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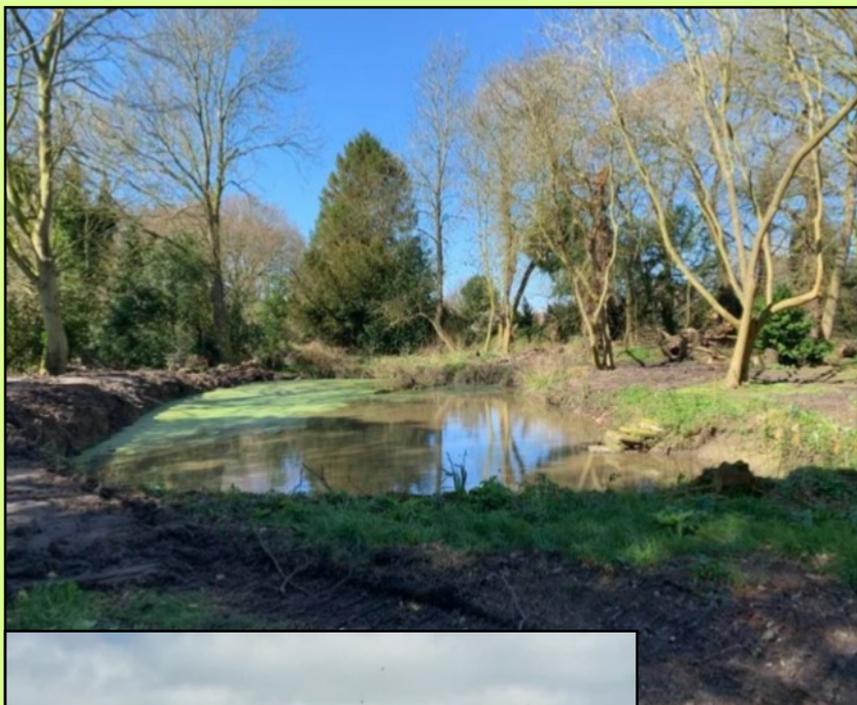
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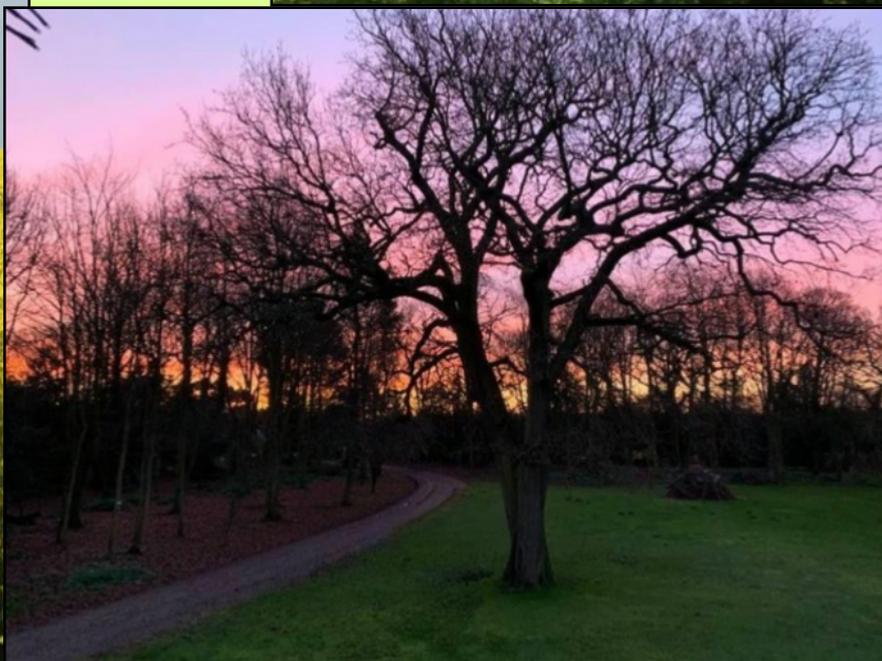
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CHANGE OF PLANS!

We had planned a great celebration with live music, lots of food and drink, and fun and games, similar in many ways to the parties that took place in homes and streets at the end of World War 2. Obviously, the current restrictions and social distancing makes this impossible.



So, we've changed our plans! How about a celebration at home?

There's nothing to stop us decorating our own places and spaces in red white and blue.

There's nothing to stop us getting dressed up – either in red white and blue clothing, or fancy dress or something that feels right for the occasion.

There's nothing to stop us having an afternoon tea something like that which we might have had in The Rectory garden.

We had planned simple sandwiches, such as egg, ham, cheese, spam and jam with scones and Victoria sandwich cakes, and bourbon and custard cream biscuits and Penguin biscuits – all of which were available during the 1940s.

3pm was the time the nation would raise a toast – because 3pm was the time Winston Churchill officially announced the end of WW2 from the Cabinet Office at 10 Downing Street, London..

We would like to propose that at 3pm on Friday 8th May we come outside our front doors and raise a toast to the Heroes of WW2 (with a glass of bubbly, a cup of tea, a coke, orange juice, whisky or gin), similar to the way we come out to *clap for the NHS* and all Key Workers on a Thursday night.

Pipers from around the world were due to open VE Day 75 by playing Battle's O'er and VE75 Years to pay tribute to the millions who gave so much to earn our freedom today. We plan to have Battle's O'er played in the village in numerous places, and you might like to join in with this too. The music can be downloaded from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCRxdZXcDkk> using a You Tube to MP3 Converter or provided on CD or memory stick for a few who don't have digital capability to download it.

We hope to have some kind of entertainment from the village available live online at this time, too.

For the children, we can point you to some colouring and craft activities that might make a special place mat or decoration for the party table. Also make some red, blue and white bunting and flags to hang from your windows and doors or your front gate. Let's get creative!

We thought it might be fun to ask for photographs from the day to be included in the Village Voice and on the Parish and Church websites in June.

There is a prize to be offered for the best dressed house/space and for the best dressed person.

We have asked Mr Kevin Lee, Head of Moorlands Church of England Primary Academy to be judge for this. We have to ask that all photographs submitted will come with your agreement for them to be published online.

Contact Rosie on rosie@rosiebunn.co.uk or Bill on cam938@btinternet.com for any further information



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



As the COVID 19 pandemic continues, this is the second Village Vice issue that is being published only on line. As the lock down bites, most of us are living through times of worry and uncertainty - worry about the health and welfare of loved ones, an anxiety about the future and a fear of the unknown.

Living through these exceptionally difficult times, we owe a particular debt of gratitude to the ordinary men and women in our health services, many of who came back to serve us as volunteers, well after their retirement. In caring for us and our own, many have paid the ultimate price too. It is important and appropriate that we remember them and honour them. It isn't enough we clap, they need protection too.

The 116 names in the list below include 45 nurses, 25 doctors, 18 health care assistant, 6 paramedics, 4 hospital porters, 2 midwives, 2 technicians, 2 hospital transport workers, 1 radiographer, 1 care coordinator, 1 occupational therapist, 1 counsellor, 1 patient discharge facilitator, 1 GP receptionist, 1 NHS administrator, 1 IT worker, 1 NHS manager, 1 cleaning department member, 1 housekeeper and 1 pharmacist. Let them Rest in Peace.

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**Professor (Dr) Regi Alexander
Editor**

BRANDON LEWIS MP writes



Over recent years, many people have suggested that I keep a diary of the events that I have witnessed in Westminster and Whitehall. My wife, is one of the greatest advocates of this "inside" approach, pointing out that I've served as a Member of Parliament during a particularly tumultuous period in British politics. Over the last decade I've experienced a coalition government, the rise and fall of Prime Minister's, the drama of the Brexit votes and an unexpected landslide election victory.

Yet, these events pale into insignificance compared to the national emergency, we are all witnessing today. Our common enemy is the unseen foe that is the coronavirus. At the forefront of our defences against this virus is an army of NHS staff who are working around the clock to keep us safe. I know of the amazing work our teams at the James Paget Hospital, and in GP surgeries and pharmacies around the constituency are undertaking to look after our community. This virus affects everyone – and the most important thing people can do is follow the guidance to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

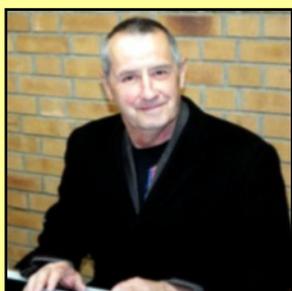
Alongside our NHS, are a legion of other people making sure our society continues to function. From care workers looking after the elderly and most vulnerable to the staff stocking our supermarket shelves. From the teams processing benefit claims and business grants to the hundreds of volunteers looking after their neighbours. They are all heroes and deserve our respect and support during these difficult times.

The global pandemic has prompted the Government to take measures unseen before in Britain, whether during war time or peace. This includes massive multi-billion-pound support to protect our economy, employees, businesses and the self-employed. To implement these measures is a monumental task. Of course, there will be people anxious about their own future as they wait for funding or benefits to kick in. My excellent team to continue to work from home and are dealing with queries as quickly as possible – they are available to provide advice and support for constituents.

We are watching history being written on a daily basis. Perhaps, we should pick up a pen and start keeping that diary

Remember that if you have an issue you wish to raise with me or require advice please contact my office – office@brandonlewis.co or 01493 854550.

**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR
ADRIAN MYERS**



Due to the current situation the council is not meeting, there are no committees or council meetings. Staff are either working from home or have been resigned other duties supporting the residents during this outbreak. However the council has not been inactive during this time. It has allocated over

£13.2million of support via government grants to local businesses and is working with the Greater Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership in supporting businesses by providing information and contact points. For further information please follow this link <http://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support>

It has set up central food bank hub in the Town Hall which is receiving donations from the public and local businesses. It has provided parking permits for NHS response volunteers or are part of the medical/care staff. These permits are not limited to Great Yarmouth. I have volunteered as a local responder, downloaded the app, and I

am awaiting my first assignment. The council is not acting alone and is part of the cross Norfolk multi agency response to the Corona virus. The council has also reassigned 100 staff to support vulnerable people in the community including the homeless.

These are not the only actions that it is taking. The government has now passed emergency legislation allowing remote committee meeting to take place and has just sent the guidelines pertaining to this, so hopefully in the near future committees will be able to meet electronically to get the normal business of the council back on track.

This council and its officers have responded magnificently to the current situation, and the people of this borough can be proud of that response, I certainly am.

Cllr Adrian Myers
Independent, Lothingland Ward.

LOCAL PARISH COUNCILS

At the time of writing (April 15th) none of us knows when the Corona virus issue will ease sufficiently for a return to some sort of normality and this includes all your local Parish Councils.

Kate Palmer who is clerk to all three councils in our main area has been very busy with end of year accounts and dealing with various new issues that have arisen, we all owe her our thanks. Councils are still looking at planning applications and we are still reporting urgent issues such as potholes and maintenance problems which are getting attended to as appropriate in the circumstances, items are also being lined up for our next meetings - when they come!

Both Belton with Browston and Burgh Castle Councils have made donations from their funds to the local food bank (The Pantry) of £150.00 each and Kate has been successful in obtaining in a separate source of funding for the food bank through the two councils from the Norfolk Community Foundation (£600.00 on behalf of Belton and £400.00 through Burgh castle) both of which have been passed on.

Whilst this emergency continues it is unlikely that Parish Councils will be able to 'sit', there are suggestions of virtual meetings but this depends on all councillors having the required technical access which is currently being investigated, however we can all be contacted by telephone or e-mail through the Parish Clerk, the relevant details for the three councils are as follows. It should be mentioned that the Government has indicated that local Annual council meetings can be missed this year with officers staying 'in post' for a further 12 months. Finally, just a note to mention that the election for a new Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk due on May 7th this year has been put back to May 6th 2021 when Norfolk County Council elections fall due.

Contact for local Parish Councils is as follows
Belton With Browston - Telephone 01493 602960, e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk
Burgh Castle - Telephone 07948 705218, e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com
Fritton with St. Olaves - Telephone 07827 681269, e-mail fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL

HALL OPENING : Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We will remain closed in line with government regulations, but as soon as it is safe to do so we look forward to seeing our regulars for a cuppa and a bargain or two..

We would ask you continue to save your good quality bric-a-brac, and books, (especially paperbacks) ready for collection when we are able. contact [mgreenacre532@gmail.com/01493780126](mailto:mgreenacre532@gmail.com)

BURGH CASTLE FUN DAY : Sadly this year's event, set for June 28th has had to be cancelled due to the current situation however we hope to be back in 2021 with a bigger, better event.



Messy Church Easter activity boxes were delivered to twenty five of the children we have contact with. An album of photographs is available on the All Saints Belton Facebook page and website, showing the results of all their work. The chocolate nests with eggs in didn't last long for those who made them, but the Easter trees decorated with eggs have brightened up Easter for many households.





1st BELTON SCOUTS



Beavers
 The Beavers have all been given a pack of things to do from their personal challenge, growing French marigolds, making a card, making a savoury meal, learning their phone number, along with puzzle sheets. Enjoy the photo's enclosed with what the beavers have been up to and sharing.

Cubs
 The Cubs have been sent a number of badges that they could do at home ranging from collector and chefs activity to activities which they could do on their hours exercise when they are out with their families or indoors which range from craft to learning new skills. I have already had photos from Taylor doing his chefs badge. Watch this space we might try doing virtual meeting

Scouts
 Although the Scout sections season has been cut short by corona virus there are a number of badges the Scouts can do at home including writing, chef skills, and researching aviation. It will be exciting to see what the Scouts have done during their lock-down period and we look forward to getting back in better weather to move outdoor activities.
 Group.

Newspaper collection at present time has been suspended, if you are able to hang onto your paper that would be wonderful thank you.



Alfie made spaghetti bolognese for his cooking badge



Leon made a Cheese and ham omelette Leon Pantazi



Toby Chamberlain



Harry made cheesy broccoli pasta, it was lovely!! And planted his seeds today



Eddie made sausage rolls. #cookingbadge





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REV ROSIE WRITES

Hope! A word that is used in different ways at different times.....

"I hope you are feeling better...."

"I hope to be with you next time....."

Even "let's hope and pray".

I wonder what you are hoping for? Let me guess.... an end to this lockdown; the safety of your loved ones at this time; eradication of the virus; a return to "normal".

As I was reading the Bible passages over Easter, I read a verse that struck deep within me:

"we had hoped that he was the one who was going to save Israel". It was spoken by two of Jesus' disciples as they walked the road to Emmaus, with a stranger who has come alongside them, who they later recognise to be Jesus as he breaks bread with them.

There are other occasions within the Bible when people express a similar kind of sentiment; the obvious one with the people of Israel in the desert after the exodus from Egypt. They had hoped that everything would fall into place, and into their laps, with the gift of the Promised Land, and when it didn't, and they went through tough times, the people grumbled.

There is a proverb that says "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." Hope is a combination of the desire for something and the expectation of receiving it, but when we think that what we are hoping for is not coming fast enough, how do we respond?

As I've listened to the news briefings in that last few days, so many of the questions were about when the restrictions would be lifted; whether they would be lifted at the end of the initial three-week lockdown. How I wish it was likely to happen but in listening to the experts, and having received a letter to say that I need to be isolated for at least twelve weeks, I am not getting my hopes up. It seems to me that we have to be careful about what we hope for.

In the Bible the people were encouraged to wait patiently; to trust in God. There is a close connection between hope and trust. Christians might say that their "hope is in Jesus"; it is in the hope of the resurrection from the dead that Jesus experienced that first Easter, and which is promised to all who believe in Jesus, at the end of time.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is central to the faith of all followers of Jesus; our hope comes from trusting him and his promise that he goes before us to prepare a place for us, so that when he comes again he will take us to be with him. When people died years ago they were described as having "gone home". That description points to familiarity and relationship; it is the experience of followers of Jesus to know and call God by the name of Father (actually more like the familiarity and intimacy of "Daddy") and so the trust that is built up and the hope that we have for the future is in God himself.

Having said that, it is not always easy. Sometimes hope and trust are actually an act of the will; just as love is also a choice. I choose to trust. I choose to hope. I choose to love.

In these challenging times, what we feed our minds with matters. We can look forward to the end of the current pandemic, but we might have to be patient (and that's not always easy!). Anxiety is a natural response to situations outside our control, especially when there seems to be no end in sight or when we don't understand all that is going on.

Paul, writing to the church in Philippi, reminds them that God is near to them and then says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer..... present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." He then goes on to extol the

power of positive thinking – the focus on what is lovely, noble, right, admirable, pure, praiseworthy or excellent; to think on those things "And the peace of God will be with you."

My hope and prayer for you is that in the disorientating circumstances that we all find ourselves, you might experience God's peace and a well-being that helps you to keep hoping, with patience, that will see you through, however long it takes.

THE CHURCH IS STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

I am sad to say that the church buildings in Belton and Burgh Castle are closed as they could be places of gathering where the virus could be passed on. The Church of England took the decision to do this to stand with the government and help people keep safe.

However, the church (the people) are still active. **Each Sunday there is a church service broadcast** at 9.30am for Burgh Castle on Amazon Chime and at 10.30am for Belton on Chime and



Facebook live. *Chime* can also be accessed through a telephone line. We celebrated Easter and enjoyed meeting together on-line. It might have been a very different experience, but it was good. What was missed by many was the Sunrise Service usually held at Burgh Castle Fort very early in the morning – and it was a sunny morning, so we would have seen the sunrise!

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Volunteers are still keeping **The Pantry** open for families in need and in the last few weeks have provided food for 60+ people who have found themselves in difficult circumstances as a consequence of the current restrictions. We are grateful to the many people and organisations who continue to donate food and money to the cause, and especially to the Parish Councils of Belton and Burgh Castle who have obtained grants to support us.

Our Young at Heart Group are contacting one another on a regular basis; supporting one another in isolation and seeking to counter the loneliness of it. This is the case for all of us. If you are on your own and would **benefit from a phone call every so often**, please do let Rosie (780210) or Viv (07523717810) know and you will be given someone who you can chat to.

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Someone asked me recently, "Are you still needing knitted poppies?" Obviously, we can't have the events and activities planned for VE75 Day on 8th May, but we will, at some appropriate point, complete the planned displays. So if you have the wool and are making white poppies please do continue.

We are developing different ways of keeping in contact and having fun together; we are looking into running a virtual pub quiz, as well as the odd coffee morning for both Burgh Castle and Belton. Details of the weekly activities are available on the website www.allsaintsbelton.org.uk

Because of the official closure of all church buildings all weddings are currently postponed. **Funerals** are now taking place at the graveside or at the crematorium but in accordance with regulations only close family are allowed to attend. The loss of a loved one is obviously an extremely painful and distressing time, and in the current circumstances it is made harder by the fact that we cannot have our loved ones close to us, or give the person who has died the "send off" we would have liked. Rev Viv Ridpath and myself are encouraging those who have lost loved ones to plan to have a memorial service and a wake once the restrictions on gathering are lifted, when tributes can be given and memories shared. This is not ideal but is the best we can offer in the circumstances. We assure you that if you are in the difficult situation of having to arrange a funeral, we will do our utmost to make it the best we can. Currently, it is Viv who is conducting the funerals as I am in the 12 weeks of shielded isolation, but I am working and at the end of the telephone if you need me.

Rev Rosie Bunn

THE PANTRY

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.

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.

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

Friday May 8th Bank Holiday

Refuse collections throughout the Great Yarmouth Borough will be as normal on the VE Day Bank Holiday on Friday May 8th, please put your normal bins out early.

Monday May 25th Spring Bank Holiday

As usual no refuse collections on that day, everything for the following week one day late with the rounds for Friday 30th being collected on Saturday May 31st.

Garden Waste

At the time of writing there are no brown bin collections however Great Yarmouth Borough Council have announced that they will recommence on Monday May 11th, The council has also said that on this one occasion, customers can leave out excess garden waste for collection alongside their brown bin - providing there are no large branches and it is in a container which can be easily lifted.

Residents annual payment dates will be rolled forward to take the non collection weeks into account.

Bulky Items Collections

This service is also currently suspended by the Borough Council.

Caister Refuse and Recycling Centre.

Norfolk County Council have currently closed this site until further notice.

Keep an eye on the Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Norfolk County Council sites, also Facebook and local press for updates to the above closures.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME



Our team of 7 drivers, are happy to offer support to those in need. Thank you to the drivers who give up their time so patiently to help those in our community who struggle to access public transport.

To book a car please call **07767063986**,

Passengers can book a car to take them shopping, to social events, connections for holiday travel or medical appointments. The only stipulation being they are resident in one of the five villages and can walk to the vehicle. We ask for at least 24 hours notice as all our drivers are volunteers, but are very willing to do our best to help.

Want to know more then contact: mgreenacre532@gmail.com or 01493780126.

GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL HANDS OUT £20m IN RELIEF GRANTS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

Great Yarmouth Borough Council has already handed out nearly £20m in Government relief grants to local businesses – and is reminding those eligible businesses which have not yet claimed their money to complete the online form.

Three weeks ago, the council wrote to the 3,000 eligible businesses in the borough and asked them to complete the simple online form as swiftly as possible in order to get their grants paid out.

So far, around £19m has been handed out in total to 1,722 businesses, which represents 57 per cent of the businesses in the borough that are eligible for the Government grants.

With the number of forms completed daily now starting to reduce, the council is phoning or emailing the remaining eligible businesses, where it has those contact details, to remind them of the importance of completing the online form.

Visit www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support for the link to the online form, information and support about the grants, eligibility criteria and further business advice. For advice relating to the grants, call 0808 196 2240. For other business advice, contact the Growth Hub via 0300 333 6536 or www.newangliagrowthhub.co.uk

Eligible businesses should only submit one form, as duplication of forms is likely to delay processing. The council is also reminding businesses to be wary of third-party companies offering to complete their grant form for a fee, as the form can be completed simply by businesses themselves.

Cllr Carl Smith, leader of the council, said: "The council is working closely with New Anglia LEP, other local councils and business groups to ensure our local businesses get the support they are entitled to during these challenging times.

"I would like to praise our council staff for working quickly to get so many grants paid out in just three weeks, and we continue to pay out money daily. We would like to hand out grants to the remaining eligible businesses but can only do so if those businesses complete the online form.

"The form is a simple data-capture process asking for information each business should have easy access to, and council staff are available to help over the phone if needed. We are doing all we can to make businesses aware, in liaison with our partners, and we hope eligible businesses will grasp the support being provided."



THE MALCOLM METCALF COLUMN

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

You can also write to him at at 43 Magdalen way, Gorleston, NR31 7BW or on 43ironhorse@gmail.com

GORLESTON'S 'OLD' CEMETERY



My Gorleston friends Judith and Michael Simmons telephoned asking after my well being, luckily am keeping well during this lockdown. They told me of their exercise of walking in Gorleston's old cemetery at what is known by locals as the Magdalen Arms Corner, although the pub has now closed and been converted into a veterinary practice. Being only a few hundred yards from my home I decided to visit this place for my exercise on April 3rd. One of its 'residents' is the well known Yarmouth naturalist, Arthur

'Knowlittie' Patterson, who is buried in this cemetery. To my surprise I found much to observe, several honey bees, some very tiny hover flies, bumblebees and drone flies (*Eristalis tenax*), which have a remarkable resemblance to honey bees and are recognised by their habit of flying fast forward, then fast flying backward, and hovering about head height. Hundreds of primroses (*first photo on the left*) made for a colourful display, a patch of early Dog Violets (*second photo on the left*), and the brilliant shining yellow flowers of Lesser Celandine (*third photo on the left*) caught the eye. A pair of noisy carrion crows were busy around their stick nest. The powerful song of an unseen wren was heard. On an ivy covered grave, I found ten '7 spot' Ladybirds and one beautifully coloured Harlequin ladybird, orange with 22 black spots and later saw four Peacock butterflies. Just before leaving I observed a Bee-Fly (*Bombylius major*) (*photo below*) which is a member of Diptera (True Flies). Common in Southern and Eastern England, it can often be seen in early April hovering over flowers. To watch it you have to approach carefully, making sure your shadow does not fall on it, any sudden movement and it will be gone. They have six long thin long legs, a very long



projecting proboscis (trunk / long snout) a rounded furry body, covered with tawny orange hair. They feed on ground ivy, dandelion, violet, and other spring flowers. They fly in swirling circles, hover and suck nectar on the wing. The female lays her

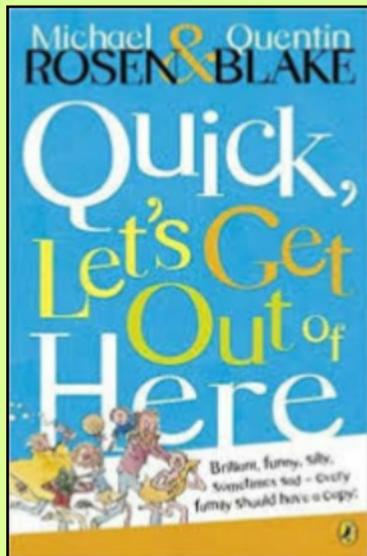
eggs on the ground near nest holes of various species of solitary bees. On hatching the young larvae quickly wriggles into one of these holes, then takes up residence inside. At first it feeds on the pollen and honey stored for the solitary bee for its own larvae. Later however the Bee-Fly grub changes from a vegetarian into a carnivore and attacks the bees' own larvae. The sudden switch of the Bee Fly larvae from a vegetarian to a meat diet is remarkable and very unusual among insects - especially as the larvae returns to a diet of nectar as an adult. Finally, Gorleston resident Len Soards saw and heard dozens of seagulls flying around the tower of Gorleston church, dive - bombing and screeching, it was sometime before he found the reason, they were mobbing a Peregrine Falcon, which stood its ground for 15 minutes.

(Photo credits: Judith Simmons & Malcolm Metcalf)



THE VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB

QUICK- LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
 BY MICHAEL ROSEN
 REVIEWED BY
 NIKHIL HARI, 8 YEARS



I read this poem at my school when I was 7, more than a year ago. That was the first time I heard about Michael Rosen and as soon as I started reading it, I thought it was very funny.

I was pleased when I recently received "Quick, Let's get out of here" as a gift from my Dad's friend and ever since I have been reading it, I couldn't stop laughing. I love Michael Rosen poems. Of all the poems in the book, I like "chocolate cake" poem the most because it was extremely funny and interesting. I like the part when he tells his Mum he ate the cake in the night, she said "That's the last time I give you any cake to take to school". I also like all of the other

poems very much. I like this book the most because I think it is very well illustrated, the pictures explain the poem very well. Also, it is pretty relaxing to read all these funny poems at night. I really liked the part when he was going to sneak some chocolate cake in the night and the way he describes the bits of Lego on the creaky floor. The picture where he is licking his fingers is so funny because of the cheekiness on his face.

Quick, Let's Get Out of Here by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Quentin Blake is published in paperback by Puoffin Books and is available from £6.39.



(The reviewer, 8 year old Nikhil Hari, a pupil of Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury discovered Village Voice on line. He is probably the youngest reviewer that this magazine has had to date. Village Voice looks forward to more book reviews from young readers every month. The best published review from a reader aged 12 or below will get an editor's prize- a book voucher for £10).

THE VILLAGE VOICE WRITING COMPETITION 2020

Thank you for the very many of you who have already submitted entries for the Village Voice Writing Competition 2020. Due to the current situation over the Covid 19 pandemic, I have extended the deadline for submitting entries to October 31, 2020. Please spread the word and do consider entering. More details on page 20.

Editor, Village Voice

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.





ENTUA (East Norfolk Transport Users Association) is a voluntary independent body which monitors bus and rail provision in the East Norfolk Area. To learn more about us and to view bus and rail news please visit our website at www.entua.org

It does not seem possible that in April's article we were reporting on the fact that after the problems that beset Greater Anglia with the introduction of their new trains and the many cancellations that occurred in the latter months of 2019, that, from the beginning of March following completion of the signalling works on the Wherry Line and Greater Anglia having all of its new rural trains in service, you would think that things could only get better.

Likewise First Eastern Counties having transferred its fleet of Enviro 400s from Kings Lynn to the coast we would at last have a decent fleet for the X1/X11 services plus the transferring in of newer Volvo Geminis for the town services meant that the standard of bus would be more acceptable than the 'W' registered ALX 44 type that were well past their sell-by date.

So there we were: New 3 or 4 carriage trains and a nearly new bus fleet which would provide more reliability and travel comfort on buses and trains.

BUT, along came a Coronavirus which has completely changed a way of life for most of us. Because of social distancing we are discouraged from using public transport unless it is absolutely necessary which has resulted in a drop of between 80%-90% in usage.

All we see locally are passenger-less buses throughout the day apart from peak times, but then only amounting to a handful of passengers. It is the same with the trains, all that investment to replace the entire fleet of Greater Anglia trains with insufficient revenue to pay for them.

And we suspect that the investment announced in the Chancellor's budget for rail and improvements to rural bus services will now be put on the back-burner, as will many other projects as we as a country grapple with the long arduous task of returning to economic normality. It remains to be seen what effect this pandemic will have on the future provision of public transport as they and countless other businesses struggle to survive.

Here is now some information on the local bus timetables which are effective from April 5th, 2020.

X11 (Mon-Sat) leaves Bracon Road at 0722 then hourly until 1822
X11 (Mon-Sat) leaves Market Gates for Belton at 0850 then hourly until 1850
X11 (Suns + BHs) leaves Bracon Road at 0922 then hourly until 1822

6B (Mon-Fri) leaves Bracon Road at 0735 and travels via Burgh Castle to Market Gates
6B (Suns + BHs) leaves Bracon Road at 0835 and travels via Burgh Castle and Bradwell to Market Gates
6B (Mon-Sat) leaves Market Gates at 2030 to Belton via Bradwell returning to Market Gates via Burgh Castle
6B (Mon-Sun) leaves Market Gates at 2230 to Belton via Bradwell then Burgh Castle terminating at Blue Sky.

X11(Suns + BHS) leaves Market Gates for Belton at 0850 then hourly until 1750
X11 will terminate at Market Gates – for Norwich, please change to an X1 service.

Burgh Castle will be served with its Sunday service 7 days per week as follows:-
Market Gates (Dep) 1015 1315 1615
Gorleston High St. Feathers 1025 1325 1625
Bradwell Blue Sky 1032 1332 1632
Burgh Castle Cherry Tree 1036 1336 1636
Burgh Castle Queens Head 1041 1341 1641

Bradwell Blue Sky 1045 1345 1645
Gorleston High. St. Boots 1053 1353 1653
Market Gates 1105 1405 1705

Service 6B provides earlier and later journeys to and from Burgh Castle.

Service 8 is reduced to an hourly service between James Paget Hospital and Caister.
Service 2,6 and 1/1A are hourly. Service 4 and 9 are not running. For more information go to firstgroup.com/easterncounties or telephone 0345 646 0707 (0700-1900 Mon-Fri) (0900-1700 Sat/Sun)

Six of the new Excel buses have been transferred temporarily to Great Yarmouth (3) and Lowestoft (3) for use on the X1 and X21 services, so don't be surprised if you see these new red/maroon buses in the area.

We are grateful and thankful to the Bus and Train operators and all of their staff who along with other front-line staff are providing the nation with essential services at this critical time. That's about it for Mays edition. Please stay safe.

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

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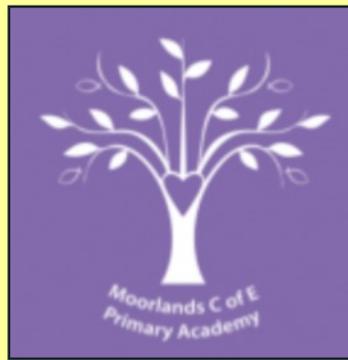
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MOORLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY

*It's School Life, but Not As We Know It.....
Volume 1*

In these strange times, it is my intention to write a slightly different type of update on life at Moorlands for The Village Voice. If you'd have said that I would be writing an article like this just a few weeks

ago, I'd have smiled and respectfully disagreed, I normally write about learning, trips or events that have taken place in the school. Yet, here we are, we are living through extraordinary days and because of that, we all have to quickly adapt to the 'new normal.'

Running a school in these times, especially remotely has a few challenges, it has to be said, but with amazing, dedicated and creative staff, willing and supportive parents and carers and a nationwide community of schools that are in the same boat, there is a strong feeling of 'we are in this together' and a number of strands of support to draw upon. Our core virtue of Empathy is front and centre in my mind and our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Compassion, Honesty and Belief have never seemed more appropriate than now.

It became apparent that schools and indeed the whole country were going to go into lockdown around the beginning of March and we started making subtle arrangements, being very careful to present business as usual but at the same time beginning to think about new ways of working and, vitally, ensuring that our methods of contact, namely phone numbers and emails were 100% up to date for families. This is something that in normal school life, despite the very best efforts of the team, is a bit like painting The Forth Bridge, but by the middle of March, we had completed this and checked and re-checked. We had also compiled lists of children we had to be especially mindful of, as well as making sure that we had made initial contact with the families of key workers.

We chose early on to make this information gathering as comprehensive a process as possible. We are fully aware of the fact that it is vital that we are there to provide childcare for the families of key workers but we also have to balance this with the other key fact that we have a duty of care to our staff too. Some members of our team are classed as being vulnerable and so this had to be factored in as well.

All of this can be difficult to get right and so we decided fairly early on to do a risk assessment and see what that told us. As a result of this, we felt that we could safely offer 20 places for children. We send parents on the key worker list a weekly booking form to request what they need and we try to accommodate them the best we can. The rule of thumb is that childcare in school is only for when there is no other safe option. So far, the system has worked very well and we have been able to provide whatever our key workers have needed, including over the Easter Holidays.

The really strange thing though is that we are not really offering a 'school' more of a childcare provision. It is impossible to teach the children in any kind of traditional way, as we have different children each day, they are all mixed age groups and we also have to practice social distancing! This has taken me personally some time to get my head around. To go from being the Headteacher of a bustling and thriving school to running a childcare provision remotely, whilst also trying to set up an online learning offer has required a very different way of working, especially as I am having to self-isolate. This has meant that my dining room table now looks not dissimilar to my office!

Mr Siddles has led things on the ground brilliantly and the whole

team of staff have been amazing. They are the ones who deserve all of the credit. They have been humorous, creative, resilient and patient in equal parts. The sensitivity in which they have spoken to pupils (albeit virtually in most cases,) the support and care that they have shown for the children, families and each other has been truly humbling. People have mucked in, learnt together, kept each other's spirits up and had brilliant ideas, it has been a true team effort.

At the same time as setting up in-school provision, a group of staff have also been working on developing our 'virtual school.' From a standing start, they have created an online school with classrooms, pupil lists and work in a matter of days. Children can log on, see the work that has been set for them, including watching videos of their teacher if required, complete their work, upload it and get personal feedback. Brilliant, but we have to remember that not all children have equal access to a computer and we are also very mindful of the fact that the emotional and physical wellbeing of our children in this extraordinary time has to be our number one priority before we consider work.

The team have really thought this through and there is a lovely, gentle and encouraging platform emerging. We've tried to find solutions for those without access to the right IT equipment, but there is more to do in this area. I intend to write a piece for next month focusing on the wellbeing of our children and families, so I won't say too much now, other than it is front and centre in our thinking.

Parents and carers have also been magnificent. Part of our planning has been to set up a home-learning group on facebook. This has taken on a life of its own and the comments, creativity, support and 'all in this together' attitude that has been shown by our families has been nothing short of amazing. Families have shared lots of ideas and resources, one of the most popular being Joe Wicks' daily PE lessons, which it seems that most of our children are following!

Before I finish, I want to say a massive thank you to our key workers. We have a number of families in the school who work for the NHS or social care and we are only too aware of the incredible challenges they face. We also have families who work in other key jobs, the ones that keep the country running. We are determined to do our bit to help them in the best way that we can, for as long as we can.

Next month, I will write more about the things that we have been doing to support our families during this time and reflect more on the importance of our children keeping healthy, both mentally and physically. Stay safe everybody and take care of each other.

**Kevin Lee
Headteacher**



(Photo: RT Alexander)

EVENTS AT THE NEW ROAD SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE



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BELTON ACTIVITY MORNINGS

Belton Activity Mornings are closed for the foreseeable future, when we can return activities will recommence on Monday mornings at the New road Centre.

Please note -Over the weekend that our last months article went to the editor of Village Voice it was very apparent that changes

were happening to our lives and my article was sadly out of date. On Monday March 16th I chose to let everyone know that we would be closed until further notice from the end of that session and would reopen when appropriate. Since that time I have been isolating and filling my time wisely.

Keeping In Touch - I'd like to think that by the time you read this I will have contacted you all to keep in touch with as many members as possible. Also I have set up a (what's app) group for the purpose of keeping in touch in these difficult times. I will also share some videos of exercise routines we have done in the past for you to do in your own home. The group is only for members of the group who have exercised with me this year for the purpose of legal paperwork. If you are a member and wish to join the group please text me and I will add you. When doing any of the exercises to avoid injury make sure that you keep to the warm-ups and cool downs that we do in class.

I have also added my walks through my local village. Hopefully I will get to contact everyone in time, just to check in with you all.

Legalities – When we return 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.

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

HELLO ALL – THE HAPPY HERMIT HERE....

Well how are you doing? I am going to write you a little bit about my time in the Lockdown and hope it inspires you to think how best you could use your time. Now I fall into that 'over 70s' category and keep hearing them on the TV and on social media referring to people like me, a baby boomer, as 'elderly', I prefer to think I am going to grow old gracefully one day (but not yet!).

I live on my own with my two spaniels, Toby, my faithful, old boy and Bonny, a four year old I recently rescued from her dreadful, former life in a puppy farm. I think of them as my family in fur coats and I never feel lonely as they are such good company and always up for a walk or a few games in the garden. I have two daughters but they are both on the other side of the world and so for me, who was an only child, friends and the social round has always been important.

Well the virus has stopped my gadding about and I only get to talk to friends online or on the phone now. For more years than I care to remember, I have been an ardent bridge player. On arriving back from the South of France to live in this area one of the very first things I did was to seek out the local bridge clubs and find myself a

partner. However, along with all the other closures, local bridge is off BUT I do play online, so I can still find a game when I want to. In France I had 5 acres to tend and although over here I have got what is considered a 'big' garden, it is not such a challenge to maintain. I am never happier than when I am pottering about and given all the extra time at home now, I am putting in that seasonal work of weeding and seeding right now.

I have made a list of all those jobs around the house that I have been putting off and will eventually get round to tackling. This involves things like re-organising my wardrobe and bagging up clothes, some for recycling bins and some for the charity shop. I even have made the decision when this blows over to have a go at selling online my one posh outfit that I don't think I will get the occasion to wear again. There are books that I have bought that I have not as yet read. The skirting boards need to have their paint touched up. And I might make some new cushion covers from old curtains - if I can remember how to make the sewing machine work. I have always loved cooking and I am endeavouring to make what supplies I have laid in stretch as far as possible.

I even had time to make my sticky, stem ginger cake and I have frozen it down in portions to enjoy at a later date. I was horrified to read that the local bin men say that people are throwing out more food now than at Christmas. This is obviously stuff these hoarders have grabbed over and above what they needed and are finding it has gone beyond the 'sell by' date before they can get around to eating it.

Our local hospital is stretched to breaking point with patients and I see the helicopter going over with new ones on a regular basis. We say our grateful thanks to the wonderful staff and hope that they have the right protective clothing, so that they do not succumb to the virus.

Right now is also a time for reflection and for me, a Christian, a quiet time for prayer. Tracey at Belton All Saints Church has organised online services to be shared with the people who are able to access them. The church as a family is keeping in touch by phone and email, it's been great to talk to the friends there and see how they are spending their time.

So my message to you Village Voicers is to try and see this lockdown as positively as possible and treat it as a special time to do things that before you would not have been able to because of time constraints. Think too about the people around you who are living alone or maybe the elderly and put a note through their door with your telephone number and the offer to shop for them when you are going for yourself, even just putting through their door a cheery card or note letting them know that you are thinking of them might make their day.



EVENTS AT THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE



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Although the hall is closed to all activity it is still being well looked after and maintained and we look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as possible. If anyone or group has any queries then please email nurseryrhyme61@btinternet.com or call 780822.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP IN

Sue and I hope all our lovely people who we see on a Wednesday morning are keeping well and we miss you for our morning chat and laughter, plus the coffee and cakes. Please keep in touch as we try to do and please call 780822 if Sue or I can be of any help
Bill and Sue

HISTORY SOCIETY

As all members are aware the society is on the verge of ending. We do not wish that to happen but we do need more help to run the group. The AGM should have been held in April when it would have been explained to all who attended the serious situation. We all hope as soon as this emergency is over we can hold the AGM and at that possibly find a way forward. Call Ian Walker on 07887 640385 if you can offer any help or have any suggestions.

ONE OF THE LORELEI LEGENDS

Many many years ago in a village along the mighty river Rhine in Germany lived a beautiful maiden named Lorelei. She was truly beautiful and was always seen in long white silken dresses that reflected her charms where ever she went.

She had always been faithful to the young man she met as a young girl and believed they would be happy and live together for ever.

One day this young man persuaded Lorelei to allow him to go out on the river alone. With this freedom he ventured way beyond the village that he normally did when Lorelei was with him until he came to a large bend where the river narrowed and was over shadowed by a towering black rock.

At this point the river became turbulent from rocks that had fallen into it and together with the narrowing and fast flowing current of the bend it was the most dangerous part of the whole river. Not knowing this the young man soon got into trouble in the rapids and was smashed against the rock and was never seen again.

When he did not return that day Lorelei became concerned and thought that he had ventured to leave her for another woman. After several days, news reached the village of the tragedy and Lorelei was unable to console herself and for many weeks locked herself away and saw no one.

After several months she appeared again looking as beautiful as before and through her beauty she was able to have any man she wanted, no man could resist her. This behaviour now started to cause much upset in the village with arguments between both the men and the women and especially the wives.

This did not bother Lorelei at all and for many months she continued her ways of luring men to her home down by the river and then rejecting them after a short while. Her antics even spread to surrounding villages,

but no one would do anything about her behaviour.

Finally this got too much for everyone and the local Bishop of the area was asked to intervene. When he heard and looked into the situation his action was to banish her to a nearby convent for the rest of her life..

The local church clergy went to her home and captured her, tied her hands and wrapped her in an old sacking cloth. Then they placed her on a cart pulled by two horses and they set off to the convent about 3 miles away along the river bank.

On the way to the convent they had to pass the large black rock where her young lover was killed. As they approached it Lorelei used her charms again on her captors to allow her a last wish of freedom before her confinement at the convent. She asked to climb to the top of the rock so she could look down onto the river and that fatal spot.

This was granted and she climbed to the top and stood looking down onto the turbulent waters below. Then before their very eyes she leapt of the rock into the raging river below to join her first love. It is said that as she hit the rocks and water below she turned into a beautiful water nymph and still lives there today.

The rock is now known as the *Lorelei* and it is said on nights of the full moon you can hear the cries of a maiden pining for her first love. Also if the sky is clear you can see a silhouette of a young girl in a white satin dress standing on the rock looking out onto the river and still using her

beauty to lure other sailors who pass that point to venture too close to the rocks. Then they would be smashed against the rocks so they would join her in the waters below for ever.

Received from
Bill Richmond

GARAGES & MOT

Some garages are closed for normal car servicing so what is one to do? I have been told by Honda that if a service is due ring in and register so that a list is compiled when things start up again. Warranty has been extended by 6 months by manufacturers to take into account of delayed service. Also MOT has been extended by 6 months so if your's is due ask your garage to find out whether they are operating or not.

Buckworth's garage at St Olaves is open for business and MOT's

VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB Inviting reviews of the following books

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Richard Holloway

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Yuval Noah Harari

Please send your reviews to beltonvveditor@gmail.com

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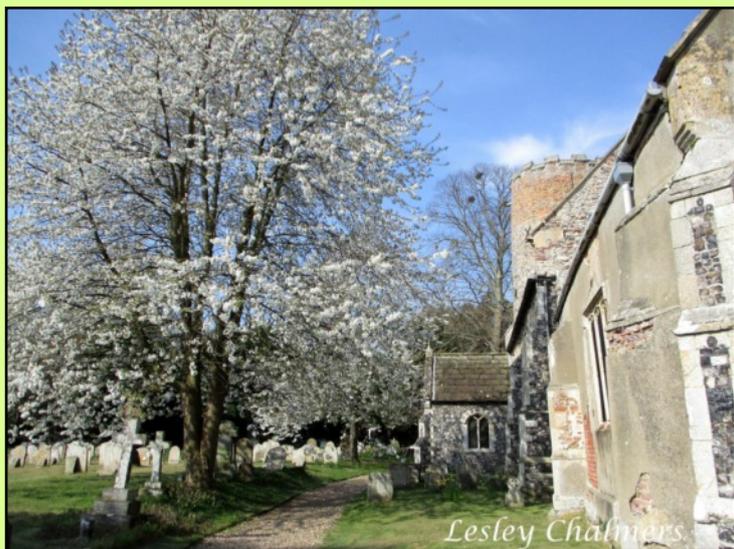
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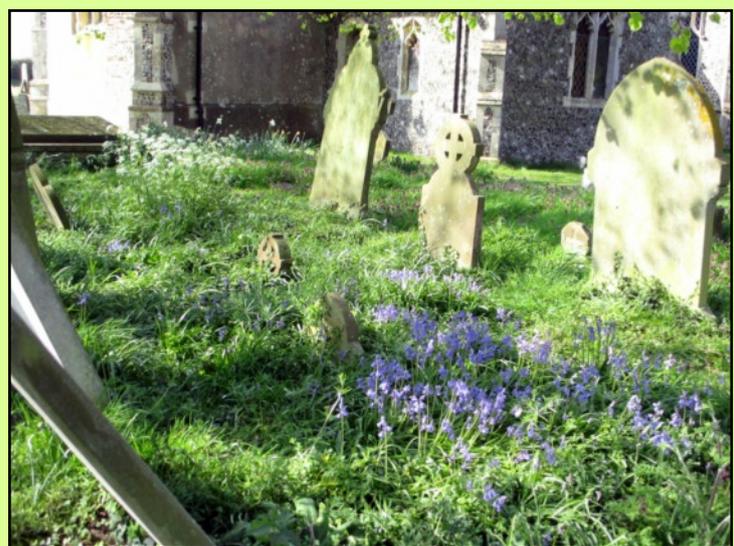
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BURGH CASTLE CHURCHYARD



Lesley Chalmers



Lesley Chalmers

BURGH CASTLE CHURCHYARD

These are three photographs taken in early April this year by local resident Lesley Chalmers whilst out on her permitted exercises. They show perfectly what is available for all to see on our doorsteps if, in more hectic times, we only had the chance to take a look around.

**NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST
BURGH CASTLE FORT UPDATE**

Car park closure and access

Regular visitors to Burgh Castle Roman Fort will know that we have closed the car park for the time being (as I write on April 8th), this in response to government and police advice to help reduce travel during the current coronavirus crisis. The site is still open to people arriving on foot - but please do maintain recommended social distancing of at least 2 metres between other visitors. For useful advice on walking your dog safely during the coronavirus please see the Dogs Trust website: <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/advice-for-owners/dog-advice-during-coronavirus-lockdown>. If you normally drive to the site, please don't park in the road or by the church triangle as an alternative as this causes problems for people living locally - thank you. We will re-open the car park as soon as we can - please check our website or our facebook page for up to date news on this <https://www.norfarchtrust.org.uk/news-events/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BurghCastleRomanFort/>

Skylarks

On a happier note – skylarks are currently nesting at the site, and most visitors will be treated to the sound of their characteristic warbling high up in the sky. These birds nest on the ground. Sadly, the population of skylarks has reduced drastically in recent years because of changing farming practices. The Norfolk Archaeological Trust is able to provide the conditions these beautiful birds need to nest and fledge their young before the hay is cut. Please help us to protect skylarks by keeping to paths around the fields, and by preventing dogs or children from running through the long grass as this can cause the parent birds to abandon their young. Thank you for your support.

Caroline Davison
NAT Director

**ANDREANA HOWELL ADDRESSES WEBINAR AT THE
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS**

Belton resident, Andreana (An) Howell addressed an audience of over 1100 registered delegates at a webinar organised by the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 23 April 2020. The webinar was on the subject of how COVID 19 affects people with developmental disorders like intellectual disability and autism. An is an expert by experience and advisory board member of RADIANT (Research in Developmental Neuropsychiatry), a consortium of about 20 NHS Trusts and university academics from across the world. Describing the experience of being the primary carer of an adult daughter with Down's Syndrome, An spoke



movingly about 'what worries a parent and why', in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic. She touched on concerns about the potential inequalities in healthcare that many people with intellectual disability face. Her talk was extremely well received and generated considerable discussion with the audience. Other speakers included the Village Voice Editor Professor Regi Alexander who also edits the Oxford Textbook of Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability, Professor Peter Langdon, University of Warwick and Dr Jean O'Hara, former national clinical director of Learning Disability, NHS England. The webinar was chaired by Dr Ken Courtenay, Chair of the faculty of intellectual disability psychiatry at the Royal College.

(The webinar is available here <https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/about-us/responding-to-covid-19/responding-to-covid-19-guidance-for-clinicians/elearning-covid-19-guidance-for-clinicians/covid-19-elearning-rcpsych-podcasts-webinars-and-videos/covid-19-webinars-for-members-23-april-2020>)

EAST NORFOLK 6th FORM COLLEGE

Covid - 19 update

Coronavirus - East Norfolk Sixth Form is here for our community

The impact of the current pandemic is clearly making us all concerned for the future but the most important message that East Norfolk Sixth Form College wants to give our community is 'we are here to support you.'

East Norfolk has been a Good College for over 38 years, so we have a long history of making sure that we support our community to excel in their education. We are an independent organisation uniquely placed to work with our partners, make decisions about our own curriculum and have the flexibility to make sure that our young people will be looked after through this pandemic in the ways that suit them.

Our students progress to very high quality destinations including degree apprenticeships, competitive courses and 11 of our students have offers for Oxford and Cambridge so we are well placed to continue to offer this specialist support and guidance.

Over the coming weeks we will be providing our prospective students with lots of information and resources to help them prepare for their studies at East Norfolk.

We are working with local high schools to ensure that the information we send complements the resources and support they are getting from their schools. In the same way that we are offering lots of help and support to our current students, we will be doing all we can to support young people moving from their high schools to further study.

Our high-quality expert teaching staff are already thinking beyond September 2020 and the best ways to help young people to excel when they reach us. Like our own current students, we will do everything possible to make sure that they are not disadvantaged by this situation.

Between now and enrolment, we will be supporting students, parents and carers at every step of the way to make sure that students are ready for college and to try and ease any concerns they may have.

If a young person has applied to EN and already been offered a place for September, then their place is secure.

If a young person is awaiting an interview, then this will take place over the phone.

If a young person hasn't applied yet they should send their application online through www.eastnorfolk.ac.uk and interviews will happen over the phone with offers of places made in this way too.

Our Admissions Team can be contacted via email: admissions@eastnorfolk.ac.uk and they will help answer any of your questions or you can phone the College telephone number 01493 662234 for more information.

This is a challenging time, but together, with your commitment to work with us and our pledge to support you, we can meet the challenge and be ready for a new start for all our young people and their families.

Dr Catherine Richards
Principal



Apply Now eastnorfolk.ac.uk

Are you looking for work or does your company need staff?

New Anglia LEP is working with partners to support businesses during COVID-19 to help them find the staff they need to continue to operate at this challenging time. With over 60 vacancies currently being advertised: visit <https://newanglia.co.uk/employment-opportunities/> to see the latest opportunities.

This Employment Opportunity page is part of New Anglia LEP's work to help businesses through the COVID-19 crisis.

Other areas of work include:

- helping to source PPE (see box below),
- promoting grants available to businesses
- supporting key sectors.

Anyone who needs free, impartial business support – including guidance on the new Government schemes – can contact the New Anglia Growth Hub to speak to a business adviser on 0300 333 6536 or email growthhub@newanglia.co.uk

With kind regards

John W Pennell – Chairman: Norfolk ALC Well-being Task & Finish Group

Personal Protective Equipment

Anyone, including parish councils, **needing to source PPE** can access their database but need to email : supply.chain@newanglia.co.uk to get a log-in for the data system

Anyone wanting to **make or sell PPE** can register what they're making or have in stock here: <https://newanglia.co.uk/data-capture-for-ppe-supply-during-covid/>

A NOTE FROM PETER SEFTON-SMOLLEY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER NORFOLK ACCIDENT RESCUE SERVICE (NARS)

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS) is a registered charity that provides advanced clinical responders who volunteer their services to give specialised medical assistance at major trauma incidents, such as road traffic collisions, industrial and farm accidents, falls from height and serious medical emergencies, such as cardiac arrest.

We have been saving lives in Norfolk for nearly 50 years, attending call-outs that require more training, specialist equipment, and drugs than the East of England Ambulance Service Trust can offer. This enhances the level of care provided for patients suffering serious injury or acute medical illness. All our members are volunteers, and our organisation is funded solely by donations.

Our work during these unprecedented times means that we're having to adapt to a new way of working and are all getting used to operating in a very different world. As part of doing so and in order to protect our volunteer clinicians, we like the NHS are having to take new measures in terms of offering personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of those volunteering

for us. This is both costly and increasingly difficult to source.

We are currently in the process of sourcing protective suits, masks and filters which we are able to purchase through a protected supply chain. We wondered whether you might be able to help us with the cost of the following items:

Full Face Mask with Visor and face seal - £65
Dust Filters - £10
Protective Hooded Coverall - £10

We need a continuous restocking of these items to ensure we safely protect our volunteer clinicians while they respond to critically ill or injured patients, as well as continuing to fund vital costs such as fuel and medical equipment.

During this difficult period, it is fundamental we can provide our each of our volunteers with the correct protective equipment to mitigate the risk of infecting our team. I would be happy to provide further information or indeed complete an application form if you feel that this is something that you can support.

Thank you for your time.

VILLAGE SMALLS

It is free to advertise jobs, events, property or items for sale. Send details to Village Voice Small's, 'Skelmorlie', Butt Lane, Burgh castle, NR31 9PU Tel 01493 780776 or email beltonvvadds@gmail.com by noon on May 14th to appear in the June 2020 issue. We will run your advert for 3 months but please let us know if you sold it so we can remove the advert. (Commercial entries charged at 25p per word)

WANTED

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

Any Saleable items, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Games, Jigsaws unwanted gifts etc. needed for Burgh Castle Village Hall 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

WORK WANTED

General Odd Job Man available 1-2 days a week Tel. 01493 789049

FOR SALE

Cool Rider Legend riding hat (Harry Hall) black, fully adjustable. Used a few times. £20. Tel 01493 789594

BM RONDA 6 String Spanish Guitar £35. ONO Tel 01493 782408

Modern Electric sewing Machine. Hardly used, just serviced. Does various stitching. With carry case. Imac. Cond. £140 ono Tel. 01493 488467

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

Vax carpet cleaner. Dual power. With attachments. Used once £130. Tel 01493 789594

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

Protech Professional key start generator 7500w 3 x 230v outlets. Brand new, boxed. £400 (No offers) Tel : 07788 408801

Free - 2 Guinea Pig hutches, good cond - plus run if needed. Tel. 01493 651700 / 07799 105777

M&M Motorcycle candy dispenser machine £8 ono. M&M Hot Rod candy dispenser machine £8 ono Tel 01493 782408

Boat mirror Blues & white VGC £8. Tel 01493 789594

Professional 8 x 4m Party Tent, steel frame, roof, side & end covers. Tested to BS Standard & fire retardant. Incl Ground bars. Cost £749 + ground bars. Brand New. Ideal pub/large garden £500. Tel. 07788 408801

Books about Ships & Books about Railways Tel. 01493 664784 (messages will be replied to)

Toshiba white 19in colour TV almost new (with hand cont. & Instructions) £25. Tel 01493 780776

Professional 6 x 6m Party Tent, steel frame, roof, side & end covers. Tested to BS Standard & fire retardant. Incl Ground bars. Cost £1400 + ground bars. Used 3 times Accept £900 OVNO (ideal pub or large garden) Tel : 07788 408801

Half moon wooden Wurlitzer sign £25 ono Tel 01493 782408

Roger Black Plus cross trainer. Adjustable resistance. Computer to show pulse / time / distance/ VGC. With instructions. Cost £199. Accept £75. Tel. 01493 780562

Set 4 compact white wood dining chairs, black padded seats. As new £10 Tel 01493 780776

Tornado 300 CD/DVD Aluminium Silver Carry Case with Sleeves & Keys. Hardly Used. £25. 100 CD/DVD Aluminium Silver Carry Case with Sleeves & Keys. Hardly Used. £12. 01493 781094.

2 x Large brown leather armchairs £50 each ONO Tel. 01493 781198

Myers 620 Mk 2 Heavy Duty Paper Cutter. £75. 01493 781094

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Wheelchair only used once £100 ONO Tel. 01493 780129

Cash Drawer, metal, 7 section cash tray, 3 keys. £35. 01493 781094.

Pair of gents 'Weldschuhen' shoes, leather size 9/10 cost £100 accept £8. Tel 01493 662323

Hagen Vision bird cage (15 x 19 x 20ins) As new £15 Tel. 01493 780619

BMX Stunt bike £40 Tel 01493 781999

CD Carousel Storage Unit. Holds 72 CD's. Size:- 13" x 11.5" x 11.5". £50. 01493 781094.

Yearntree 10 drawer desktop unit, Size:- D 15.5", W - 11.25", H - 13.25". As New. £40. 01493 781094.

New 4 wheeled mobility walker with breaks, seat & bag. £100 Tel. 01493 488467

Ceiling fan with light (single bulb) £20, Electric heater £10. Tel 07960 913116

'Frozen' colouring pad £1, set of colouring pencils £1.50 Tel 01493 662323

Mobility Scooter Visibag. Black/Yellow. Size:- H - 18", W - 14", D - 6". New. £17. 01493 781094.

Double 12 aluminium ladder £60. Tel. 01493 488467

POOL Table £10 Tel 01493 781999

Yamaha PSR530 Keyboard with stand £20 Tel. 01493 780619

Leitz 6 drawer desktop unit. Size:- D 13.75", W - 11", H - 9.5". As New. £40. 01493 781094

Gtech MK2 22v technology Air-Ram Cordless Upright Vacuum Cleaner Floor Sweeper with charger plug & spare filters. Exc. Cond. £50 ovno. Tel. 07983457750 can deliver.

Clock built on HMV record £5. Kit to make own working paper clock £5. Tel 01493 662323

Free Horse manure - bagged & ready for collection in Burgh Castle Tel. 07919 281675

'Eternal Beau' Tea Set unused. Teapot, sugar bowl, milk jug, 8 cups & saucers. £25 Tel. 01493 789977

T.V. Stand, black glass /chrome legs 31.5 ins L, 16.5 ins W, 19.5 ins H. Exc. Cond. £10. Tel 01493 781662 (Burgh Castle)

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

APRIL ARTICLE IN THE VILLAGE VOICE

We are sure any of our readers who read the on line April edition of the Village Voice the article about the development of a all Green Chalet park was the annual spoof verse. As we did not get any comments sent in we assume all who read it were not fooled.

VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB

Inviting reviews of the following books

No Breathing in Class
Michael Rosen

The Boy at the Back of the Class
Onjali Q Rauf

Slime
David Walliams

The Beast of Buckingham Palace
David Walliams

One of Us is Lying
Karen McManus

Chain of Gold
Cassandra Clare

Little Fires Everywhere
Celeste Ng

The Tattooist of Auschwitz
Heather Morris

Where the Crawdads Sing
Delia Owens

Please send your reviews to beltonvveditor@gmail.com

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
FIRST PRIZE: £100 IN THE CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

FIRST PRIZE: £200 IN THE ADULT CATEGORY

BOOK VOUCHERS FOR SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

AN EDITOR'S SPECIAL COMMENDATION PRIZE FOR ENTRIES FROM PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

WINNING ENTRIES PUBLISHED IN THE VILLAGE VOICE

HOW TO ENTER
SUBMIT BY E MAIL TO
beltonvveditor@gmail.com
ON OR BEFORE
31 OCTOBER 2020



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

LITERARY & MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year as an extension of the Village Voice story writing competition I was hoping to organise a literary and music festival. It would have been for one day later this year and if successful expanding to a two day event the following year.

However due to the current lockdown it has been impossible to meet up and arrange any of the activities with the local schools, authors and musicians.

This being the case I will postpone it until 2021 when I am sure we will have in place an excellent day of music and literary fun for everyone.

Adrian Myers
Chair Lothingland Village Voice

VILLAGE VOICE ADVERTISERS

All of our advertisers are going through a very difficult time at the moment they have all had to adapt in some way to the changes or in many cases have been forced to cease trading, we hope only temporarily, mainly because of 'social distancing', this is a particular issue for Cafes and drinking establishments and personal care businesses such as hair and beauty and foot care specialists although many more have been effected by the restrictions on shops and the fact that 'we' as a nation are unhappy with any tradespeople coming on to our property or into our homes except in a case of emergency at the moment.

A few traders have been in touch or we are aware that they are still working, they are listed below, however some other businesses are doing their best to keep trading so its worth giving any a call before to see if they can still help you.

Red Van Plumbing - Kevin is still attending to emergencies, to see if he can help you please call 01493 780246 or 07955524969

Chris Youngs Electrician - Chris is still willing to do emergency repairs or any small jobs if you are happy to have him visit you, call 01493 441007 or mobile 07788627477

Garden Pro Garden Services - We are supplying 'Home Build' Decking Kits and trellis made to any size with free delivery available, call 07383551098 or 01493 681100 for information

Myhills Fritton Nursery - We are making it possible to have local home delivery of compost, home grown bedding and vegetable plants and bakery items, for further information please call John on 07950890836

SJS Roofing - Simon is still available to look at any roofing emergencies or to quote for future work, call him on 01493 780973 or mobile 07886283547