while your body fights the illness. You'll need to stay in isolation, away from other people, until you have recovered. People who become seriously ill will need treatment in hospital to support their body to fight the illness.

While the advice to socially distance is quite clear, it often raises practical difficulties for particular groups- the ones who already live alone or are relatively isolated or the household where all its members are part of a high risk group. As a community, we need to ease this process as much as possible for them. Elsewhere in this issue, Rev Rosie Bunn gives details of resources that are available for this purpose and this magazine too will do its bit to advise and connect should you choose to contact us.

Finally, a personal reflection about those who are fighting this on the frontline- a group often doing so at considerable personal cost and without the most ideal of protective equipment. There are tens of thousands of them in our public services, ordinary men and women - cleaners and porters, delivery drivers and home carers, doctors and nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, social workers and therapists, the list goes on. These are people driven by an imperative that is higher than their own personal causes, an imperative that brought them into the caring professions in the first place. It is an imperative that sustains them even more in the face of adversity. These are people whose role on the frontline concerns their parents, vexes their children and worries their loved ones. Be kind to them. As you go about your daily lives, stocking up your supplies, do think about them and their needs too. Let the healthcare assistant, nurse or hospital support worker looking after our near and dear ones



and coming off busy shifts, not have the additional stress of shelves that are empty and aisles that have been stripped bare. We all have a responsibility to be kind and thoughtful. Stay well all

of you. Best wishes

Professor (Dr) Regi Alexander, Editor

BRANDON LEWIS MP writes



People living and working across Great Yarmouth will benefit from last month's Budget as the Conservatives deliver on the promises made to the British people, investing in infrastructure, the NHS and public services across the region.

The plans outlined by Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, will get things done and provide security for now while laying the foundation for prosperity in the future.

The Budget marks the start of a record level of investment in the people's priorities - infrastructure, the NHS and public services – to ensure the promises in the General Election in December are kept and the potential of every part of the United Kingdom, including the East of England, is unleashed.

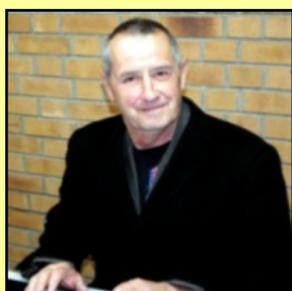
I'm particularly pleased with the increases in the National Insurance threshold and the National Living Wage announced today. This will mean families keep more of the money they earn. Thanks to the measures taken today, someone working full-time on the minimum wage in Great Yarmouth will be over £5,200 better off compared to ten years ago when the Conservatives' came into office. And we've seen another freeze in fuel duty. This is something I campaigned for, as a newly elected Member of Parliament in 2010, and it continues to make a huge difference for local motorists.

Last year's election gave a clear verdict. Now the people's Government is delivering a Budget which delivers on our promises to the British people – it is a Budget of a government that gets things done. Investment will reach record levels over the next five years, as the Conservatives commit to levelling up across the country – benefitting families and businesses in all corners of the country including here in Great Yarmouth. Tens of millions of pounds of investment in the region's roads, rail, housing, broadband and flood defences will ensure everyone can have the same chances and opportunities in life wherever they live.

I am delighted that we have set out measures to support families and help them with the cost of living, while continuing to invest in Britain's future responsibly – laying the foundations for a decade of growth and prosperity.

This is the first Budget delivered outside of the EU for more than five decades. It sets out a clear, one nation, path for the Government to get things done.

**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR
ADRIAN MYERS**



There continues to be issues of flooding on the A143 after heavy rain. This issue has once again been reported to highways and I am awaiting a response that will provide a long-term solution to the problem.

I have been contacted over the Governments announcement regarding log burners and clean air, it does not appear to have been fully thought

through. The issue they say is the burning of none seasoned damp wood, the sale of this and small bags of coal will be banned by 2021 and delivered coal by 2023. This will affect rural households the most, especially those that are not connected to gas or electric mains. The issue it seems is not CO2 but particulates. However even dry seasoned wood apparently, according to the experts, gives off more polluting substances so it is not a straight forward issue.

The clean air act of 1956 brought in after the great London smog of 1952 did clean the air of London substantially, but we are talking

about rural areas and although this is not a ban on wood burners as such, it will mean that those who rely on them will have to find acceptable alternatives. The main problem with this legislation will be the policing of it, how apart from banning the sale of products will the government stop rural communities from burning damp wood, are officials going to go round knocking on doors and demand to inspect what is being burnt?

Adrian Myers Independent Borough Councillor
Lothingland Ward.

**ANDY GRANT
YOUR LOTHINGLAND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Dear Residents,
I hope you are all well. At Norfolk County Council we have now passed our budget, it will see more spending on adult social care and children's services which now represents nearly 70% of our total budget.

We are also committed to a £543million capital budget including £120million for 4 new special education needs schools, the first of these will be in Great Yarmouth at the former Alderman Swindell school. These investments will create 500 additional SEND spaces. £4.5million has also been invested in home to school transport, monies for a new transformation project that will change the way County works internally and £5million for a new recycling centres and facilities including a new transfer station at Caister.

NCC is also leading on the 'Together For Norfolk' programme. It is now beginning the conversations with all leaders from all walks of life across Norfolk and linking up sectors to lead on economic growth, social mobility and prosperity for all our citizens.

Many of the issues again remain to be highways and I'm trying to clear the backlog. Unfortunately my bid for the resurfacing of the cycle path along New Road was unsuccessful, however I will endeavour to find another funding source of funding to get this done. Stepshort remains on the list to be looked at and have works done by the bridge, this is also stuck in the capital programme.

On the issue of overgrown hedges along our roads it is unfortunate that several landowners have forgotten their responsibilities in ensuring they are cut back. Wherever they are forgetful, negligent, ignorant or too tight is immaterial and going forward I'm pushing for a new system to be introduced which will see reminders going to them, followed by warnings and then a bill as the council will do the work on their behalf and obviously be dearer than them doing it. Owing land comes with responsibilities it's time to step up - this cannot continue every year.

Officers have also been asked to provide info and words to properties along the rivers and streams who haven't kept their part clear of rubbish and overgrown branches etc. NCC are the lead flood authority and have the powers to ensure that the rivers, streams and dykes are clear of obstruction. I hope officers progress this soon.

The issue of flooding on the A143 remains to be a problem unfortunately common sense and the law is a different thing and contrary to popular belief we cannot just fine landowners or compel them to address the problem, we will have to fuff around to try and resolve this. The gullies have all been cleared and are monitored but simply the gullies were designed to keep the water off the road not help the farmer drain his farmland. This will persist but we looking at what actions we can take but simply we cannot control land use.

If there is anything i can help with or any issues i should be aware of please just let me know.

Andy Grant
County Councillor for Lothingland Division. 07833 083903
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REV ROSIE WRITES

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

"Church is not the building it's the people!" that's what I often say, and it's true. We may usually attend public worship on a Sunday in the church building but the Bible teaches us that we are "church" as people together.

The well-being of each one of us in our villages is so very important. The churches will be doing all they can to help and support the vulnerable and needy. The Church of England has set out clear guidelines in what is allowed to happen in the building, and what is not. These can be found on the Church of England website at www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches.

At the present time, our usual worship gatherings/services are not taking place but weddings (limited in terms of number people attending) and funerals (observing social distancing requirements) may go ahead. Please contact Rev Rosie Bunn (780210) or Rev Viv Ridpath (07523717810) if you have any questions regarding the above.

Burgh Castle Church will remain open as usual during the day, as a space for quiet reflection and private prayer. All Saints Belton will be open occasionally; details of times and dates will be posted on the church website or social media platforms.

If you wish to join with other people for prayer and worship, arrangements are being made to gather people together on-line or by making a telephone call to join a regular "event". Details of this will also be made available via the internet or through individual contacts, posters, etc. Please bear with us as we develop new ways of joining people together.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has hosted his first national virtual Church of England Service, which was broadcast on Mothers Day at 8am on local radio stations and is encouraging the clergy to be creative in the way we encourage and support our parishioners.

If you are elderly/vulnerable and self-isolating and need shopping doing, we may be able to help. An initial contact made to Rosie (780210) or help.contact@allsaintsbelton.org.uk will be forwarded to people who are prepared to respond and help.

The Pantry is a foodbank for Belton & Burgh Castle residents, which has been running for a number of years. We support local families and individuals referred to us by the school and other pastoral contacts. Our usual points for collection are the JGI, Moorlands Academy and the church, all of which are now closed, and so the flow of the necessary provisions has significantly reduced. If you would like to help support people in need, your donation of either food or money would be very much appreciated. Please contact either Marion (07514458186) or Rosie (780210) for details of the drop-off point. If you are in urgent need yourself, please contact Marion (07514458186) or Rosie (780210) and we will do what we can to respond to your request.

A personal note from Rev Rosie Bunn

As many of you might know, I take medication that causes me to be immune suppressed and, like many people in our area, I am vulnerable in the present circumstances. I will be self-isolating (as best I can) but very much available on the telephone or via email or social media contacts. I am going to find it very difficult not being able to be out and about serving the community but will be creative in the ways that I can help, if at a distance. I will of course be praying for all of you; for the NHS staff at the forefront during this crisis and for all who carry out the vital tasks that enable the essentials of life to be available us (food, water, energy, safe environment, etc.).

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced – Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors – Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home – Remember those who must choose between their health and making the rent.

May we have flexibility to care for our children now the schools are closed- Remember those who have no options.

May we who have had to cancel our trips- Remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our spending money in the turmoil of the economic crisis – Remember those who have no spending money at all.

May we who settle for isolation at home – Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country – Let us choose love.

During the time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other- Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour.

Amen



1ST BELTON SCOUTS

Beavers

The beavers have been very busy this month doing their Animal Friend Activity Badge. They fed the birds at the Scout HQ, filled fire cones with lard and bird seed and tied a reef knot using string so we could attach the fire cones to the trees for the birds to feed off. The Beavers also tied peanuts onto string for the birds and took them home to hang up in their own gardens. Congratulations to Frasier who has been invested and Alfie who was presented with Beaver of the half term. We have a few spaces at Beavers if you are interested please contact the **phone number below**.

Cubs

This month the Cubs have been working towards their Team Leader Challenge badge, this involves taking the lead in activities as well as games and within their Six but also learning a new skill and bringing skills they already have to Cubs for everyone to see. Each leader has brought a skill to Cubs which included peeling carrots with one hand, yoga and fishing. The Cubs have brought such skills as drawing, hockey, piano, mouth organ playing, guitar, hula hoop, dancing and lots more. We have also learnt about space and the stars as well as how far away planets are away from us on earth in readiness for our visit to Seething Observatory in weeks' time and took part in a bring a friend evening in which we had 6 friends come to join the Cub section for the evening

Scouts

The Scouts this last month have been working hard on a number of badges including the cooking badge preparing themselves for the District Cooking Competition at the end of March. I can't tell you at this stage what the Scouts have decided to cook as being part of a competition we don't want anyone stealing our great ideas but I can say that it tasted absolutely fantastic and am looking forward to seeing them complete and hopefully win and bring something home for Belton Scouts. The Scouts have also worked on their Hobbies Activity Badge bringing in examples of their hobbies to share with the other Scouts. There was a wonderful range of hobbies from stamps, trains, pop figures to Pokémon cards.

Group

Don't miss our bri-a-brac sale at JGI monthly coffee morning the second Saturday each month 10am to 11.30am. Always wanted books and Bri-a-brac for sales, leaflets newspaper please contact Brown Beaver 01493 780965 or drop off at 6 Station Rd North, Belton.

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

There were six Parish Councillors, Borough Councillor Tracy Cameron and seven members of the public at the March 9th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Brian Swan was in the chair.

There were no objections to revised plans for a new 5 Bedroom house next to Three Ways on Mill Road now plans include a pedestrian refuge, also no objections to an increase from six to seven of the sheltered housing accommodation units behind Burgh House provided there is no vehicle access to Back Lane. Retrospective and new cart shed alterations at Crows Farm also did not raise any objections from members. Regarding plans for another 4 houses beside The Queens Head, members objected as over development, outside Boroughwide Plan, loss of car parking as the proposed entrance runs through the Queens Head Car park resulting in a loss of parking spaces, members also wanted a condition if approved that they be used for long term housing.

Members are looking at moving the notice board from the corner at Crows Farm, this was blown down recently, options being considered, subject to necessary permissions, all on Butt Lane, by The Kingfisher Bus Stop, the bus shelter by the flats or at the entrance to the road towards Burgh Castle Marina.

Members are still trying to resolve ownership and responsibility for the Loke from the church triangle to the burial ground for upkeep reasons, this is proving difficult as the then Parish Council solicitors of the time it was purchased have gone out of business and solicitors in general only appear to keep records for a maximum of about 12 years.,

There was some progress with highways matters, a new lamp post has appeared by Oaklands Drive, however an old post stump remains at Stepshort and white lines have still not been extended at Porters Loke, also although notices have been put up there is still an issue with parking opposite Cement Cottages, some parking being on the path and the County Councillor and police are being contacted.

The next meeting of the Council will be one week earlier than usual, on Monday April 6th (to avoid Easter) at the Village hall at 7.30pm.



1st BELTON GUIDES

1st Belton Guides have been busy since we returned in January, we have celebrated Chinese New Year, our two Young Leaders who are former guides that have decided to qualify to become future leaders have organised a pamper party and a baking evening where the girls made pain au chocolate, croissants and cookies. We have also been working on skill builders as part of working towards the new Girlguiding Awards. We are currently working on Be Well which looks at ways to be healthy such as warming up properly before sports and different physical attributes required to undertake a variety of sports.

We have also looked at transforming our favorite meals into healthier alternatives and then trying to cook the healthier version. The winning entry was a pizza made with a wholemeal base, topped with a homemade tomato sauce, topped with spinach, tomatoes, basil and low fat mozzarella. Other dishes that were made were a homemade

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quorn bolognese, salad and wedges and a chicken pasta bake.

As a unit we have also been looking at the meaning of the Guide Promise and Guide Law which are a fundamental part of guiding. It is easy to say the words but do we always understand and act upon the words. It was interesting listening to the girls interpretation of the Law and Promise, especially as we do have girls that are due to enroll over the coming months.

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.

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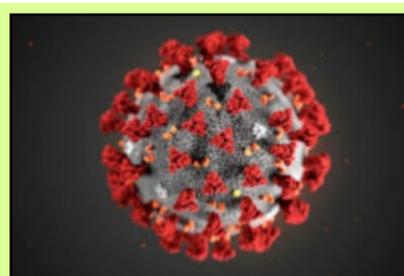
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CORONA VIRUS INFECTION: PREGNANCY GUIDANCE

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/guidelines/coronavirus-pregnancy/covid-19-virus-infection-and-pregnancy/>



BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL



www.beltonwithbrowston.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Ten Parish Councillors, Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron and one member of the public attended the March 3rd meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council, Peter Nichols was in the chair.

There were no objections to plans for a garden room at St. Johns Cottage on St. Johns Road. Members felt that the repositioning of a driveway at Empala, Sandy Lane was unsuitable as this would now be on the same side of the property as a dyke and would be on a flood plain, also it could lead to ground compaction and slippage into the dyke. There was an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Jacks Pool, The Pastures, Cherry Lane, Browston, here members felt that it should only be granted if sufficient on-site parking was provided and also that the permission be reviewed after six months to see if it had alleviated parking problems.

Councillors decided to proceed with quotes to repair fencing at the New Road Centre and to incorporate two pedestrian gates to make it easier to retrieve any footballs going out of the ground, plans for toilet alterations will not proceed for the moment as structural alterations would be needed to allow for an extra doorway.

Regarding Belton Fun Day members agreed that they could not request a repositioning of classic cars this year as the booking had been approved and the organisers have detailed arrangements in place for the 2020 event.

Councillor Botwright was very annoyed that Norfolk County Council have still not cut back various overgrown hedges after 18 months, the bird nesting season will now cause further delay which will leave narrowed roads for a further period of time. There was agreement that Folkes be contacted and be asked to clear mud off the road outside their Browston site and Councillor Light and the clerk will investigate what planning conditions are in place there for reinstatement of the land back to its former condition before excavations took place. Borough Councillor Myers reported that he is still awaiting a reply from Anglian Water who he has asked to check if any of their pipes have fractured to cause the subsidence on one of the Fern Gardens parking areas.

Members agreed to allocate £150 to Belton in Bloom for a large 'planter' on the edge of Bland Corner, councillor Greystone confirmed that the group would not be creating any new flower beds in the village. The County Council are to be contacted over removal of a tree stump on New Road, the tree came down in recent gales and the top has been removed leaving remaining branches dangerously near to the carriageway. The County Council will also be contacted over bushes that have come out of the ground on Church Lane and are falling into the roadway, both the Community Caretaker and New Road Caretaker were thanked for extra work over the periods of the recent gales. Members agreed to give more consideration to a backing unit for the new seat at Bell Lane, it was felt by some that it could be a temptation for graffiti and that it might not stand up sufficiently to weather conditions, the seat will be dedicated over the May VE75 event weekend.

Councillor Myers reported that the Borough Council are awaiting a full funding review before taking a decision on future payments of support funding to Parish Councils, Great Yarmouth is one of only two councils in the area who, although having frozen any increases, are still making any payments at all.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There are currently two vacancies on Belton with Browston Parish Council which the council are able to fill by co-option.

The council meets at the New Road Centre on the first Tuesday of each month (7.30pm), if you would like to put something back into the local community and help make a difference further information is available from the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer on 01493 602960 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk or the chairman

ELECTIONS

All local elections have been cancelled this year

COUNCIL DIARY

All Parish Councils, along with other groups are obviously closed at this time, with Parish Council meetings and surgeries not taking place probably for April and May. At the time of writing it is being suggested that Annual Parish Meetings take place in early June however nothing is decided as yet, watch this space.

It is however still possible to contact the Belton with Browston Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer, 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.

SLIMMING WORLD BELTON

After recent changes and a new leader we now have the following sessions in Belton :-

Wednesdays - Moorlands Primary Academy, Moorland Way, Belton, 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Thursdays - John Green Institute, Station Road South, Belton, 10.00am

Please call Jeanette on 07484 806384 for further details.

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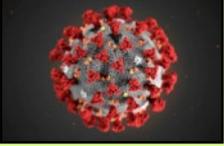
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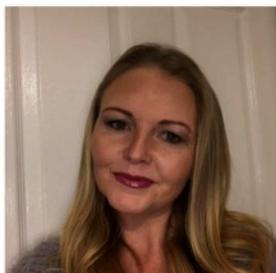
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Brian Swan

Your 'Village Voice' has reached a milestone with this issue, it is now 20 years since, on April 1st 2000, the first, mono, four-page edition dropped through letter boxes in Belton and Browston with the header 'Your Village Voice-Newsletter of Belton with Browston Parish Council'. Who would have thought that, 20 years later, we would still be going strong now producing 3500 copies a month each of 28 or 32 pages, delivering to Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle, Fritton, St Olaves and the new estates at the south of Bradwell.

We owe everything to the late Malcolm Scott, who whilst chairing the Belton with Browston Parish Council had the idea of the magazine and initially took on everything, editorship, obtaining advertising and getting the copies out to volunteer deliverers. In January 2007 it was decided that it would be better if the magazine was separated from the Council and although Malcolm continued as editor the 'Village Voice Management Board' was set up with Ernie Tuxford (chairman), John Rudrum and Brian Swan joining Malcolm, soon followed by the first two community board members, Claire Watts and Martin Roche (these latter positions were later converted into full Board membership) and Bill Richmond joining.

Having lost the financial constraints of the Parish Council - Village Voice soon started giving out grants, applied for by local clubs and groups to help with basics or allow them to do something 'special', the first year it was £1000, gradually increasing to almost £5k in 2019 with the staggering running total now in the region of £22500.

In recent years we have also organised a few 'specials', the General Election Hustings in 2017, the Mental Health Day in conjunction with the 2018 Norfolk Day, a very successful writing competition (the second running of this competition is now open) to name but a few.

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We must of course remember that we would not be where we are without those contributors who (sometimes with a little encouragement!) write regularly and last but not least our deliverers, a band some 30 strong of worthy volunteers who turn out every month to ensure your copy is delivered by the start of the month.

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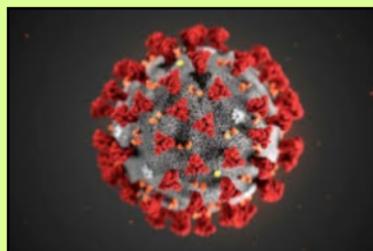
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THE MALCOLM METCALF COLUMN

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LEONIE'S WOOD

I am privileged to be able to visit "Leonie's Wood" in Burgh Castle owned by Chris Dowsett. The wood is named after his beloved wife Leonie who did so much conservation work there. The wood is



unique, being the only one I know in Norfolk that has Grey Herons, Little Egrets, and Rooks all nesting close together in the same area. A windy day did not spoil my visit on March 1st. this year.

Luckily it was dry and sunny, hundreds of daffodils were in flower, with many more in bud. Chris told me 20 Herons nests were occupied last year, on this visit two birds were observed attending nests on the swaying Alder trees. The Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) is the most common and widespread of the European Herons. It is a magnificent bird with a wide wingspan 175 - 195 cm. (68 - 75 inches), has a white head with a dagger-like beak and a broad black streak running from the eye to the tip of its crest. Herons fly with their long necks tucked in against their bodies, and long legs stretched far beyond the tip of their tails, they breed in colonies preferring huge nests in trees, they refurbish their old nests in February / March, the male chooses a site, then advertises himself to the female. The nest consists of large structures of sticks, twigs,

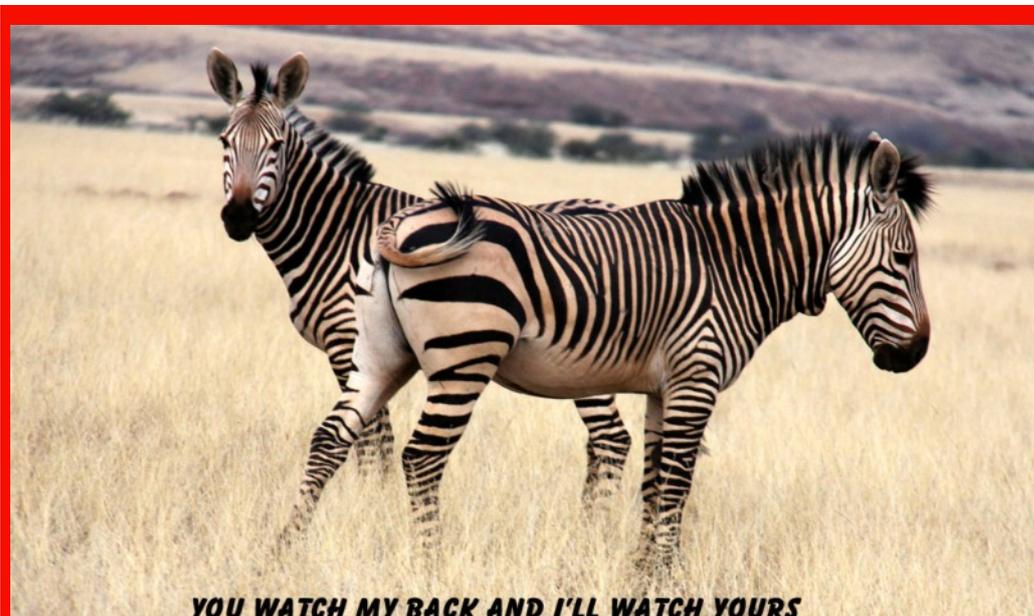
leaves and other material. The number of eggs varies from 3 - 5, they are a beautiful delicate blue - green, but not glossy, and surprisingly no bigger than chicken's eggs. Both parents incubate, the nestlings fledge around 7-8 weeks. Herons forage for a mixed diet of fish, eels, frogs, and small mammals such as voles.

Life can be hard for Herons, like choking on large fish, being shot, becoming entangled in barbed wire, killed by foxes, flying into overhead wires and very cold winters. I recall finding a dead Heron on Belton Marshes one cold winter, this bird seemed to have starved to death, it had a ring on its leg. I sent its number to the B.T.O, they replied that it had been ringed in Wickhampton, about four miles away across the marshes.

Preening is essential for Herons, they must keep their plumage in top condition, individual feathers are teased through the birds bill to ensure the barbs are aligned properly. The uropygial gland situated above the base of the tail provides natural oils for grooming, but not for waterproofing as one might expect as Herons are likely to get slime on their feathers from the food they catch so they have a special tract on the breast and two more on their flanks providing a crumbly powdery material (Powdery Down) which they use with their comb-like claws in preening, it's as if they are able to carry a natural, constantly renewed powder puff around with them. There are also Rooks in the wood, they build their nests in early March and there should be a large Rookery here again by summer.

Around 20 years ago Little Egrets (*Egretta garzetta*) were not common and twitchers would travel miles to see one, now all being well around 20 will be nesting in this wood, like Herons they nest in colonies, but later than the Herons. Snowy white in colour with a black beak, in summer they have lace-like plumes about 10 inches long on their backs, they lay 3 - 5 eggs. Many years ago this fancy nuptial dress was nearly their downfall for the birds were slaughtered on their nests to satisfy the demands of fashion. It took a long campaign by conservationists to arouse public sentiment to put an end to this practice.

(The photographs this month are of Leonies Wood, taken by Malcolm and a Grey Heron taken by David Gould)

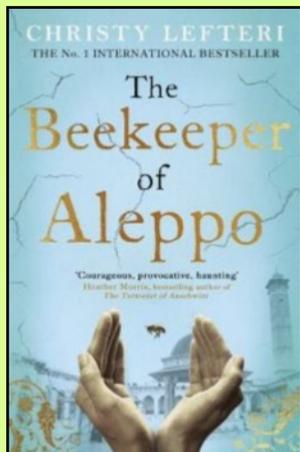


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THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO BY CHRISTY LEFTERI REVIEWED BY VERITY CHESTER

The Beekeeper of Aleppo tells the story of a married couple, Nuri and Afra, who attempt to flee the war torn city of Aleppo in Syria. Chapter by chapter, the story flits between the present day context of the couple, contrasted with flashbacks to their life in Aleppo and their perilous journey. While a work of fiction, the author's extensive experiences and research in this area pave the way for an authentic and realistic portrayal, through richly detailed descriptions of settings and experiences. The story charts the extreme circumstances experienced by Nuri and Afra, who have exchanged the exceptionally dangerous climate of their home country (explosions, soldiers, executions, threat, pressure to fight), for the unpredictably dangerous situations along their journey to safety.

Although the book tackles difficult themes and topics (exploitation, terror, grief, trauma, mental health, and marital difficulties), it does so alongside ideas of light, hope and resilience. The author achieved this through the symbolism of the bees and beekeeping; the bees representing a community, vulnerable to environmental threat, and the beekeeping a commitment to the caretaking of this vulnerable group, which benefits both the bees and the beekeepers. This is exemplified in the character Mustafa, Nuri's cousin who has reached safety, who writes regular uplifting emails to Nuri, detailing how is using his beekeeping skills to make positive contributions to his new community. Similarly, the love and commitment shown by Nuri and Afra during their encountered challenges also fosters a sense of reassurance throughout some of the novel's more challenging scenes.

The human story, interwoven against backdrops many of us can visualise from news headlines and reports, gave me a renewed insight and empathy into the multi-dimensional, short- and long-term effects of war on individuals, and left me reflective about the way we treat refugees and asylum seekers.

(The Beekeeper of Aleppo is published in paperback by Manilla Press and is available from £4.49. It is published in hardback by Zaffre and is available from £8.52)

BREAKING & MENDING BY JOANNA CANNON REVIEWED BY MARTIN ROCHE

In Joanna's latest book 'Breaking & Mending' is a disquieting description of her life as a junior doctor. Revealing many of the distressing problems hospital staff regularly deal with, she explains that her overwhelming sensitivity and compassion becomes the underlying cause of her fears of failing to become an effective doctor and how she eventually overcomes these personal difficulties to cope mentally and physically with the distressing problems she encounters daily in her work as a doctor.

Joanna has our sympathy and understanding in her dread of being in the dissection room. She tells how, with her determination and help



from a colleague she finally conquers her fears. After her initial apprehension she is able to work effectively on the cadavers doing what most ordinary people would find horrific and impossible to do.

On one occasion as a junior doctor, she is asked, for the first time, to certify the death of a patient. She discovers that she has the knowledge and ability to carry out this task effectively as she has been taught at medical school, and is able to fill out the death certificate correctly, but what they hadn't prepared her for was how to deal with the emotional effects that it had on her. She notices a book beside the patient's bed with a bookmark placed halfway

through; to Joanna, this became a symbolic image of that patient who had only reached the halfway point in her life. She also tells of her own experience when she became a hospital patient, after she was involved in a traumatic car accident and how as a young woman she had to deal with the distress caused by her facial injuries.

By the time I had read a few chapters of this book I began to wonder why anybody would embark on such a distressing career, and my admiration for those who have, has only grown, especially after reading the distressing events of how Joanna had to cope with patients who begged her for more morphine as they could no longer stand the pain and wished to die.

This book ought to be read by everyone to gain a better insight and better understanding of the challenging human problems faced daily during the work of doctors and all other hospital staff. Joanna's story is certainly not a suitable night time read for those of a nervous disposition.

(Breaking and Mending is published in hardback by Wellcome Collection and is available from £7.18)



Just to calm the mind over this troubled period

ALL SAINTS BELTON



REV ROSIE WRITES

As I write this article I am contemplating the effect that the Coronavirus might have on our communities. The media are constantly updating us with numbers of those

infected across the world and the affects the virus is having closer to home. It is impossible (as it seemed to me when I've been shopping) to get any hand sanitiser, and there were lots of empty space in the toilet roll and pasta aisles. The Church of England have issues direction regarding church life; no hugs, no handshakes, no wine shared in the communion cup, and obviously sensible advice in the current situation. Different countries are dealing with the threat of this worldwide pandemic in different ways; some are putting cities or regions in lock-down, many are limiting travel either within their country or closing their borders to international travel; some have closed schools and colleges and everywhere governments are mindful of the effects on business and commerce, people and jobs, as they try to make decisions for the good of all. As the media coverage intensifies, there is real anxiety stirred up.

it won't be long before Easter is upon us. Hopefully we will still be able to meet together to remember the events in the last week of Jesus' earthly life, but it will be strange not being able to break and share bread together at the Passover Supper, or share the cup of wine as Jesus did with his disciples at The Last Supper. Nevertheless we will remember these significant world-changing and life-transforming events, as we always do.

These times of uncertainty are challenging. The times that Jesus lived in were too, if for different reasons. Fear can make us react irrationally, as we have seen with the mad rush by some to purchase toilet rolls. Jerusalem's ruling authorities, both Roman and religious, were fearful of the way that the people were reacting and responding to Jesus. They plotted and made decisions that enabled them to rid themselves of the problem. Jesus' disciples ran away when he was arrested, Peter denied Jesus three times (despite having been warned that he would do so) and only a few can be found as witnesses to Jesus' crucifixion. On Easter Day, they are found hiding in a locked room for fear of the authorities.

Jesus, however, seems at peace with what is happening to him; he doesn't speak up for himself when he is accused and we are told he went willingly to his death, in order to die for the sins of the world. In the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe story by C.S. Lewis, Aslan secretly gives himself to the white witch to be put to death instead of Edmund. It is an expression of the Easter story. Aslan is killed and left on the stone table, where the mice work hard to free him from the ropes that tether him to it. Then there is an enormous release of heavenly power (like a thunder storm with lightning) and Aslan is resurrected. He tells them that there is a deeper magic at work.... Death cannot hold him and he continues to teach Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy of their purpose in Narnia and to overcome the fight with the white witch.

The resurrection of Aslan in the story transforms the way that the children see their predicament. The resurrection of Jesus also transforms the lives of people, giving hope. Mary Magdalene was the first witness of Jesus' resurrection and she ran to tell the others and transform their despair into hope. What Jesus had taught them and what he went on to teach them brought his disciples to believe and have faith in him; to put their trust in him and what he promises, that in his love God will hold on to us, whatever life throws at us and at the end of our life take us to be with him. This is the faith and hope that Christian's hold on to, through the resurrection of Jesus. This is what the Bible teaches us:

... faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see Hebrews 11:1

Let us Fix our eyes n Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2.

This Easter we might have to celebrate Jesus in a different way; taking the sensible precautions to contain the spread of the virus. If we are self-isolating or contained within our four walls, I pray that you will know the peace of Jesus Christ with you (as the first disciples did on the evening of Easter Day), rather than the fear and anxiety they had originally felt. Faith, hope and love – the gift of God to each one of us; may you receive this Easter gift.

ALL CHANGE AT JHOOTS

Hello, Vanessa here, from Jhoots Pharmacy in Belton. I'm announcing the sale of Jhoots, we are now owned by **Wellbeing Pharmacy**. There will be many positive changes in the following weeks. We have a full time permanent pharmacist (as reported recently) with no more closures. We will also be offering excellent customer service. It's business as usual, so why not pop in and see us. Nominate us to be your pharmacy of choice and bare with us through these changes. We hope you will be impressed as we value your custom.

We are situated on Station Road North in Belton and our phone number is 01493 222299.

Many thanks,
Vanessa Cole

YOUNG at HEART

Another month has passed and hopefully we are leaving the rigours of winter behind with all the chaos that flooding has caused and the concern that Coronavirus is about to spread more widely in the UK. In Belton and Burgh Castle however spring bulbs are standing proud and some trees are in full blossom with petal confetti being blown hither and thither in the wind. In Young at Heart, we always concentrate on the good things in life and celebrate the joy of living with laughter and the real warmth that the companionship of being among friends brings. You can sit down next to anyone and be drawn into the conversation or sit and just listen to the repartee around you. There isn't an entrance or membership fee; a box is left on the table and people make a donation if they can. This goes towards outings and the heating. We have been very fortunate this year because the Village Voice has supported us with a grant and this has really helped to keep our finances ticking over.

This month was Shrove Tuesday and we celebrated with a treat of hot pancakes with different toppings. We then had a pancake tossing competition which was great fun and made us all scream with laughter because the pancakes being tossed rapidly disintegrated and the competitors ended up tossing only pancake fragments while the bulk of the pancakes decorated the floor. We do a great variety of things on our Tuesday meetings including trips out, craft activities and sometimes we have speakers.

Sometimes we just like to sit and natter over what is in effect an afternoon tea served in the morning. So if you are sitting at home reading this and wondering what Young at Heart is really like, well there's only one way to find out! Make your way to All Saints Church in Belton on a Tuesday between 10 and Noon. If you have any questions then please get in touch with either Sue on 01493 782443 or Margaret on 01493 780126. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Rock Solid

We're on the move! Back to the old stables in the Rectory Gardens. Summer is coming with plenty of fun and games in the fresh air. Don't worry we still have the tuck shop! Why not come and join us 5pm-6pm on 23rd of April ages 7yrs-11yrs (term time only) Bring a friend. A warm welcome awaits everyone. For more information speak to Colin Chilvers on 781474 or speak to Paula.

Editor's note:



I am very grateful to my colleague, Bill Richmond who put together much of this issue while leaving a few key articles to me. Can I also please remind readers that this is the *April* issue and you know what that means. Let me reassure you that all the stories related

to health care are serious ones, though.
Best wishes
Regi Alexander, Editor



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

learn more about us please visit our website at www.entua.org.uk Following on from last months article we are pleased to say that the new signalling system & bi-mode trains are all working well. This certainly marks a new era for rail travel in East Anglia. Greater Anglia have enough of these trains to cover all of their timetabled services so the cancellations that we suffered so much from in the last quarter of 2019 should be a thing of the past.

While all the regional services are operated by the new Stadler trains there are only 4 (of a possible 10) intercity 12 coach trains in service at the time of writing. Greater Anglia do hope to have all 10 intercity class 745s in service by the end of April, 2020. Of the main line locomotive hauled stock they are replacing – the class 90 electric locos are earmarked to go to 'Freightliner' but sadly all the Mk III coaches are going for scrap as they are not disability access compliant. Still, we got them second hand from Virgin Trains on the west coast main line, so they have earned their money.

It is however a month since First Eastern Counties 19 new Excel buses were introduced on the Norwich to Peterborough service, and as predicted, the previous incumbents of the service Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 have been cascaded to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. In Great

Yarmouth they have been allocated to the X1/X11 services so from Belton's point of view most of the X11 buses will be Enviro 400 (63 plate) so some of the newest on the fleet. There are a couple of Volvo Gemini B9s displaying the same livery and an Enviro 400 in First's Barbie colours, but with Great Yarmouth highlights. Most of the former Leeds Volvo B9 Geminis (12 plate) have been cascaded to either Lowestoft or Norwich. This has led to the withdrawal of the ex-Leicester (W plate) ALX 400s (except for the one painted in 'Great Yarmouth Transport' livery) which have gone to Ensign bus for component recovery prior to scrapping. We still have one or two (52 plate) Volvo Presidents knocking about but we expect their days are numbered. This will leave most of Great Yarmouth's decker fleet either Enviro 400 or Volvo Gemini B7 or B9. The Enviro 400s that went to Lowestoft are destined for X2/X21/X22 services.

Recently the Government announced additional money to improve bus services in rural areas. Norfolk County Council have asked ENTUA for any suggestions we may have for NCC to put forward as part of a bid for additional bus funding.

ENTUA have submitted a list which includes:-

- a) A year round service connecting Gt. Yarmouth Vauxhall Station with Market Gates bus interchange.
- b) A service connecting Gapton Hall Retail Park with Market Gates bus interchange.
- c) Provision of a service to the villages of Filby and Fleggburgh connecting with Acle, Caister and Great Yarmouth.
- d) Re-establishing the connection between Belton and Bradwell to provide a link to schools and surgeries and a link from old Bradwell to the James Paget Hospital.
- e) Reverting the Burgh Castle Service 5 to an hourly frequency. We have also submitted a list of bus shelters for consideration, including:-

Belton- Bracon Road with the junction of Selwyn Drive and Station Road South/ Entrance to Wild Duck.

Burgh Castle - Kingfisher /Post Office, Cherry Tree Caravan Park and Queens Head.

If you don't try you cannot expect to receive but it would be great if a Government subsidy could bring our wish-list to fruition.

ENTUA are pleased to welcome Burgh Castle Parish Council as members. Along with Belton Parish Council and Village Voice we appreciate your support.

ENTUA would like more members to join to help us secure improvements in our public transport provision. All we ask is a minimum annual donation of £5.00 which helps us to cover the cost of printing/postage of our very informative quarterly newsletter, the hiring of venues for public meetings and cost of maintaining our website. To join please write to ENTUA, 18 Wensum Way, Belton. NR31 9NY
Tony Grice

Brexit Does Not Matter – Belton to go Green



It has been noticed by the Village Voice that a new development of holiday Chalets has been proposed by a French Company called "Chalet Superbe". They specialise in very up to date very 'Green' construction techniques and claim

all their buildings are 'Carbon Neutral'

The company said a slightly inland location, like Belton, was very attractive compared to a coastal location for two reasons. One it will not suffer from coastal erosion, and secondly Belton and Burgh Castle are well established with holiday villages and caravan parks so future visitors know the area .

The development will be on land between Church Lane and the A143 with entrance coming from the New Road to minimise any traffic problems. All the Chalets and other buildings will be of single story construction with state of the art Solar Panels integrated into each building to provide power as well as individual ground heat pumps for hot water and heating. Each Chalet will also have individual free car charging points to encourage all who visit to come in electric cars. There will be full sporting and leisure facilities that could become available to local residents as a health club all the year round. Also there will be over 1000 fast growing trees planted to shield the buildings from surrounding roads and other properties, again to keep the Carbon Neutral footprint.

Chalet Superbe already have three similar developments on the continent with great success and have said that the UK is their next obvious country in which to expand.If planning is granted the development will start this autumn and will be ready for first guests in late Spring 2021.

The company's final comment was that although the UK is no longer a member of the EU it is still a great country in which to operate. For further details log onto <http://www.chaletsuperbe.com/beltonap>

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Come and join us and help to keep Gorleston and surrounding areas safe. It's fun and a very worth while occupation.

BELTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

Due to the present situation the AGM on Sunday April 26th has had to be postponed. We will rearrange a date as soon as we can when the present situation is over.

Please contact Ian Walker (Chairman) on 07887 640 385 (evenings or weekends) or ianwalker22@gmail.com. For further information



DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Elizabeth Myhill

This month I am taking a look at the versatile Fuchsia. Plant uses are for hanging baskets, in containers, in the border, and for hedging. There are literally thousands of varieties to choose from (although most garden centres concentrate on a few) some are hardy and with climate change more varieties are becoming hardier in this part of the country. A fuchsia will not keep blooming through the winter. The plant will look dead, but it will just be sleeping for the winter. If you can put up with bare stalks they will keep anywhere that is frost free. Personally I leave them to take a chance and have been surprised as to how many have survived through recent winters.



Sir Matt Busby (Buds of May)

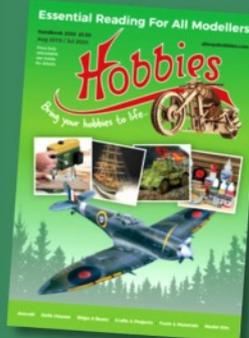
Recommended varieties and their uses:

'Buds of May' bred in England by Sintons flowers earlier than other Fuchsia. Sir Matt Busby is said to be the best red and white trailing Fuchsia on the market whilst Turkish Delight is an upright suitable for the border with purple and pink flowers. 'Southern Belles' varieties have big showy double flowers ideal for hanging baskets and containers. Popular is Bella Rosella, Pink Marshmallow an RHS award winner and Voodoo a red and purple.

Another RHS award winner is an orange named Dancing Flame and for small baskets La Campanella which flowers prolifically. The upright varieties as the name suggests do well as a centre piece where height is required in beds or borders and as a focal point in a container or pot. Recommended is Blackie, deep purple and red. Icy Pink, a new variety, unusual having a pink and white 'ballerina type skirt' Hardy Fuchsia most of which are award winners Hawkshead pure white makes a large shrub but needs keeping under control. The most widely grown is Mrs. Popple which makes a nice hedge.

As Fuchsias come in all different heights it is best to look at the label. They prefer semi shade and will not grow in dry conditions neither do they like perpetual wet feet but despite this they are quite easy to grow and will root easily.

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CRIME REPORT FOR JANUARY

Below is a list of the crimes recorded for our local villages in January 2020 according to the figures supplied by Norfolk Constabulary to the Police UK web site.

Burgh Castle (Total 4) (2019 - 9)

- 3 x Violence.
- 1 x Anti Social Behaviour.
- 1 x Public Order.

Belton (Total 12) (2019 - 20)

- 3 x Anti Social Behaviour.
- 1 x Drug related.
- 5 x Violence.
- 1 x Shoplifting.
- 1 x Vehicle Crime.
- 1 x Other Theft.

Browston (Total 2) (2019 - 2)

- 2 x Drug related.

Fritton (Total 4) (2019 - 5)

- 1 x Anti Social Behaviour.
- 1 x Theft.
- 1 x Criminal Damage.
- 1 x Public Order.

St. Olaves (Total 1) (2019 - 0)

- 1 x Violence.

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 to Belton, Fritton and St Olaves contact the Mobile Library service as follows: central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk or phone them on: 01603 222 303 or visit our website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries (There is no service to Burgh Castle)

The next visits to Belton will be on Wednesdays April 8th and May 6th 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
- 15:30 – 15:45 : Belton - St Robert's Way.

The next visits to Fritton and St Olaves are on Wednesdays March 25th April 22nd and May 20th at the following locations

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

Just to calm the mind over this troubled period



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 of her two dogs, Lennie and Harley.



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WHERE IS YOUR NEAREST DEFIBRILLATOR

Although they are units that we all hope we will never need there are now several defibrillator units around including in the 'Village Voice' area so we thought it might be good to produce a list of local locations, to date we are aware of the following units.

Queens Head, High Road, Burgh Castle.

Available 24/7 on the front of the building.

Burgh Castle Village Hall, Church Road Burgh Castle.

Available 24/7 in the rear lobby of the building (the small gate is always unlocked for easy access).

Goodchild Marine, Riverside, Burgh Castle.

Available when the works are open. On the side of their main building

Burgh Castle Marina (Off Butt lane, Burgh Castle

Available 24/7 On the outside of the main reception building

New Road Sports Centre, New Road, Belton.

Available when the building & field are in use, in the lobby of the buildings main doors facing the sports field .

John Green Institute, Station Road South, Belton.

Available 24/7, this unit now on the front of the building.

The Kings Head, Belton.

Available 24/7, On the front of the building.

Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Caldicott Hall, Fritton.

Available in opening times only

GDC Ltd, Beccles Road, St. Olaves.

Available Mon/Fri 8am-5pm & Sat 8am-1pm, situated in the showroom office.

Have we missed any locations out that you are aware of if so please let us know at beltonvvdads@gmail.com to enable us to include in any future listing.

The 4B's Good Neighbour Scheme which covers Belton, Bradwell, Burgh Castle and Browston is still available in this difficult time.



The 4Bs Good Neighbours are pleased to announce that they have re-formed and intend to continue with the type of work that they have previously done, such as the following tasks, over the past 5 years.

Help with Christmas preparations	Change Battery in kitchen Clock
Light Gardening	Cut back low apple tree branches
Wheelchair assistance at JPH	Assemble 2-seater garden chair
Raise Bed on (supplied) Blocks	Minor repair to garage door
Assist zimmerframe use	Deliver & Pickup mower at repairers
Gardening after hospital stay	Remove Ivy from roof and guttering
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
Temporary Fix to shed roof	Emergency Repair to Bollard Cavity
Arrange Emergency Gas Repair	Make safe uneven back garden

It is our intention to abide by our two original objectives of helping people, in genuine need, in the 4 villages of Belton, Bradwell, Browston and Burgh Castle, whilst not depriving local tradesmen of their livelihood.

If you know of anybody who needs similar help, then please contact our helpline on **07544 161848** or email us at gns4Bs@hotmail.com.

If you wish to volunteer and can spare a couple of hours per month then please contact us.

EVENTS AT THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE



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HALL CLOSURE

This is the first time in the 15 years that the JGI has been operational that it has had to close as our Village Hall.
Due to the COVID 19 virus we like many other community halls have had to close for the coming weeks. We all hope this will be as short as possible but the Trustees believe it will be at least July before we can safely open again.
We will inform all our users as soon as we know what we can do but we all hope all clubs and groups will return to our great Village Hall and enjoy your activities again.
Thank you for your understanding **The Trustees**

BELTON LADIES GROUP BLG

Twenty five members enjoyed our first anniversary dinner at the Pier Hotel on Tuesday 10th March. Next month April 14th should be our A.G.M. meeting at the J.G.I. but as some of us are of the third generation and are not supposed to take unnecessary risks with our health it was decided that we would make a decision nearer the time. The meeting will go ahead unless you are contacted by Friday 10th April.
Liz Myhill (Chair)

JGI QUIZ NIGHTS

Although these are on hold as we write we hope by the summer we will be able to resume them again. Watch your village voice for the latest information
The Quizes normally start at 7.30pm Teams of a maximum of four players - £5 per team - why not put a team of family, friends or colleagues together and join in the very friendly evening. No prior entry booking needed, just turn up with your team on the evening.

BELTON OVER 50-60's GROUP.

When we can start again the Club meets every Tuesday afternoon (2pm) at the JGI, whilst we have a good membership we still have a few vacancies. The afternoon starts with Bingo followed by a cuppa, then we either play cards, Rumikub, Scrabble, Dominoes or you can just have a chat. Entry is only £1.00 and we have outings, go out to lunch and have theatre visits. Any enquiries about the club please ring Norma on (01493) 780447. Watch the Village Voice for future information.
The club had the JGI Saturday Coffee Morning raffle on March 14th and raised £140.00 for club funds, Norma would like to thank everyone for their support.

MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

The Money and Debt sessions at the John Green Institute are getting busier but please come and see Stephen if you have any concerns over your financial situation as he can help sort out debts that you may have. Stephen is normally at the JGI on the second Wednesday of every month (10am-11.30am) and is there to help and support you. He will be there again as soon as the hall can open. DIAL also has other projects that may be of interest to you including Social Blooms which is a gardening project in partnership with Greenlight Trust and take place at various locations across the Borough. If you are interested the please contact Sian on 01493 856900 or email her at sian@dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP - IN

Like all other groups and clubs that meet regularly we are sad that we can not meet as usual and have a good natter and enjoyment as we do on a Wednesday morning.

We will get through this and hopefully come out stronger and more compassionate to all. Thanks go to all who are helping those in our community to get by safely. Lets look after our neighbours

We are still available by phone, email and Facetime so if anyone would like to talk or have a problem they would like to discuss then please contact us.

Call Sue on 780822 or email or Facetime using nurseryrhyme61@btinternet.com



We also have James who is working on our Get Set DIAL project working with local people to encourage them to be more active and working with those who would like to gain a qualification to be able to set up their own group. If you are interested please contact him by email at jlong@dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk or phone the DIAL office on 01493856900

VILLAGE VOICE GRANT

Following the receiving of the Village Voice Grant the Victorian Pond at the Rectory has now been dredged. As the photographs below show is is now a great feature in the grounds especially for wildlife. We are sure once the present virus crisis is over Rosie would welcome anyone who would like to see the pond in its glory by getting in contact with her.



'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. For more information please call Jan on 07766 103141. Village Voice Board members were saddened to hear of the death of Hayley Allen after a short illness, Hayley ran this and many other local Pilates groups for many years, our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.



BELTON FOOTBALL CLUB

With only two games played in the last month due to the weather, Belton FC first team have finally won a game. Having not been victorious since the middle of January a 1-0 victory away to UEA Res gave renewed hope for a positive finish to the season. Unfortunately that victory was followed by a 4-0 defeat to run away leaders Dussingdale Rovers. The

team will continue to look to take the recent positives into the coming weeks and finish as strongly as we can.

For the reserve team there has been some very good news. Having been reinstated in the H.A Holmes league cup semi finals due to another team playing an ineligible player the lads managed a 4-0 victory over last seasons league winners Cobholm FC. Meaning that we will know play Celt Rangers in the Cup final on Friday 27th March at the home of Great Yarmouth Town FC (The Wellesley). With seven league games left to play some hard work will need to be put in for the club to achieve a decent finish.

Nathan Brown Belton FC Club Secretary S

GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP.

The group has had singer Dave Gold who was brilliant at a recent meeting, Elvis gave a great performance to the group, also Tracy from Norton Peskett Solicitors gave the group a talk on the subject of 'Power of Attorney.



Regarding fundraising, The Kings Head public house at Belton and the Sun Inn, Bradwell customers gave a donation to the group thank you to you all also the Asda, Great Yarmouth store gave a donation of a £1000. Just wonderful news (photo shows Sue Casey , the Asda manager and Sam Clark).

Birthday congratulations to Lisa, Pauline, Margret, Keith, Maureen, Eddie, Mark the Centre 81 Driver. Rex, David, Marion, David, Dawn and Angie. The Stroke

Group will not be meeting for four weeks due to the Corona virus. Contact Sue Casey 01493 781846 for further information.



CAMERA CLUB

Belton Camera Club's last meeting was perfect for a bottle of Whiskey or two! Not to drink of course – instead we turned our hands to some product photography and tried to create a desirable advertising type photograph. It was a challenging task as its far from easy as the bottles not only let light through but are also very reflective making it tricky to get the lighting right. Despite this there were lots of great images presented by the end of the evening. An example from the evening by Tony Howsham.

After this we then looked at the 'Photo Of The Month' submissions, which this month were on the theme of 'Night'. Rob kindly critiqued



the 12 entries and after a tough deliberation, this lovely image from Venice, by Tracey Jones, was chosen as the winner.

It was then time to look at the printed submissions for Wayne's 3-month Challenge. The theme was

'Easter' and saw some very innovative submissions ranging from religious scenes to chocolate eggs! Rob again provided some very informative and educational critique. Robin Ives' vibrant composite image depicting rabbits, crucifixes and eggs was chosen as the winning image for this challenge – well done!

For next month, the theme for the 'Photo Of the Month' is Transport, so we are expecting lots of great entries. As a reminder the image must be the photographer's own work. If it's a composite then all parts again should be the photographer's own images. You are encouraged to go out and capture the images for the competition – but we accept this is sometimes not possible. Please email the photos, as a JPEG to admin@beltoncameraclub.co.uk – give the image a fitting title too, as this can really help

Next month's meeting will be on Friday 3rd April, at the New Road Sports & Leisure Centre, New Road, Belton, NR31 9JW at 7pm until 10pm. There is a new price structure in place now with an annual membership fee of £30 or £5 ad hoc on the night.

BOHEMIANS F.C.



As Easter approaches, it's that time of year when clubs start planning for next season and finalising arrangements for our end of season presentation night and summer tournament.

Plans are in place for Bohemians to grow with the addition of two more youth teams and we hope to be able to confirm this soon. Our existing teams are

looking for a few more players to build up their squads and replace players who have left. If your child is now 10 or 13 and not currently part of a club and is interested in playing league football, contact our league secretary Alan on 07787 911403 for details. We are also hopeful of adding teams at u7 & u8 if we receive sufficient interest.

Our festival of football youth tournament is being held on Sunday 21st of June this year up at New Road where we welcome teams in the u8, u10, u13, u14 and girls at u13 & u14.

Our u14 girls team have had a successful season so far, having reached their league cup final to be played @ Aylsham FC's ground and only need a couple of points from their remaining 5 matches to win the league. The team have also been invited to a national competition at Nottingham in June where they will face league champions from County based leagues around England.

We remain an FA Charter Standard Club and an active partner with Belton & Browston Parish Council and our neighbours Belton FC at New Road.

BFC have several sponsorship opportunities within the club and any company (or individual) who is considering sponsoring a charter standard football club should contact either our Club Treasurer Matthew Simm by email to mattsimm@btinternet.com or by visiting us at our regular Saturday morning training sessions at New Road.

We would like to wish all of our players, their parents, sponsors and our volunteers a Happy Easter.



Wherry Volunteers Needed

Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust (WYC) is delighted to announce a summer programme of over forty days' of sailings between May and September (full details at wherryyachtcharter.org).

In addition we offer Wherries for charter and have one of our two pleasure wherries on view at How Hill throughout the five month summer season. None of this can be achieved however, without the essential input of our volunteers.

If you are physically active, we are always on the lookout for new crew members to help sail our fleet of five historic wherries. No previous experience is necessary, as full training is provided, and the amount of time you commit to us is entirely up to you.

If active crewing on our sailings isn't for you, then equally valuable are our team of Viewing Guides. Our pleasure wherry Hathor will be moored at How Hill from 3rd May onwards and we desperately need more people to welcome visitors on board. If you enjoy sitting beside the river on a summer's day and chatting to people, this could be just the role for you!

Without our friendly and dedicated team of volunteers, these historic wherries would be lost from our waterways. Our programme of sailings and our 'on view' days provide vital funds to keep these beautiful vessels in sailing condition. An average 'on view' day brings us over ten times more donations than a non-viewing day.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of our volunteering opportunities, please contact pam.taylor@wherryyachtcharter.org or phone 01692 670311 (day-times only please). Training for all volunteer roles commences in early May.



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WANTED

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

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

Bric-a-Brac & Books needed for sales at JGI Tel 01493 780965 (Belton Scouts)

Small Chest freezer wanted, any condition considered. Tel. 07788 408801

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Aluminium greenhouse staging with wooden slatted top (free standing) 47in x 21in x 30in high £5. Tel 01493 780776

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21 Piece china tea set floral pattern £5. Tel 01493 780562

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Joie Brisk LX Stroller. Colour Midnight Navy with rainwear £30. Tel 07768 430662

Mens size 9 dark brown leather walking boots. Little used £10 ono Tel. 01493 603860

Curtains - Blue 66in x 72in lined. Blue as new £15 ono. Curtains 'Next' ring top, lined. Cream with green & brown 66in x 78in £20 Tel 01493 789594

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

SLIMMING WORLD BELTON

After recent changes and a new leader we now have the following sessions in Belton :-

Wednesdays - Moorlands Primary Academy, Moorland Way, Belton, 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Thursdays - John Green Institute, Station Road South, Belton, 10.00am

Please call Jeanette on 07484 806384 for further details.

We hope to be back as soon as we can

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EVENTS AT THE NEW ROAD SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE



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Bookings
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or Peter (01493 780703)

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BELTON ACTIVITY MORNINGS
(UPDATE - As we go to press we hear from Sallyanne that the group is suspended till at least after Easter)
Information in my column could be amended as time progresses.
Watch this space

Belton with Browston Parish Council

In light of the coronavirus crisis, and in line with government guidelines Belton with Browston Parish Council have decided to cancel forthcoming meetings to reduce the risk of further human-to-human transmission of the virus.

The Belton with Browston Parish Council Meeting due to be held on Tuesday 7th April is cancelled.

The Belton with Browston Annual Parish Meeting due to be held on Tuesday 21st April is cancelled.

At this time the May meetings are also in doubt however a final decision as to whether the Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place will be made in due course.

In the mean time for any help and advise the Parish Clerk Kate Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 01493 602960, and by email: beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk

Burgh Castle Parish Council

In light of the coronavirus crisis, and in line with government guidelines Burgh Castle Parish Council have decided to cancel forthcoming meetings to reduce the risk of further human-to-human transmission of the virus.

The Burgh Castle Parish Council Meeting due to be held on Monday 6th April is therefore cancelled.

At this time the May meetings are also in doubt however a final decision as to whether the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and Annual Parish Meeting will take place will be made in due course.

In the mean time for any help and advise the Parish Clerk Kate Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 07948 705218, and by email: burghcastleclerk@gmail.com

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

In light of the coronavirus crisis, and in line with government guidelines Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council have decided to cancel forthcoming meetings to reduce the risk of further human-to-human transmission of the virus.

The Fritton with St Olaves Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council Meeting due to be held on Thursday 26th March are therefore cancelled.

Coronavirus - As I write this month's article, we seem to be on the cusp of Coronavirus in the UK and while we may be heading for some turbulent times. It's possible usual activities you attend may be cancelled to stave off this terrible disease. Many of the group members including myself are Older and vulnerable and it is my mission to ensure we are all safe to come to group on a Monday morning.

Please note - I ask should you feel a cold coming on or you feel under par then please refrain from coming to group and hold off till you feel much better. We are heading towards an Easter break and may have to close earlier or for longer as the situation develops. Look after yourself by seeking help if you need it. Eat a balance diet, sleep and rest when needed, keep yourself hydrated, get out in the garden when you can (appropriately dressed) for some sunlight and gentle exercise to help make a good recovery.

Coming to Class - For those who attend the Monday morning activity session, you will be reminded to wash your hands appropriately after session has finished. I will be dividing my Resistant Bands into Monday and Tuesday groups and washing each set of bands after use. Alternatively, you can bring your own and if you leave without having a cup of tea that's fine, too. Your welcome to bring any antibacterial gel or wipes or other for your own use. The choice is always yours for you to stay healthy.

Easter Break - We will be closing for the Easter break so No Class on Monday April 6th & 13th 2020. Let's hope we make it till then! We will return Monday 20th April 2020. Unless there has been a government warning to say something different. All assuming we can, we will open till half term week 25th May. This year we plan to open on Monday May 4th because Bank holiday has moved to Friday 8th May 2020 to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE day.

Legalities - When we return after Easter and in the new tax year you will be asked to update all your details held by myself. This includes New par Qs, contact details for year 20/21 and to sign the GDPR if you haven't already done so. If you wish to decline from providing this information, I will not be able to work with you.

The Belton Activity Morning runs its classes on Monday Mornings. All single sessions are £3.00. an extra £1 for Nordic walking. Classes can be paid in advance or pay as you go by card or cash.

Chair Based Exercise - 9.30am to 10.15am. This session aims to improve your daily functional actions and can increase your confidence, improve posture, balance and co-ordination essential to living. Bands provided.

This exercise session is followed by refreshments

Nordic Walking - after refreshments depending on the weather and how boggy the field is. This session provides you with the practice time to gain the best out of walking with poles.

Finally - We wish to send members who are poorly now, get well wishes.

Sadly - We want to send our condolences to the family and friends of Hayley Allen who passed away a few weeks ago. She like me has been delivering exercise classes at New Road for a few years on a Monday and our paths would cross occasionally. I like many others have fond memories of her, a fellow exercise instructor who was taken to soon and will be sadly missed.

To enquire for more information of any of the above please contact Sallyann on 07599044806 or email up4fitness@gmail.com

At this time the May meetings are also in doubt, however a final decision as to whether the Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place will be made in due course.

In the mean time for any help and advise the Parish Clerk Kate Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 07827 681269, and by email: fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com



WORLD BOOKDAY FUN AT MOORLANDS

World Book Day was once again a fun filled event at Moorlands. As well as a well-supported book swap, children were invited to make a 'book in a box.' This involved the children choosing their favourite book and creating a 3D version in a shoe box. It was extremely popular and the results were full of creativity and imagination. Mr Biddle, the English Lead and Senior Teacher at the school said "We were genuinely bowled over by the response from the children. Their creations were full of imagination and it was a joy to judge the entries." The winning 'book in a box' from each class received a £5 book token.



In addition to this, a competition "Guess the staff selfie" ran for the week. Ten brave members of staff took a "selfie" of their books and children and parents were invited to guess who the shelves belonged to.

Children were also able to dress up as a book character if they wished, took part in World Book

Day themed lessons and a special assembly also took place. One pupil said "It's my favourite day of the year. I love reading and its brilliant fun!"



FRIENDS of MOORLANDS Clothes Bank

The Friends of Moorlands still have their clothes bank 'Recycle with Michael', just within the schools main gates on Moorland Way. It can be accessed in school term times and when the gates are open at 8:30am & 2:45pm. Outside of those times when the gates are closed, there is a call button but only manned during office hours. We can however only collect clothes and shoes

BELTON JUDO CLUB

Belton Judo Club (Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy) is becoming the place to be, especially for young people in our area! Our



Tuesday session for juniors over 8-years-old is rapidly reaching capacity with around 20 regularly on the mat. We still have several spaces for under 8s on the Tuesday session and we can accommodate a number of new members on our

Wednesday session but if you want to join our very successful and growing group, get in quick, you've nothing to lose as the first month is COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE!!

We have several competitions coming up shortly with a number of our inexperienced players entering for the first time in order to gain experience, confidence and the possibility of winning a medal. One of the people helping to encourage and coach these players is 14-year-old Ryan King who is ranked No.1 in Great Britain with several national titles including English Open Champion, Scottish Open Champion and Commonwealth Champion as well as many other successes. Ryan is often the first to jump in and help, especially the very young and inexperienced members and make them feel at ease and build their confidence.

Our open randori session from 6.30 to 7.30 every Wednesday is open to all Judo players everywhere around the area and will hopefully benefit everyone attending. It is a pay-as-you-go session, £5 per person (reductions for siblings/family) and anyone paying for the randori session can stay on the open mat for no further charge. We have all standards at our Judo club from British and Commonwealth Champions and medallists to complete novices and all standards and ages between and 3 and 73 so there is definitely something for everyone whatever your ambitions may be so rather than sitting around wondering what to do, get along to our Judo club and see what you're missing. Make new friends, get fit, increase your confidence and self-esteem, the advantages are endless so what's not to like?

Belton Judo Club run sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday (see below for details of times and sessions) 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 14-year-old Ryan King who is now an established member of the England squad and ranked No.1 in Great Britain, 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 COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE so why not come along and give us a try, you have nothing to lose, who knows, it could be a life-changing move and you may never look back.

Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy is able to accommodate new members at our Judo clubs in Belton so anyone wishing to attend any of the sessions should just turn up as follows:-

Any Tuesday (under 8s 4.30, over 8s 5.30),

Any Wednesday (all juniors 5.30 to 6.30),

Any Wednesday, an open-to-all randori session (juniors and seniors), 6.30 to 7.30 and an open mat for all styles/disciplines 7.30 to 8.30.

All the above sessions are at the New Road Sports Pavillion, New Road, NR31 9JP.

Anyone wanting further details of any of the above sessions can contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or email on

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

This months photo shows players attending our weekly randori sessions.

VILLAGE VOICE WRITING COMPETITION 2020

To celebrate the 200th issue of Village Voice, a writing competition was held in 2017. Not only was the response enthusiastic, many of the entries were of an exceptional standard. The magazine board therefore decided to make it a regular event.

Village Voice is delighted to announce now, the 2020 writing competition and invite entries.

The 2018/ 19 event was another unqualified success. Chief judges Joanna Cannon (author of the Sunday Times best seller *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*) and Kevin Lee (Head Teacher, Moorlands Academy) had a tough job selecting the winners from over 120 entries. The prize giving event on 21 March 2019 was one of the highlights of 2019.

CATEGORIES
Children: Age 11 and below
Children: Age 12 to 18
Adults: Age 19 and above

TYPES
Can be short stories, poems, essays or any other piece of creative writing

LENGTH
600-800 words ideal
maximum 1000

PRIZES
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2019 winner Piers Colby with chief guest Joanna Cannon at the award ceremony. Details of the 2020 award ceremony to be announced shortly.

ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY — WORLD BOOK DAY

Students and staff alike at Ormiston Venture Academy showcased their weird and wonderful imaginations through dressing up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. The characters that filled the academy originated from fairy stories, Roald Dahl books, Greek mythology and even a reinvention of Agatha Christie's Poirot.

When asked about the day, one Year 9 student said: "World book day was amazing, it brings everyone's love of books to life. I dressed as Rose from *Princess of the Midnight Ball* which is a book I have read at least three times!" Another student was excited about the activities running through the day: "It was such a fun day because I got to do quizzes and guess the teacher and I loved seeing everyone's costumes!" Year 8 student, dressed as a Ravenclaw witch.

Siobhan Sweeney, Leader of Literacy and English Teacher at Ormiston Venture Academy, said: "To see our students so excited about books is indescribable. Here at Venture we are tenacious in our efforts to



promote a love of reading both during the school day but equally, outside of the academy walls.

World book Day is just one of the ways in which we promote reading for pleasure and it is fantastic to see so many students passionate about the magnificent world of books.

Our Website:
www.ormistonventureacademy.co.uk

SCOUTS NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS



Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton (not other local villages) on Saturdays April 4th and May 2nd. 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.



BURGH CASTLE SPEEDWATCH

Firstly, I would like to thank all our existing volunteers for giving up their time to do what sometimes seems like a thankless task, we do have a small dedicated team but we do need some more volunteers!

DO you have an hour a week to spare?

Burgh Castle Speedwatch works only with volunteers, we need new recruits to continue the sterling work our volunteers are already doing.

If its YES – Can you support us and become a Speedwatch volunteer.

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