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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**



This issue marks the fourth anniversary of me taking on the role of editor of Village Voice in June 2016. I have a rather satisfying day job as an NHS clinician, one that does get rather busy, particularly these days. When people at work ask me how I manage stress, I tell them the story of my favourite relaxation activity - one that involves editing book reviews, cookery advice, parish council deliberations, gardening tips, church developments, nature columns, travelogues, health advice, school news, comic strips and notes from politicians. Some can see the logic of all that being stress busting while others just shake their heads and walk away. As for me, I remain clear - of all the things that I have done (or indeed thought of doing) in my life, this is one activity that has been a source of the greatest personal satisfaction. For that, I shall always remain grateful.

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, this issue, like the ones in April and May, is being published on line. As many of you know, Village Voice draws its revenue from advertisers and many of them are facing a difficult time (see story on back cover page). Keeping within the law and regulations, do think about them and help in any way you can, now and later. Any surplus generated by Village Voice is given back as grants to the various clubs, charities or voluntary bodies serving the local villages and your actions supporting local businesses will therefore help sustain that process.

Finally, a word about COVID 19. It is a scourge that has already claimed as many lives as that was lost in the Blitz, a scourge that has disproportionately targeted the elderly and the vulnerable, many of who died well before their time. There will be a time of reckoning when one examines carefully the decisions that were made and how, they may or may not have contributed to the tragedy that befell us. At present though, as the pandemic continues to affect thousands every day and kill hundreds, there is a duty to craft laws and regulations that follow the best health advice. We all owe a duty to each other to follow those laws and regulations, not just for our sake but for the sake of our neighbour too. It is a duty that is even more important for those in positions of authority - any suggestion that the law does not apply to those who lay it down will undermine public trust and ultimately harm all of us.

**Professor (Dr) Regi Alexander  
Editor**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor  
I am so impressed to hear the "Village Voice" is produced by volunteers. What a tremendous effort it takes! Certainly, it is a boon to the villages as it promotes their activities and gets the word out to all the residents. It also is a way for the local governments to pass along important information. May I ask how the magazine is financed? Of course, the many ads bring in revenue. Does each village also help support the publication? It must be expensive to print in colour on such high-quality paper.

The 4 photos on the cover of your recent edition are spectacular! What fantastic photography! I received my first copy of the magazine in March 2019. There was a lovely article about Lilian Liffen whom I met years ago. We are related through marriage and her family sent us the copy. Lily was a delightful individual and we continued enjoying phone conversations until her move to the local convalescent home. I loved her humor. We both were raised on a family farm - Lily in Burgh Castle

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and I in Connecticut. We happily chatted about animals, birds, plants, farming and gardening. Our common interest in music was another springboard for conversation.

I've adored my connection with the Liffen family and thoroughly enjoyed everything about my visits. The Roman Walls at Burgh Castle were awesome as was the church nearby. I wished I could have stayed much longer in England as every experience endeared me more to the countryside, the villages and the people. Our family remains in touch with our relatives and I hope to return one day - when the world is safe to travel again!

I do have one suggestion for an article provided there would be interest in your area. I belong to the American Pipers' Guild, an offshoot of the British mother guild. We build and play our own bamboo pipes (similar to a recorder). Every 5 years there is an international workshop somewhere overseas. In 2006 it was hosted by the English Pipers at the University of Essex in Colchester. If you have pipers in your area, an article about building and playing and some background about its founder, Margaret James, might draw interest and new members to the guild. For many years, the famed composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, was president and composed music expressly for bamboo pipes. Different guilds hosts these workshops. Attendance includes as many as 12 or 13 guilds from around the world and is always an amazing experience. Sadly, the Dutch Guild has had to cancel the upcoming 2021 workshop due to the Coronavirus. They hope it will be possible to reschedule it in 2022.

Again, my thanks for the super job the staff at "Village Voice" continues to do. It is no small feat in today's world. There are times I am not sure I love modern technology but the internet has done a lot to keep our world together through the pandemic. Gratefully, that means I can still receive your marvellous magazine.

Best of luck to you all and stay well,  
Jeannie Parker  
USA

**BRANDON LEWIS MP writes**



Although the Government continues to announce further ways that the coronavirus restrictions can be eased it is vital that we all stay alert to control the virus and save lives.

Over the last three months our lives were turned upside down by the universal lockdown. One thing for sure is that everyday life will not return to normal for the foreseeable future.

As we move into the second stage of our response, we are focussed on not just on saving lives, but also saving livelihoods. That's why we are taking unprecedented action to support businesses, jobs and our economy. We have a world leading economic response to coronavirus. This includes the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, helping to pay people's wages, an unprecedented package of loans and grants available to businesses, and a Bounce Back Loan Scheme that enables small businesses to borrow up to £50,000 and access the cash within days. It is vital we continue to do everything we can to ensure people can pay their bills and put food on their tables.

The Great Yarmouth constituency is an area where there is a high level of self-employment, either through the tourist trade or professional tradespeople. These people are the backbone of our economy and have experienced some of the greatest challenges caused by lockdown. The scheme the Government introduced to assist these key workers is unlike almost any other country, making it one of the most generous in the world.

This wide range of assistance can look daunting when you first research what you, or your company, is eligible for. With my constituency team we are available to provide guidance and help, point you in the right direction or ask government departments about specific aspects of individual schemes.

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**



I hope this article finds you well during the restrictions we are having to abide by. I have been giving considerable thought to what happens in the near and distant future. Lifting the restrictions will inevitably have to happen, not least of all because of the short and long term financial implications of them. However without

an effective treatment or vaccine, certain measures such as maintaining social distancing will be practiced by those who feel most at risk of infection and the consequences of becoming infected.

Although on the surface the government's response seemed swift and effectual, the issues of PPE for care staff, the lack of testing and the failure of getting the track and trace app out on time has exposed the inadequacies of this government and it's ability in dealing with this pandemic.

Having said that there is a positive in that Covid-19 has highlighted the disjointed approach to social care and the underfunding that it has had to endure over the years. I have written about this before and I sincerely hope that one of the major outcomes of this, is that social care for the elderly, those with mental health issues and the vulnerable in our society get the proper care and support they need. However, I do have major concerns that because of the

financial cost of this pandemic and the possible recession that this country might experience along with higher unemployment, there will be insufficient funding for those people. The estimated costs for this financial year range from 298 billion to as high as 337 billion according to the Office of Budget Responsibility.

To put this into context the governments borrowing this year was set at 55 billion. This is known as a deficit. To address this the government has choices, it can increase borrowing, raise taxes, cut spending or a mixture of all three. However most of the cuts in expenditure have already been made, taxation will be low from businesses and employees alike, and there is a limit to how much the government can borrow by it's ability to pay it back. We can only wait and see. I know all of this is gloomy, but the effects of this pandemic will be with us for quite a few years. Some really good things are that the air quality has improved drastically and fuel prices are way down along with inflation, which at the time of writing this is 0.8% and possibly heading downwards, perhaps to zero.

I wish you all well.

**Adrian Myers** Independent Borough Councillor  
Lothingland Ward.

**VE75 DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**

Wasn't it great to see bunting and decorations in and around the village on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May for the Victory in Europe 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and Commemorations. There were a lot of photographs put on Belton Village Chat and the All Saints Belton Facebook page, which showed that quite a lot of people took the opportunity to lighten the atmosphere with some fun.

There were street parties with a difference! Afternoon tea in the residents' own gardens with shared conversations and musical entertainments. I think Selwyn Close was probably the most widely heard (and seen by many on Facebook live) with Barry Osben, Belton's very own *Elvis* impersonator and entertainer, entertaining his neighbours and even singing in the rain.

On the Friday, All Saints Church was able to broadcast for just over an hour on Facebook live, including the Toast to the Nation's Heroes, historical clips and Battle O'er, music provided by local residents, and recorded memories of VE Day in London (Richard Shaw), Norwich (Sylvia Shaw) and Burgh Castle (Maureen Grey).

On the Sunday, there were special commemorative services for Burgh Castle and for Belton, which included the traditional elements of The Last Post, two minutes silence and Reveille, as well as a Cry for Peace around the World and the Tribute to the Millions prepared for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (photos on cover page).

**Rev Rosie Bunn**

**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 the back cover page.**

**Editor, Village Voice**

## GRASS CUTTING



Community minded, considerate and generous parishioners cut the grass around Belton, at the end of April, a task which the Borough Council usually undertakes. Initiated by Kris Hodgkyns he was joined by dad Julian, Jimmy Barker, Rob Smith and Jon Perry, Kris thanked everyone who donated with funds going to NHS charities (£280

plus £200 from Jimmy Baker) and everyone who gave them refreshments on the way. These lads deserve recognition for what they have done.

**Ken Botwright**

### **A note from Mick Graystone, Vice Chair - Belton with Browston Parish Council**

*'The Parish Council would like to thank all those that stepped up and cut our grass verges, some in the village do this on many occasions through out the year, but when a big push was required a few stepped up and did us proud and at the same time raised cash for the NHS. So a big thanks from the Council and villagers.'*

## TAKE A VIRTUAL GUIDED HERITAGE WALK TO EXPLORE GREAT YARMOUTH'S HISTORY FROM HOME DURING CORONAVIRUS

Great Yarmouth's official heritage guides are harnessing 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to continue to celebrate the borough's rich history during lockdown – by sharing their own "virtual" heritage walks and talks for the public on their Facebook page. Every year, between April and October, Great Yarmouth Borough Council runs a programme of fascinating Guided Heritage Walks, offering residents and visitors the opportunity to uncover various aspects of the borough's history. Each is led by an official Great Yarmouth heritage guide. A full schedule of guided walks was planned for 2020 which unfortunately has been suspended due to the present pandemic and rules regarding travel and social distancing. Due to these restrictions put in place by the Government, these Guided Heritage Walks are now being offered online as a virtual experience. Videos can be accessed by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/gyheritage/>.

So far, there have been virtual walks uploaded for: Great Yarmouth's Circus Heritage, Great Yarmouth's Medieval Buildings, Great Yarmouth: A Market Place Meander, and Gorleston Quayside. A typical virtual walk is around 20 minutes long compared to the physical walks, which take between an hour to an hour and 45 minutes. To commemorate VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the volunteers had planned a guided walk about Great Yarmouth as a town during World War 2. As this new walk cannot go ahead as planned, there will be an online "teaser" talk on VE day to introduce people to the walk instead.

Cllr Graham Plant, chairman of the economic development committee, said: "These walks are a fantastic way to continue to share and celebrate the rich cultural heritage Great Yarmouth has whilst people are having to stay indoors. The virtual walks have been well received, particularly from those that might not have been able to attend a normal walk, even without the present situation of lockdown. We hope that the walks will raise the profile of the guided heritage walks and profile of the borough and its history as a result." Gareth Davies, a Heritage Guide, said: "The Heritage Guides are meeting fortnightly online to plan future virtual walks with titles ranging from, The 1915 Zeppelin Raid of 1915 to A Belton Meander and Stories from Great Yarmouth's Golden Mile. They are proving immensely popular, and we've had really nice feedback. I feel it's doing the guides a lot of good and I'm hoping will translate into real bookings once we start again."

## OVER THE RAINBOW - CHARITY EVENT

On Friday 8th May 2020, over 50 volunteers including Potters Resort entertainers and special guests took to the internet from their own homes, to entertain the nation on VE Day. The 'Over The Rainbow Festival'; a non-stop, 12 hour feast of live music, comedy, games and interviews, paid tribute to the heroes of world war 2 and the heroes of today battling today's common enemy Covid 19. In particular we tried to raise awareness and funds to support the NHS, and NARS Charity (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service).

A challenging target of £10,000 was set, and our amazing guests and facebook community did not let us down raising a total of £11,324 as the final few minutes ticked by. With the Potters Friends Foundation matching the first £10,000 raised, a grand total of £21,324 will be shared between our amazing NHS and the wonderful team of volunteers at NARS, for whom John Potter is patron.

An original song written by Nigel Pattle and performed by Roxy Yarnold, both members of Potters Team, became the anthem of the day and an incredible and moving video paying tribute to the NHS accompanied the song and played throughout the 12 hour marathon. I've included a link to the video and song here in the hope that you too find it just as moving and worth sharing as it really does create a strong emotion of togetherness in this time of need and why we so value our incredible NHS.

**Shane Balls**



## REV ROSIE WRITES

As I write, it has been nearly nine weeks since our country began lockdown and there appears to be a growing desire to be out and

about; getting back to some kind of normality. But what is the new normal?

In many ways, nothing has changed since the beginning of lockdown. The COVID 19 virus is still out there and we don't have a vaccine to immunise ourselves against its effects. The medical profession are just learning more about the virus and how to treat it, but it is still very early days.

In our part of the country, we have perhaps not suffered as badly as some parts of our nation, but most of us will know someone who has suffered because of the virus, and too many people have died. It has been and continues to be a time to take the threat of this unseen attacker seriously.

Perhaps it was novel to be at home when everyone was in the same boat. To have permission to not go to work, but to spend time with family in your home or garden. But, as we know, there were huge challenges for many people, in getting food, concerns about jobs and employment; regular health issues side-lined and treatment put on hold. The amazing thing is that we all pulled together, looking out for one another; caring for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable, and we still are.

I'm sure there are some people who have had a horrendous time of it too. It has been hard enough for me, not going out (I've been out once, for an early morning blood test) and not seeing people, but I have others in my home, living with me. How hard it is to be only able to speak across the road or over the garden fence. It has been a highlight of my week to go to our back gate and clap for the NHS and the carers on a Thursday night at 8pm.

For those of you who have lost loved ones during this time; not being able to gather together for consolation; not being able to give or receive a hug as a comfort; not being able to say a proper *goodbye* in a manner you would have planned, will have been so difficult, so hard to bear.

Often we hear the phrase "normal for Norfolk", but the reality we are in is normal for everyone. The issues seem to come thick and fast. How do we get back to some kind of normality so that society and our economy can be sustained, which is as safe as it can be. The daily briefing pits the journalists and media against the government politicians and advisers. It seems to me, often, there are no easy answers!

Getting the balance right is what needs to happen, but how we do that is the challenge. We need to see the best that our humanity can offer, in terms of compassion and kindness, of love and thoughtfulness and not selfishness, of generosity of spirit and patience, and yet discipline in how we conduct ourselves in balancing the risks that we are prepared to take and those that we should not. I think, as people we need real wisdom and discernment to navigate our way out of this situation.

The book of Proverbs written by King Solomon, begins with four chapters that teach about wisdom:

*For attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair ..... let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance ..... The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.* Proverbs 1:2-5,7

The Apostle Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, instructs them to ask in prayer *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.* **Ephesians 1:17.**

For Christians it is out of a relationship with Jesus that we can ask to receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help make important decisions. That's the wisdom I am praying for; for myself, for you, and for the government of our nation and the leaders of the nations of the world. God is always more willing to give his spirit than we are to ask for it, because God loves his world. Often we are just too busy or not inclined to consider it.

May I encourage you to make the best of a difficult situation; take time to care for yourself and those around you; be wise in how you adapt to our "*new normal*" and perhaps ask God for his love and help to sustain you. May the God of peace be with you.

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

**The Pantry is a foodbank for Belton & Burgh Castle residents**, which All Saints Church, Belton has been running for a number of years. We support local families and individuals referred to us by the school and other pastoral contacts. Volunteers have been keeping **The Pantry** open for individuals and families in need, delivering supplies for 60+ people who have found themselves in difficult circumstances. 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. **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. **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.

The church buildings in Belton and Burgh Castle remain closed in accordance with the instructions of the Church of England, but the church (the people) are still active. We are adapting to the new *norma!* **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 on a land line, which one or two people do every Sunday. Obviously, it is not the same as meeting together in person, but we are trying to make the best of it.

We have organised times when people can get together to chat, either on Chime or through the various social media channels, which has proved a real encouragement and support for some people who are on their own. Supporting one another in isolation and seeking to counter the loneliness of it, is something that each one of us can do for each other. 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 we will arrange for someone who you can chat to.

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 consider having a memorial service and a wake once the restrictions on gathering are lifted, when tributes can be given and memories shared. Although this is not ideal and the best we can offer in the circumstances; hopefully it won't be long before some restrictions are eased. We also plan to give other opportunities to remember our loved ones in the context of church services, once we are up and running again.

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 doing an excellent job of 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**

# BELTON COMMON



I've been visiting our 'not a common' on a few occasions over the last few weeks, you may have seen my adder pictures .

Well while there the other day I met the gentlemen who lives almost next door and he is as a keen naturalist as I am, and filled me in with some eyewitness facts about what actually lives and visits there

throughout the year. As we walked around he pointed out to me all the different birdsongs and I was able to back this up with some



photos., What I was very pleased with was a small brown bird with a white throat obviously called a white throat. There were garden warblers and other warblers which were concealing themselves in the beautiful blossoming Hawthorne trees, he also informed me that it's home to a somewhat rare butterfly the White Admiral, I will certainly be searching this out. I came across a scene that I haven't seen for many years, that's a stone surrounded by shattered snail shells this is absolutely typical of a song thrush smashing the snails on the stone and then eating the prize.

As with all field craft that naturalists do, recognising the droppings of mammals is when a bit of Sherlock Holmes comes into play, and I can tell you there are still muntjac deer, foxes, rabbits, and hedgehogs. The Gorse and a similar plant , Broom added to a heady aroma filling the air all enjoying this habitat.

There are buzzards, kestrels, and hobby hawks in the summer and many different species of dragonflies, surprising as there is no large body of water nearby.

This gentleman in question uses his own lawnmower and strimmer to keep the paths clear and asked would it be possible to raise a small working party to come and help on a Sunday morning in clearing back the overgrown branches to making the area more accessible. If you could get enough volunteers after the virus is history then we could have a pleasant Sunday morning trimming clearing and observing the nature around us.

**Spring is giving way to summer**

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# BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MAY COUNCIL MEETING

Eleven of the thirteen members of Belton with Browston Parish Council along with Borough Councillors Tracy Cameron and Adrian Myers 'attended' the May 19th meeting of the council which took place electronically using the ZOOM meetings system. Peter Nichols was in the chair.

The Environment Agency has attended land off Marsh Lane and advised the landowner to cease dumping some of the items there as a permit may be required. Borough Councillor Cameron reported that when a further incident of motor cycles using the Loke (following the last meeting) she had contacted the police and the problem appeared to have ceased, Councillor Myers stated that he had contacted the land owner on the same matter..

Members approved the Councils annual accounts for 2019/20, accounts will be available for the public to view as usual but not till later in the year (August 31st to September 29th) due to the current restrictions. It was reported that the Council had made a donation of £150 to 'The Pantry', the Belton and Burgh Castle Food bank and had been instrumental in obtaining a further grant for them for £600 from The Norfolk Community Foundation.

Regarding planning matters a proposed 5 bedroom house at The Loke, Belton had been objected to as it is outside the Boroughwide development plan . There were numerous objections raised for plans for 157 static caravans on land at Caldicott Hall, Fritton, just over the parish boundary. These included nearness to high voltage electricity cables, extra traffic generated, caravans being too close together, the possibility of Sandy Lane being used as an access route and loss of trees to name a few.

The Council had no objections to the following, 11 Amhurst Gardens (remove conservatory, build a single story extension), the Nurseries, Lound Road, Browston, (single story rear extension), Sunnyside, Sandy Lane, Belton (Single story side extension), Four Winds, Stepshort, Belton (single story extension).

The Borough Council had approved the following - 11 Amhurst Gardens (remove conservatory and construct single story extension), The Nurseries, Lound Road, Browston (single story extension), Sunnyside, Sandy Lane, (single story side extension) and Four winds, Stepshort, Belton (single story extension).

Members had reported the removal of a hedge and construction of a fence on land bordering the allotments to the enforcing officer and advised the Rector as this is on the boundary of church owned land

Members decided that they needed an Annual Parish Council meeting although this years meetings are not compulsory due to the current situation, that will therefore be held on Tuesday June 2nd (7pm) when normal monthly business will also be transacted, it will again use the Zoom remote system, full details available from the Parish Clerk.

## NEW SEAT

As many of you might have seen the second WW11 seat has taken its pride of place on Bell Lane opposite the shops and adjacent to the school rear entry gate, this will give some mums and dads and opportunity to sit and wait for their children while at the same time reminding us all of the sacrifice given by many in the Second World War of which there were some from Belton (Their names are on the memorial plaque within the church.)

I'm hoping in the next few weeks to place a Panel around the back to cut back on draft and form a back drop to allow the seat to stand out from the railings. I would like to thank both our village caretakers



David who is always seen litter picking and Kevin who looks after everything at New Road and can be seen helping out on other projects around our village, for laying the concrete last October, and also Christopher Thacker for loaning his battery drill as there's no power nearby ,so making it all come together.

*M.Graystone.*

## ROADWORKS

The following roadworks/closures are scheduled locally in June.

**Mill Road , Burgh Castle (at the Butt Lane/Stepshort end) :** Closed for one day, Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> for work on a ventilation column. This will result in a re routing of service 5 towards Burgh Castle which will miss out the Cherry Tree corner stop.

**Hobland Road & Browston Lane, Browston :** The junction of both roads closed for three days between June 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for works in the carriageway.

## BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Burgh Castle Parish Council held an on line meeting on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> and in doing were one of the first councils in the Great Yarmouth Borough to get this organised, six of the seven councillors were 'present' ( one does not have internet access ), along with Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron, Brian Swan was in the chair.

The chairman reported on parking issues at the church triangle caused by people trying to visit the Roman Fort site whilst their car park was closed, although the Forts own park is now open there still appears to be excessive parking in front of the church. Extra traffic caused by a drive through disco at Burgh House was also reported and the police had been made aware of both issues and given advice and assistance where they could.

Members approved the councils annual accounts for 2019/20 and thanked the clerk for her work, the public access time for the

documents has been postponed to August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup> because of the current personal contact restrictions. The council had made a grant of £150 from its funds to 'The Pantry', the Belton and Burgh Castle Food bank and had been responsible in obtaining another grant of £450 for the fund directly from the Norfolk Community Foundation.

Following the loss of the parish notice board at the Crows Farm corner due to earlier strong winds members have agreed that the third board should now be placed more centrally by the Kingfisher Park bus stop on Butt lane and instructions were confirmed for a new board to be purchased.

There were numerous planning matters, confirmed were members objections to a proposed two story garage/workshop/store behind 6 Coronation Terrace, there were concerns over its height, position and possible additional access on to Butt Lane, there had been no objections to a 3 bedroom bungalow at Mill Nurseries on Butt Lane.

In the meeting the following were discussed, 4 additional lodges in front of Burgh Hall, objected to as not in keeping with the village, unsightly, obstructing the view of the building, too near the road and generating extra traffic. Regarding retrospective permission for a 24 x 12 feet wooden building as an equestrian shop at Porters Loke, this was also objected to as the road (Porters Loke) is considered too narrow with bad visibility on the Butt Lane, also there is no space for pedestrians and vehicles cannot pass each other.

The Borough Council had approved Holmdene, Butt Lane, (new bungalow and garage to replace existing), Burgh House, High Road (additional 2 bedroom sheltered housing unit as an 'add on' to approved row of six), Mill Nurseries, Mill Road ( 3 bedroom bungalow with garage) and Crows Farm, High Road (works to cart shed roof and barn demolition). The Borough Council have refused permission for 2 bungalows with garages on land on Mill Road (opposite Burgh Castle Nurseries)

Members agreed to ask the Borough Council enforcing officer to check works at the front of 6 Coronation Terrace to confirm that the vehicle entrance is acceptable and to decide if a new side wall requires planning permission.

With on going difficulties arranging internet banking through Barclays members agreed to plans to transfer to Lloyds if this is not resolved however that is also a problem as at this time they are not processing new accounts due to call centre staff shortages related to the virus situation.

The next meeting of the Council will again be held using ZOOM on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7pm, for details please contact the Parish Clerk.



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 up-to-date bus and rail news please visit our website [www.entua.org.uk](http://www.entua.org.uk)

Prior to lockdown ENTUA had planned to hold its 2020 AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at Christchurch, Deneside, Great Yarmouth. This, of course, will be subject to the social distancing criteria laid down by the Government on the day. There may be other reasons that will make it difficult to hold the AGM/Open meeting, but as soon as we know we will include details in our July article.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 Greater Anglia will run an amended Saturday timetable in its Great Eastern Area. Local regional services will stay largely as they are now. The main line from Norwich to London Liverpool Street will still be an hourly service but will cease to call at Colchester and Chelmsford (during peak periods) after Manningtree the next stop will be Stratford. Passengers at Colchester will be served by 3 trains per hour and at Chelmsford 4 trains per hour to and from London Liverpool Street.

Trains will continue to run hourly from Norwich to Sheringham, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth, Cambridge and from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Stansted Airport.

For further information please contact Greater Anglia on [contactcentre@greateranglia.co.uk](mailto:contactcentre@greateranglia.co.uk) Meanwhile First Eastern Counties continues to operate its enhanced Sunday service throughout the week Mon-Sat and normal Sunday service on Sundays, timings were printed in May's issue. All buses in service undergo rigorous cleaning each night and antiseptic wiping between trips.

There are now 8 of the new XL Red buses in use between Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. All surplus buses that are not required (including the 'Great Yarmouth Transport' liveried ALX400 and The 'Flying Banana' Dennis Dart are stored over at Lowestoft depot which is closed for the duration of the lockdown.

Borderbus Service 580 which operates between Bungay and Great Yarmouth via James Paget Hospital still provides its hourly service with a slightly varied route. Instead of running along Southtown Road to Great Yarmouth, it now travels via the by-pass and runs alongside Tesco Store. It then comes out and onto Pasteur Road and stops opposite Lidl's before going over the Haven Bridge to Market Gates. Whether this will continue after the lockdown remains to be seen.

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

**TONY GRICE**

## BURGH CASTLE ROMAN FORT Norfolk Archaeological Trust appoints new Volunteer Co-ordinator



The Norfolk Archaeological Trust (NAT), whose local site is Burgh Castle, has appointed a new Norfolk wide part-time Volunteer Co-ordinator, Natalie Butler. She introduces herself below.

*'I have always had a love for history and archaeology – I studied History and History of Art BA and Landscape History MA at the University of East Anglia and I have previously worked for the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service, and the National Trust as well many freelance projects. I particularly enjoy walking around historic sites in Norfolk and further afield with my husband and two children. I am very excited to be working for NAT and although not very much volunteer activity is possible at the moment, I am getting to know the existing volunteers, and planning for activities for once things have returned to more normal. I am passionate that NAT sites are part of the local community and I am looking at ways to get everyone more involved.'*

Are you interested in volunteering for NAT at Burgh Castle or any other of our sites across Norfolk? We have a range of opportunities for everyone from remote volunteering to sheep watching. If you can help us one hour a month or an hour a day, please get in touch with Natalie, she would love to hear from you: [nataliebutler@norfarchtrust.org.uk](mailto:nataliebutler@norfarchtrust.org.uk)

**Caroline Davison** (Director -NAT)



# 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](mailto:43ironhorse@gmail.com)

## WEEVILS

There are more species of Weevils than any family of animals or plants on earth, the exact number is not known, however it is estimated there are 40,000 species. In Britain we have over 550 species. However many are seldom seen unless we search for them.

With few exceptions most Weevils feed on plants, they hide in vegetation ,in bushes ,trees and under leaves. They can be found on many plants, some being highly specific to their host plant. They maybe a leaf roller, stem borer, or bud eater and can burrow into fruits and roots and become notorious pests of crops and stored food.

The Red Oak Roller Weevil ( *Attelabus nitens* ) see photo, is widely found in Britain from late May, it is aptly named with a reddish - brown



thorax, black head and black legs, the female ( 7 mm.) lays a single egg on the underside leaf of a young Oak, rarely a mature tree, she cuts a slit in the leaf from each side then rolls the portions in a kind of tunnel, then bites a little of the stalk at the base of the leaf and rolls the leaf up to make a secure home for the larvae, In time the leaf withers and drops off ,but not before the larvae has eaten part of the leaf and turned into a pupa. The Birch leaf Roller ( *Deporaus betulae* ) (5 mm.) can also be found on Alder.

The Nut Weevil ( *Curculio nucum* ) see photo, is characterized by an exceedingly long curved Rostrum ( snout ) and conspicuously



elbowed antennae which have clubbed, they have a hazel - brown thorax and large black eyes, their chief food is hazel nuts, but they can also be found on Walnut and edible Chestnut. The female ( 6 - 7 mm ) drills a hole in the wall of the young nut and deposits an egg in it. The larvae eats the tissue around the kernel. It lives about 4 weeks in the nut and when fully grown bites its way out through a round hole, drops and burrows into the ground where it can remain for up to 3-4 years. In places where Hazel are cultivated this species can do considerable harm.

The Pea Weevil ( *Sitona lineatus* ) has prominent eyes and a striped-brown thorax, it is abundant on Peas and Beans and can be found Clovers ( 4mm long ) Many people are surprised to find so much evidence of activity on the leaves of peas and beans ,when so few weevils can be seen, this is because the weevil feeds mainly at night. This weevil is also a serious pest.

The U S.A. Boll Weevil ( *Anthonomus grandis* ) is the bane of cotton farmers, it was accidentally introduced from Mexico in the 1800's, It causes cotton to yellow and drop off plants. The adult ( 5-6 mm ) is egg shaped and coloured dark – greenish-black to brown. Its range is the Southern U.S. states to California.

One of the most grotesque weevils I have seen is the New Zealand Giraffe Weevil. ( *Lassiorrhynchus barbicornus* ) (see photo) About 3 inches long it is the longest beetle to be found in New Zealand, its head has protruding eyes ,like two shiny beads, its enormous rostrum has threadlike segmented antennae which are unusual in that they are not elbowed. The female antennae however are half way down their rostrum. The larvae bore into the wood of a number of trees, especially Pigeonwood.



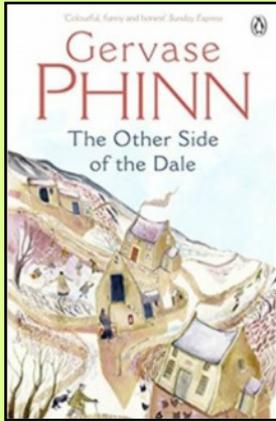
## SPRINGER'S TAIL

Author Lesley Chalmers returns to Village Voice with another series of Springer's Tail short stories. Watch out for the July 2020 issue. The Springer's Tail cartoon strips will continue to run too.

# THE VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB



## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DALE BY GERVASE PHINN Reviewed by Susan Richmond



Gervase Phinn has written a number of books about his time in Yorkshire and novels based on his experiences in Yorkshire schools. He taught in schools for fourteen years and in 1988 was appointed Senior General Inspector for English and Drama with North Yorkshire County Council. This book, that I have recently read charts his first year as an inspector, becoming familiar with the intricacies of the job and getting to know the schools in the region, their staff and the children. The initial chapters deal with his chaotic, but successful interview. The reason given for his success was that his answers were sensible, honest and to the point. As the

Chairman of the interview panel said, "We don't put people on pedestals in Yorkshire. - They nobbut want dusting".

Gervase tells his tales with much wit, humour and observation. One of his first school visits is to the village of Backwatersthwaite, which he wrongly assumes must be near Upperwatersthwaite. When asking a local farmer for directions, Gervase is told to slow down and enjoy the view. "Backwatersthwaite's been ther since time o' Vikings. It'll still be the'er when thee finds it - if tha' finds it!" There are accounts of mix ups with telephone calls, meetings with his fellow inspectors and mixed receptions at the schools in his charge. At one school he had an effusive greeting from the caretaker and the head teacher. This took him by surprise until he realised that they mistakenly thought he was from the Maintenance department and had arrived to sort out the boys' toilets that had frozen in the cold weather!

Within the book are various examples of the straightforward and blunt comments made by these young, delightful Yorkshire children. On one school visit, a 7 year old boy was painting and was praised for his work. His immediate comment was, "We dunt paint much, but today we've got an important visitor coming". There was no thought that he might be talking to this 'important visitor'. Many of the children in the Dales schools were from farming families and their knowledge of sheep and sheep related topics were second to none. Gervase became involved (and often lost) in many conversations with the children about sheep and the characteristics of different breeds. Interspersed with tales of the school visits and children's exploits are the humorous happenings at the Staff Development Centre, where the caretaker, Connie, rules the roost. Gervase describes her well - "She was a great democrat in that she had no conception of status, rank or position in the world and treated everyone exactly the same, usually like naughty children."

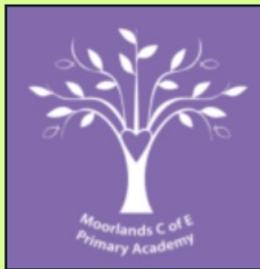
Since being introduced to Gervase Phinn, I have found all of his books easy to read and full of humour and insight. He is well able to laugh at his own shortcomings and describes graphically some of the situations in which he finds himself. This included being coerced into refereeing a hockey tournament when he had no idea of the game or its rules! It is obvious when reading his books that he enjoys the company of children and that they seem to respond positively to him. Throughout the book one receives the impression of the love and appreciation that Gervase has towards the Yorkshire Dales and the people and places within it. I can thoroughly recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in the vagaries of human nature and enjoys a good chuckle.

*(The Other Side of the Dale is published by Penguin books, ISBN 978-0-14-027542-1)*

# 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.





**MOORLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY**

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

*Volume 2*

In my last article, I said I was going to write more about what we've been trying to do to support families and pupil well being since schools were partially closed. Just to recap, we have been open for the children of key workers since the start of the lock-

down and, as I write this, we are in the process of grappling with how and when we reopen more fully. As I am sure you can imagine, this is anything but a simple task!

But, enough of that, back to what we've been doing. Like most other schools, we've been running a virtual school for all our children. We have chosen to use a platform called Seesaw, which has been really well received. Alongside this, we have set up some active Facebook groups based around home learning, where staff and parents contribute ideas and share conversations. We sent our families a survey about home learning, asking how their children were doing, not just in terms of their education but in terms of themselves and their well being. This helped us to provide more support to those who were struggling. However, what I have written so far is standard practice and a reasonable expectation for all schools in these circumstances. There are a few extra things that I would like to mention.

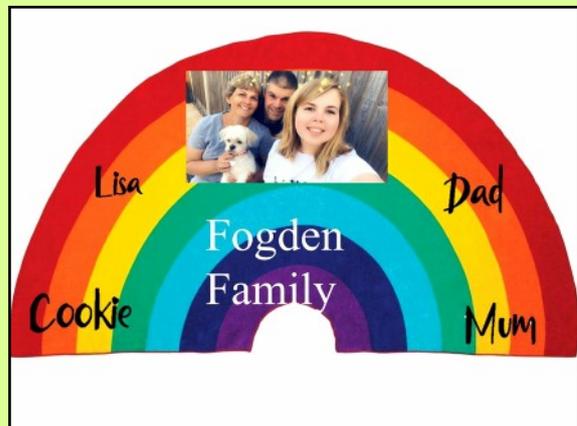
**The Rainbow Room**

Our finance officer, Sue Fogden, who has



been personally affected by the Covid-19 crisis, had the idea for creating a 'Rainbow Room' in school to help children and staff make sense of what has happened, and provide a safe and reassuring place for the children upon their return to school. Her idea quickly gained momentum with the team and she mobilised staff to help make rainbow-themed items such as cushions and posters for the room. A parent was able to get some paint donated from B&Q in Great Yarmouth to create a rainbow and this job was given to Mr

Baughan, our site manager. Families and children have got involved by producing 'Rainbow Memories' and the children of key workers, who are still in school have made 'stained glass' rainbow designs from tissue



paper for the windows. The room is still a work in progress, but this project has enabled the whole school community to come together to create something positive.

**Lunch hampers and books**

As you know, encouraging and developing a love of reading is at the heart of our school. We were very aware that many of our pupils would not have had access to the school library or a bookshop for several weeks, and that some would be running out of new books to read. We decided to purchase a selection of books for some of our children, and gave parents the opportunity to select one when they came to collect their weekly lunch hampers. We have also encouraged the children to take part in fun reading challenges, such as 'How many places can you find to read in your house?'. These have



helped to keep our school's strong reading community active.

**Stationery packs**

We continue to be absolutely amazed by the positive and supportive attitudes displayed by our parents and children. Work that the children produce at home is shared regularly via Seesaw, and we fully understand what a challenge that can be. We recently sent home some learning packs to all our children, which included pens, pencils, exercise books, coloured pencils, erasers and pencil sharpeners. Our younger children were also provided with pencil grips, chalk and glue sticks. Hopefully these extra resources will continue to support children with their educational activities at home.



**Other news**

The staff and students at Moorlands would also like to say a huge congratulations to one of our Year 6 pupils, Hannah. Earlier this year, she represented the school in the national Poetry By Heart competition, where she had to learn and perform two poems. Recently, she was announced as the overall Norfolk winner. Normally, Hannah would go on to represent Norfolk in the regional and national finals but, for obvious reasons, it's unfortunately been cancelled this year. Well done Hannah, from everyone at Moorlands. We hope you're as proud of yourself as we are of you.

**Final words**

Without a doubt, this is one the biggest challenges that schools have ever faced, certainly in my time as a teacher. With the ongoing support of our wonderful children, parents, staff, governors and academy trust, DNEAT, we will ensure that every decision we make is based on what we wholeheartedly believe to be best for every member of our school community.

**Kevin Lee**  
Headteacher

# EVENTS AT THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE



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### JGI TRUSTEES

All the Trustees hope that all hall users are keeping well and longing for the day they can meet up again at the JGI. We feel we will have to modify things a bit but the main emphasis will be on individual groups to how they obey the rules might be in place. As soon as we know we can open the hall again we will contact all group leaders to let them know of the situation. Stay well and strong we look forward to seeing you soon. Call 780822 if you wish to discuss any matters with us.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP IN

We hope all who attend our Wednesday mornings are keeping well and looking forward to when we can meet again. We know things will be different for the start of things but hope we can work together and resolve the situation. Call Bill and Sue on 780822 if you would like to talk or more information.

### JGI, OVER 60S

I hope all are keeping well and safe. There is nothing really to report but as soon as we can meet again we will. I am sure you all miss the weekly meetings like I do. If you need to call and talk about anything please call me.

**Norma Hadden**

### DIAL - MONEY & DEBT ADVICE

Firstly I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Whilst we are unable to send our advisor Stephen over to the JGI at present it is still very much business as usual for the staff at DIAL even though we are closed to the public.

The majority of staff are working from home with a few working from the office and manning the phone lines.

All of our advisors both for benefits and money and debt advice are conducting their appointments with clients over the phone so please contact us if you need some help and support.

We would encourage anyone who is worried about their finances to contact us now so that we can provide help before you reach crisis point as we are expecting to see a rise in the demand for our services as people start to get credit card and other bills dropping through the door as we move out of lockdown and creditors begin to demand repayment of their debts.

Our telephone lines are open Monday – Friday 9am until 4.30pm and our number is 01493 856900. You can also contact us via our website [www.dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk](http://www.dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk) where you will also find lots of other useful help and advice. We will return to the JGI for our drop-in sessions as soon as it is safe to do so, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact one of the DIAL team and please stay home, stay safe and stay well.

### 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, the deadline for submitting entries has been extended to October 31, 2020. Please spread the word and do consider entering. More details on the back cover page.



### BOHEMIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Normally at this time of year we would have played our last games, be finalising our end of season presentation night, club AGM and our summer football tournament at New Road. With the restrictions placed upon us all during the current epidemic, these plans have either been put on hold or cancelled for this year. The club committee have been

taking part in online "Webex" meetings with Norfolk County FA so that we are kept in touch with any new guidelines and updates etc that affect us and have passed these on to our managers and coaches.

To keep our parents up to date with what has happened so far, our local leagues have ended their seasons and all results expunged, as if the season never took place. This means that there will be no league champions this year, however, Leagues have been given the option by County FA of having their 2019-20 cup finals played as opening games in the new season, subject to government advice and the lifting of restrictions. The committee has expressed their commiserations to our girls u14 team who at the time of the lockdown, had won all their games and needed only 1 more point from their remaining games to be declared champions.

The club has asked our managers to let our parents know not to pay their usual monthly subscriptions during the lockdown period as there is no football activities taking place. This was felt necessary by the committee as it would be unfair for our parents to not get the training and matches that they are paying for.

The club has agreed to hold our end of season presentation night once we are able to do so and the trophies have been ordered. We will communicate this to your team managers when we know more and we are discussing the best way to hold our AGM, which for our first season ever, will be restricted to team managers, coaches and committee members only.

We have reluctantly abandoned our plans for a June tournament and are in the process of returning entry fees to the teams that had entered before the lockdown kicked in. We'd like to thank those parents who have taken the time to contact us and offer us their continuing support.

Once the situation has changed, we will review resumption of training, friendly matches and even the possibility of a round robin mini-league late summer/pre-season. But until then, we'd like to say to our parents and players "keep well, stay safe and we'll see each other soon".

**BFC Committee**

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**BELTON SCOUTS**

**Beavers**

The beavers have all been taking part in weekly challenges towards their badge work. They have made jam tarts, made dens and one of the beavers had a picnic in it another camped out for the night. We have started our own animal zoo and aquarium - all the animals/fish had to be made out of toilet rolls. They had a go at an experiment using a plastic bag filled with water. Every Beaver renewed their Beaver Scout promise along with the leads and Akela has made it into a video for our face book page.



**Cubs**

The cubs this month individually renewed their promise via WhatsApp video on 26<sup>th</sup> April when we should have been celebrating St George's day at Hopton holiday village. In addition to this, cubs have been sent badges that they could do at home. This is entirely optional however cubs have produced work towards gaining their gardening badge, chefs, our skills challenge with building things at home, animal carer badge with some new puppies at home with the parents. This is wonderful to see. Akela is setting a new challenge. Photos show William doing gardening badge, Taylor doing chefs badge, Josh making things for his garden and Layla looking after puppies.



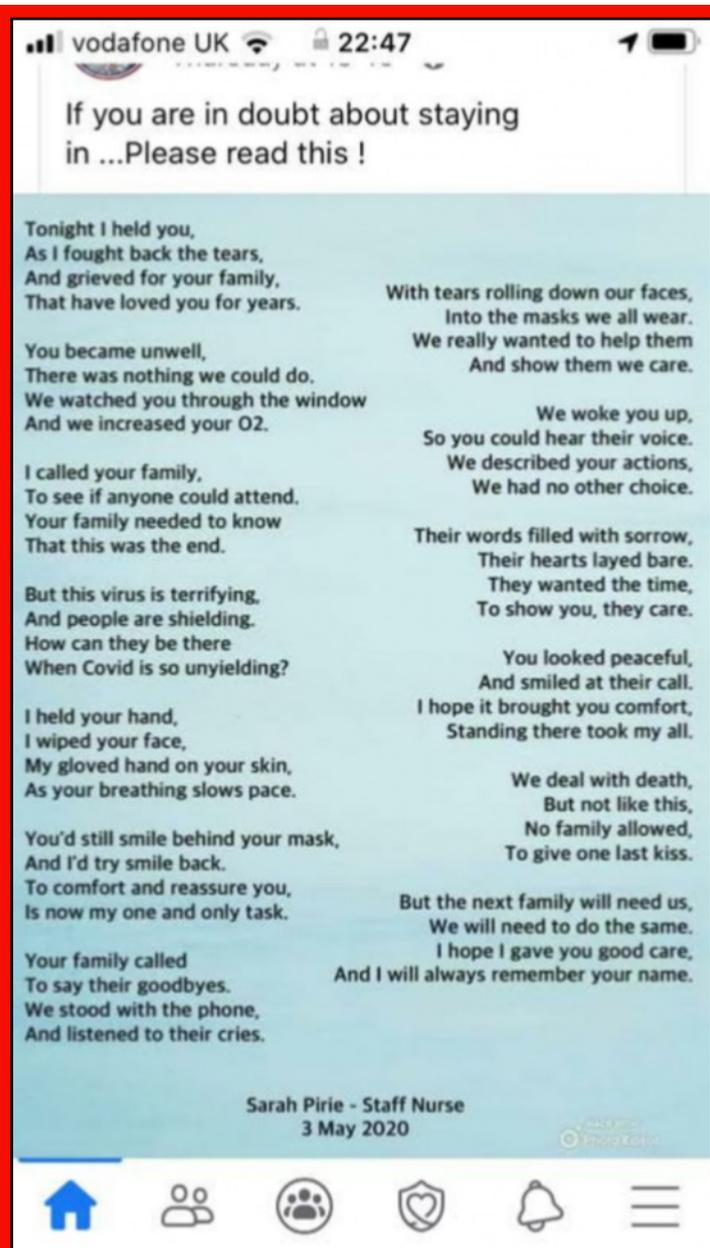
**Scouts**

Although the Scout section is not meeting weekly at present, 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 lockdown period and we look forward to getting back in better weather to move outdoor activities.

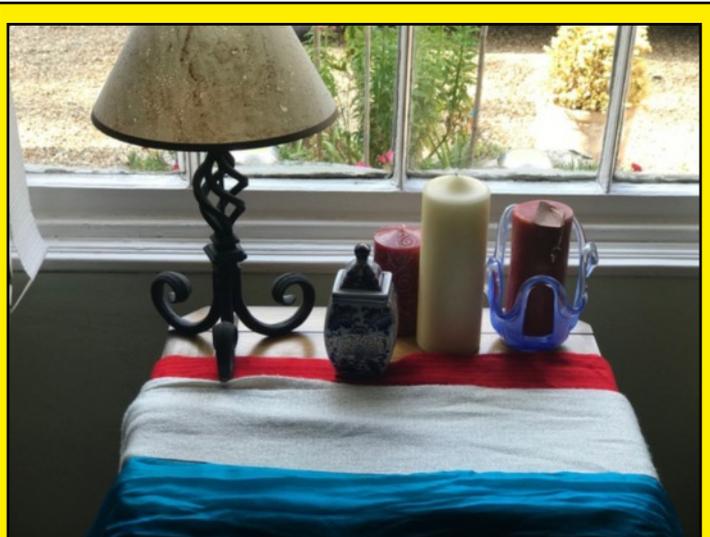


**Group**

Newspaper collection Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June - please put your paper out at 8.45am but it is going to take a lot longer than usual. Please leave it out, thank you.



This is a poem by Sarah Pirie, Staff Nurse, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde which is freely available in the public domain on Facebook. In the time of COVID-19, it gives a powerful and poignant message.



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# VILLAGE SMALLS

It is free to advertise jobs, events, property or items for sale. Send details to Village Voice Smalls, 'Skelmorlie', Butt Lane, Burgh castle, NR31 9PU Tel 01493 780776 or email [beltonvadds@gmail.com](mailto:beltonvadds@gmail.com) by noon on June 14th to appear in the July 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

Sideboard - Up to 6ft. Long. Condition not that important. Tel. 01493 780253

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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 AirRam 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 JUNE 13th IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ITEM(S) REMOVED or HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD**

## Village Voice July 2020

**If the lock down ends or is substantially relaxed, Village Voice hopes to bring out a printed issue in July 2020. We will also continue with our on line presence.**

# VILLAGE VOICE WRITING COMPETITION 2020

To celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 trades people 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, an updated list is below, however some other businesses are doing their best to keep trading so it is worth giving any a call before to see if they can still help you.

**Belton Fish & Chip & Kebab** - We are open for deliveries only from our full menu between 4pm and 11pm Monday to Saturday. Call 01493781515 or visit our web site

**Binkys Cafe, Belton** - We are open 9am to 1pm for take aways and delivery orders from our full menu, Free delivery to Belton or Burgh Castle (£2.50 elsewhere). Telephone 01493 717100

**Buckworth's Garage, St Olaves** - We are open and can perform MOT's. Call 01493488278 or 07775 941479 for an appointment for service or an MOT.

**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

**K.J Decorators** - I am still open and working, please call 01493 656164 or 07795 199574

**Myhills Fritton Nursery** - Our Plant Nursery and Pet Centre are open under strict social distancing for plant and compost sates etc., for further information please call John on 07950890836 (Note that the Flea Market and Owl Sanctuary are both closed)

**B. Porter** - Roofing Contractor - I am still open and working including emergency work provided person to person contact can be avoided. Tel. 01493 663386 or 07500 704704

**Priory Kitchens** - For your handmade kitchens and interiors, we are still working, although the shop is closed please contact us on 01493 662956 or visit our web site [www.priorykitchensandinteriors.com](http://www.priorykitchensandinteriors.com)

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

**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