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CITIZENS OF THE YEAR: MARION AND COLIN CHILVERS

The Belton and Browston Citizen of the Year award, given annually to a resident/residents by Belton with Browston Parish Council for special work in the Parish has been awarded this year jointly to Marion Chilvers and Colin Chilvers of Sandy Lane, Belton. The couple were nominated for this award by a parish resident. The award is usually presented at the Annual Parish meeting, but that will not be taking place in 2020.

For over 8 years, Marion and Colin have led with others, the effort to set up and run The Pantry Scheme which has supported many families who struggle to put food on the table or have difficulty coping to make ends meet. This confidential scheme which identifies and supports those in need has benefited from the generosity of our fellow citizens and recommendations from the Church, Moorlands Academy & responsible organisers of village groups. Colin has also played a vital role in organising and running youth groups in the village. Village Voice heartily congratulates Marion and Colin on this well deserved honour.

(Please turn to page 13 and read article on The Pantry).



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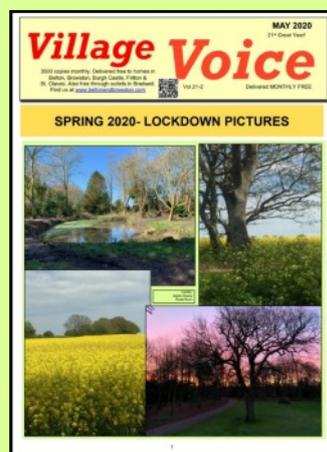
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Many of you would know that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, your Village Voice has been limiting



itself to on line editions for the last three issues (April, May and June 2020). I do hope many of you may have had a chance to look through those issues and if you need another look, the web link is here http://beltonandbrowston.com/?page_id=47

With a print run of over 3500, I am only too conscious that the vast majority of this magazine's local readership relies on the paper copy and hence it is a relief all round to be back with a 24 page print issue this month. I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as I did putting it together.

We lead this month with a story about Belton with Browston's citizens of the year, Marion and Colin Chilvers. Whenever I think of this wonderful couple, my mind goes back to one of the Sundays before Christmas 2002 and my family's tentative venture as 'village newcomers' into what was then Waveney First School for the church service there. Marion was one of the first people we spoke to in this village and my wife and I still reminisce about the genuine and communicable warmth of her welcome. Over the years, she and Colin have been living

examples of the true meaning of being your brother's keeper, of loving your neighbour and of not walking by on the other side. This award for their contributions to the Village pantry and youth work is but a small recognition of the enormous good that they have done over the years, the good that they continue to do now. Congratulations Marion and Colin!

Allow me now to repeat a couple of themes from what I wrote in the on line edition in June 2020. Firstly, as many of you know, Village Voice draws its revenue from advertisers, the vast majority of who are local businesses. Many of them are facing a particularly difficult time now. 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

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to the various clubs, charities or voluntary bodies serving the local villages. Your actions supporting local businesses will therefore help sustain that process too.

Secondly, 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. As the pandemic continues to affect people every day, 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 power and authority. Any suggestion that the law does not apply to those who lay it down undermines public trust and ultimately harms all of us.

Finally, on a personal note it has now been over 4 years since I took over as the editor of your magazine. While I may still have a rather busy day job as an NHS clinician, being a volunteer editor of this magazine and intermittently immersing myself in the world of editing parish council deliberations, gardening tips, book reviews, cookery advice, church developments, nature columns, travelogues, health advice, school news, comic strips and notes from politicians has been a source of the greatest personal satisfaction. For that, I shall always remain grateful.

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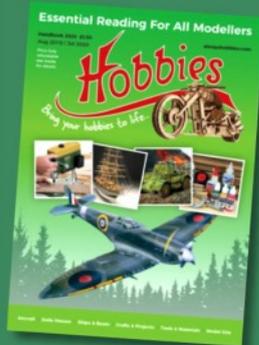
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News from the JPUH Governors

Your Hospital During Lockdown

Despite these unprecedented circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital has continued to provide an exemplary service second to none.

Staff have gone above and beyond to provide excellent care to the residents of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area. Lots of work was completed in a short space of time to convert the hospital into two zones to ensure suspected COVID-19 patients were kept separate. Many staff had to be re-trained to work in other areas including the protocols around the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Many made personal sacrifices, which, in some cases, has meant isolating themselves from their own families to protect their loved ones as well as their patients. During these exceptional times the people of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area have shown their appreciation by generously donating equipment, food, toiletries, and laptops for use by staff and patients.

Now, the hospital is returning to a 'new normal' and planning to increase the number of outpatient appointments and elective surgery/procedures. This work will be alongside a possible continuation of positive cases of COVID-19 for the foreseeable future. The hospital priority will be keeping staff and patients safe, so capacity will be reduced to enable the required social distancing measures to be implemented as this is critical to reducing the spread of the virus.



Governors Under Lockdown

All face to face meetings were suspended including the proposed information sessions for Trust members who were considering standing in the forthcoming Governor elections.

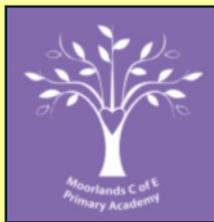
The election was put on hold and changes are now being made to enable the elections to go ahead later this month – so if you are interested, watch this space! In the meantime, the existing Council members continue to exercise their responsibilities by reading and providing feedback on key documents, and by observing virtual Board meetings which allows questions to be asked at the end of the meeting. Governors are also provided with regular updates to make sure they have all the information they need about what is happening.



For further information about any of these articles, or to comment, good or not so good about the James Paget University Hospital, please email governors@jpaget.nhs.uk

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MOORLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY
It's School Life, but Not As We Know It.....
 Volume 3

This month, we thought it would be interesting to share some of the things we have been doing at Moorlands around reading. As many of you will know, reading, and in particular reading for pleasure is a cornerstone of the school. Our Senior Teacher, Jon Biddle has developed a well-deserved national reputation in this field. In 2018, he was awarded the prestigious prize of The Egmont UK Reading for Pleasure Teacher of the Year and he now writes a regular column for the NEU Magazine. Jon and I have edited his two most recent articles into the piece below, that we hope you will enjoy.



When we realised that our school would be closing to the majority of pupils for an extended period of time, we wanted to ensure that they would all have access to books while at home. The first thing we did was to remove all lending restrictions from our school library and invite each pupil to take home between 6-8 books. Although this meant that the library was stripped virtually bare and that some books will possibly never be seen again, this was preferable to having them sitting unread on shelves for months on end.



Along with most other schools, we remotely set work for the children to complete but our main focus has been on finding ways to keep the children engaged in reading. Our logic was very much that even if they did little else over the lock down, it was important that they

read regularly. As well as the academic benefits, reading has been shown to have huge positive effects on mental health and well being and this has been one of the major challenges of the lock down for so many people. As part of our work, we've arranged socially distanced book changing for the younger children and set reading challenges, such as 'Spend time reading in every room of your house', 'Find the most unusual place to read at home' and 'Reorganise your bookshelf according to colour, size or genre'. We've had photos of children reading in cupboards, on trampolines, squatting on washing machines and curled up in a dog kennel.

One of the most popular tasks we have set so far has been to ask pupils to recreate the cover of a favourite book. Taking into consideration individual circumstances, we allowed them to do it using whatever media they wished. Some chose to use technology and some chose to use pen and pencil. The covers were then shared and created a lot of discussion. We've developed an online reading wall (created using Padlet) where the pupils can share what they're reading at home. It's interactive, so they can comment on each other's book choices and keep some level of 'book blether' going. Several staff also regularly share their own reading choices on it, which provides an insight into their personal reading lives and helps emphasise the genuine value of reading for pleasure.

For children whose access to books is limited, we ensured parents were made aware of the large number of authors, poets and illustrators running free sessions and storytimes online. For example, Mi-

chael Rosen's YouTube channel has over 400 fantastic poems to enjoy. We also 'topped-up' the reading diet of some of our children by including a selection of books alongside deliveries of food parcels.

As we have been putting this article together, there is still much that is unclear about how schools will return for all pupils. We know that is creating a lot of anxiety and frustration amongst families and we share much of this frustration. One thing that we do know however, is that whenever and however schools return, reading and more importantly reading for pleasure will remain at the heart of Moorlands.

Kevin Lee
 Headteacher



VENTURE RAISING STUDENTS
SPRITS FOR LEARNING

During lockdown the Union of Venture



students have been raising spirits of the students via home College Clash challenges. Lots of great pictures and videos have been sent in from staff and students which shows how everyone is still enjoying being part of the Venture family even if it is from further away. The school commented that given these challenging times for our communities, it has been wonderful to see so many students taking it all in their stride and adapting to work online with help from their teachers and their parents & carers.



LINDELL BROWN WINS
PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION



A student at East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Lindell Brown beat off competition from over 220 hopefuls who entered the Financial Times competition to find the best young personal

finance writers in Britain. Lindell was named amongst the three overall winners who were each awarded £150 prize money. The contest was organised in partnership with the London Institute of Banking & Finance (LIBF). Lindell's article, 'Personal data, the new gold mine for corporations?' was the winning entry in the 18 and over category. He is studying business, finance and economics at the College and is hopeful that he will secure an internship with the Financial Times after his studies at EN. Lindell said: "It's great to receive such enlightening news. It really sets me up for a positive outlook in life and I really hope that, once I've finished my third year, I can go on to work alongside the Financial Times and have a successful career in the Finance and Business sector. All courtesy of East Norfolk, of course!" Teacher of Business and Finance, Deborah Dyer said, "Lindell is a bright young man with a keen interest in the finance sector and, as evident in the competition, a flair for communication. Definitely one to watch to see where this experience of his own minor 'gold rush' takes him.

THE CHURCH PANTRY: SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED IN BELTON, BROWSTON & BURGH CASTLE

The Pantry Scheme has supported many families over the past eight years who struggle to put food on the table or have difficulty coping to make ends meet. We strive to support wherever there is need remembering all family details are confidential. Support is given by recommendation from the Church, Moorlands Academy & responsible organisers of village groups who recognise genuine need. The loss of the Village Green Children's Centre [now 'Action for Children' based in Gorleston] meant we lost the close connection we once had with families of babies & pre-school children. Recently we have connected with D.I.A.L. [a local Charity offering free confidential info & advice to disabled & vulnerable people across the Borough] who may be able to address some of this. We began by giving each family in need three substantial gifts, over three weeks, to allow them time to receive benefits or to adjust to new circumstances but not to rely on the pantry week by week.

In 2019 we found some families needed weekly gifts. This has been made possible because we now, not only receive donations from the generosity of Church members & The Ormiston Venture Academy, but of the JGI users, village groups & local caring people & families. Thank you Rosie & Tim for providing a collection point at the stables. Larger items can be donated where there is need. The Iceland Supermarket donated & delivered a trolley full worth of items collected from staff & customers. The local Labour Party began providing large monthly donations including many household items. With the onset of lockdown in 2020 these were stepped up to weekly. Mike & Tina joined in with weekly donations while shielded people received boxes from the government. The Pantry then began receiving large donations from the government too. These were enormous & were collected from supermarkets & places where people would have gathered if allowed where food would have been wasted such as holiday camps etc. This has now been discontinued.

Thanks to Colin & Linda for sorting it all out each week to keep families supplied. Thanks to Colin & Roger who, clutching their 'permission to be on the road' letters, delivered every week to each household. We increased from 6 households to 13, feeding 57 adults & children. As lockdown continued we provided activity packs etc for the children provided, prepared & donated by Joan. The pantry began with a collection of tins & dry goods followed by an assortment of whatever the supermarket had on offer, buy one get one free, purchases using vouchers or points & buying supermarket basic or own brand goods. Donations of supermarket Christmas saving stamps & tokens have also been very welcome.

'Topping up' the weekly shop has been enhanced by using Tesco Community Food Connections. This is a generous weekly donation of over day bakery produce & can include other items no longer sellable. A generous bread donation is given weekly by Bradwell Butchery & produce was given on Christmas Eve for which the families were very grateful. An enormous difference is being made to people living in this area.

Many people are involved in making sure these gifts reach as many people as possible beginning with people who are in need. 'Top-up' families are next followed by people who appreciate items to help them over a tricky time in their lives & to a very few who make use of anything left. Nothing is wasted. Exactly how much & what is available is a mystery but can be fun to sort out. Flowers have been given to village elderly, those going through sad situations & to fill a church vase for a service before being given away. The Church Pantry Team wish to say an enormous 'THANK YOU' to Tesco & Bradwell Butchery for their amazing support.

Thank you for all monetary donations which are very welcome to purchase short shelf-life goods such as milk, butter, cheese, eggs, fruit etc., collected throughout lockdown by Karen & Des. Thank you especially to both Belton and Burgh Castle Parish Councils who have given grants, but also applied for local governmental grants on our behalf. Goods to stock the pantry are provided by many groups & individuals, for which we are very grateful. Gifts from the students at

Ormiston Venture Academy, Belton Beavers, Belton Guides, Moorlands Primary Academy and Burgh Castle Church have boosted stocks. The Belton Craft Club supports with gifts during the year, and once again, they have provided something chocolatey for Easter [not this year] & Christmas.

From this report you can see just how many people care in our community. We accept this special certificate, flowers & chocolates on behalf of everyone mentioned personally & generally, seen & unseen, provider of one item or many. Thank you very much to everyone who has helped, in any way, to provide for this service. You are incredible & a blessing

Colin & Marion Chilvers



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PROBLEMS AT BURGH CASTLE ROMAN FORT

Local people may be aware that there has been some anti-social behaviour at

Burgh Castle Fort over the past weeks with large groups of people gathering on warm evenings, contravening the current Covid-19 rules on social-distancing, leaving litter, causing disturbance and damaging the monument. This kind of behaviour spoils the site for everyone else who visits with their young families for some fresh air or for a peaceful walk with the dog.

People who drop litter can be fined or face prosecution in court; and damaging the fort is a criminal offence. The police have been made aware of these gatherings and have told us that they are regularly patrolling the area. They advise that if you see any anti-social behaviour like this going on at the site you should ring 101 immediately so that they can respond quickly. We'd be grateful if local people could help us by phoning the police if you see any anti-social behaviour like this at the site.

Caroline Davison,
Director Norfolk Archaeological Trust

CRIME FIGURES - MAY 2020

Below are the list of crimes recorded in the Southern Villages police area for May 2020, due to changes in police publishing we only have one overall set for the whole of the area (Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle, Fritton and St. Olaves) to bring to you.

- 1 x Arson.
- 2 x Burglary in businesses and the community.
- 2 x Criminal Damage.
- 6 x Domestic.
- 2 x Possession of a controlled substance (Drug classes A, B & C).
- 1 x Possession of weapons.
- 7 x Public fear, alarm or distress caused.
- 1 x Theft from a motor vehicle

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THE MALCOLM METCALF COLUMN

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

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MALCOLM'S NATURE NOTES

Some 70 years ago I spent many happy hours fishing in the river at Gorleston. On numerous occasions catching Eels, one large specimen winning me a fishing basket in the now long gone Gorleston Sea angling Festival.

I have always been interested in the remarkable story of Eel's life cycle and the many transformations they go through. The Common Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) starts its life deep in the Atlantic Ocean including the Sargasso Sea, north east of the Caribbean. After the adult Eels spawn there they die. Having hatched from eggs, the tiny larvae, which look like transparent leaves, start their long journey over 3,000 miles across the sea to Europe. About 1.25 inches in length, they are quite unlike their long snake - like adults.

During their first year they grow rapidly and are carried across the Atlantic by the Gulf stream, the migration lasts about 3 years. When the larvae reach coastal waters they stop feeding and change into Elvers, tiny versions of adult Eels, these are also called Glass Eels, because they are transparent. As they move into estuaries such as Breydon Water and streams and dykes they soon darken in colour feeding on shrimps, worms and crabs.

By the second winter Eels have trebled their length, during this time they are called yellow eels as they have a yellow belly, the back is brown, they have a soft body, broad snout and small eyes. They still have one more final stage in their life cycle, becoming Silver Eels. with a silvery belly, pointed snout and hard body - at this



stage they have stopped feeding.

Autumn is the time when the Eels begin the migration downstream on their way to the sea, via streams, ditches and rivers, to the breeding grounds preferable on a dark wet night, It can take 6 - 18 months before they reach their destination.

There used to be many Eel catchers in Norfolk, making a good living, but now there's just one. Many people, especially from the London area loved jellied eels, I myself only tasted them once, but I didn't like them!

A familiar plant native to Britain is the Common Mallow (*Malva sylvestris*) also called Billy Buttons and Pancake plant. It is a

relative of Hollyhocks, Hibiscus and the Cotton plant. Seen on roadsides, hedge banks, waste ground and gardens. Its large 4cm) dark pink - purple flowers produce bright displays of colour between June and September growing as a perennial growing to a height of



90 cm. (3 ft.).

The leaves contain copious amounts of a thick gum like sap (called mucilage , they are still made into a soup in parts of the Mediterranean region and in the past were used for treating bites and stings, I must remember that in the future. Mallow ripe fruits are greenish - brown and edible, the taste apparently being similar to Monkey nuts, young Mallow shoots were also once eaten as a vegetable.

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 22.

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DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Elizabeth Myhill

Our sincere thanks to everyone who is supporting us through the Covid 19 lockdown: Looking good at the moment are roses.

Recommended **Rosa 'Flower Carpet Red Velvet'** this is a popular and well-known ground cover rose, bearing red, yellow-eyed flowers throughout the summer. It's smaller than some spreading varieties, making more of a mound than a carpet. It makes a fine semi-trailing container shrub. The single, open nature, of it's flowers make it a good plant for bees. Other colours in the series are Amber, Coral, Gold & Pink

Brugmancia (Angel's Trumpets) The show-stopping hanging bugle-shaped flowers of angel's trumpet make this a delight for any garden. Grown either as a woody shrub or small tree, this is a tropical plant. In cooler zones is often grown as a container plant that can be brought indoors when the weather turns cool. For container growing, plastic pots are preferred, since this is a large plant that is difficult to move if planted in heavy earthenware pots. The flowers produce a strong, fragrant scent, that is strongest, in the night. Position the plant somewhere you can enjoy its smell. This plant is toxic and exposure can be extremely dangerous and fatal. All parts of the plant are toxic and poisoning can occur from ingestion and even touching the plant. Gloves should be worn for everyday care of the Angel's Trumpet. Use caution if you have children or animals and seek medical attention immediately if you suspect exposure or poisoning. This is a plant for the grownups.



The Twisted Bay Tree is a handsome addition to any garden, being attractive the whole year round. The glossy leaves are deliciously aromatic and can be picked and used in the kitchen in any number of dishes. Easy to grow and fully hardy, it can be pruned to keep its shape.

Bottle Brush Plant. Botanical name Callistemon will grow to about 1m tall, is extremely drought tolerant and is even winter hardy to -5C in the UK making it a fantastic low maintenance plant for any size garden. Attractive to bees and butterflies and other pollinators: A fleece cover will see it safely through the winter. It loves a sun drenched position and will reward you with even more spectacular blooms when you site it in this position. Native of Australia.



A SPRINGER'S TAIL

Lesley Chalmers

Lennie Boy lay with his head on his paws watching the embers of the fire dying out, reminiscing about times past as he thought of all the good times he and Sylvie had chasing rabbits from the fields, hunting in the undergrowth for mice when the guns were quiet.

He thought about those cold October mornings up early full of excitement to join the other dogs on the shoot, Sylvie more agile than him, faster and quieter through the grass and the bracken. Swimming in the freezing cold water to pick up the wild fowl, then in November the frost would often be glistening on the ground when they set out and the fog would blanket the sounds and sights of the other dogs as they all met up and waited for it to clear before the shoot could begin. Jumping out of the back of the truck for a good run about to shake off all the pent up excitement before they got to work, and work tirelessly for hours following commands running through the cut fields putting up the pheasants, chasing the rabbits out of hiding.

Then that December almost two years ago when Sylvie had become ill and couldn't run anymore, within a matter of just a few days she was gone and he was left just him and Harley the younger of the three dogs and his younger half brother.

Sylvie had been the leader of the pack respected by the two boys, she had taught them well how to hunt, chase and retrieve. She kept them in order but now without her things were different, but that was almost two years ago and now Lennie was feeling older and lumps were growing all over his tired body. Some days his legs ached and his joints clicked, so he spent many hours indoors, still enjoying his walks, walking up to 10 miles in a day but at a much slower pace than of yesteryear.

These days he preferred the company of his owner to that of Harley his younger brother who was still young enough to go beating and picking up. These days he put his energy into chasing the odd pigeon and especially into chasing cats, but it was all about the chase and not the catch. Well to be truthful these days there was rarely ever a catch, obviously the cats and pigeon's had got faster.

Harley was still mad as ever, over excited about everything, he couldn't wait to go out on a shoot, but Lennie preferred a camera shoot these days, they didn't start so early. He was good at that too earning a living and buying his own food and Harley's from the money he brought in and the work was clean and so easy he could even lay down on the job.

The fire was about gone out now and Lennie snuggled further into his soft bed, he heard his Dad moving about in the dark early hours, and could see the ice on the windows of the truck and smell the frost glistening on the ground. He heard Harley running about outside in the yard following his Dad as he pulled on his boots and big thick coat.

Well good luck to them, he thought. I will have another hour or so in the warm before Mum gets up and gets my breakfast, then we will have a trot up the woods and come back home to get warmed, Harley will do a fine job out on the shoot without my help. He snuggled down some more and dreamed of rabbit stew and pheasant pie. Good Night All.

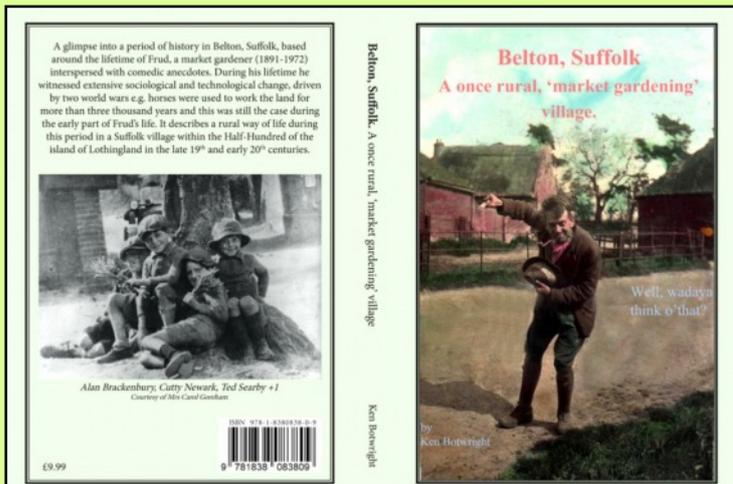
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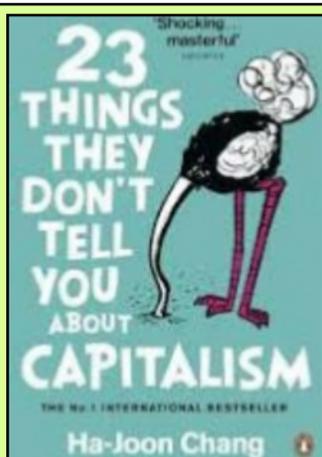
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NEW BOOK: BELTON SUFFOLK A Once Rural 'Market Gardening' Village



Local Belton resident and Parish Councillor Ken Botwright has gone into print producing a book on local, Belton, history. Ken says, 'The book is based around my grandfather's inter-war diaries, portraying life on a market garden in rural Belton. It includes a combination of the diary contents, humorous anecdotes, family and social history; the technological change during his lifetime, 1891-1972, his navy service in WW1 and my uncle's in WW2, the secret auxiliary army, and the history and evolution of Belton and Lothingland. It also includes numerous images of the period.' The book, costing £9.99, is currently at the printers and should be available around the beginning of July. To purchase, contact Ken on 01493 789978. Village Voice shall look forward to receiving reviews of this book soon.



23 THINGS THEY DON'T TELL YOU ABOUT CAPITALISM BY HA-JOON CHANG, REVIEWED BY DANIEL THARIAN

Reading economics for A levels, I decided to do an independent study module focusing on the potentially perfect market system and the failures of the ones in place today. This is a book I read in the context of preparing for that. An academic at the University of Cambridge, Ha-Joon Chang is widely recognized as one of the world's leading development economists. In this book, he writes 23 chapters, each debunking different beliefs we have about what the capitalist system does and provides.

Many economists take the view that the market system should be left alone, unregulated by the state and be reliant on self-interested individuals and firms. Chang talks about the negative consequences this has caused and highlights the problems of inequality, relative & absolute poverty and the financial crisis of 2008. I do not want to give off the impression that this is a book full of extreme left-wing

propaganda by any means. Chang, though a clear critic of capitalism, is not oblivious to the inevitably doomed nature of centrally-planned economies. He takes the belief that the current capitalist system is the "worst economic system except for all the others" (conclusion, page 253) and so ought to be reformed to be sustainable and beneficial for everyone. Chang writes in such an accessible way that the reader's depth of knowledge over the subjects he talks about is irrelevant. He uses simple language to get his point across to the reader with extreme clarity in a witty and entertaining fashion. (23 Things They Don't Tell You about Capitalism is published in paperback by Penguin and available from £7.72)



BELTON F.C. Season Null and Void



Football quickly became the last thing on anyone's mind in the last few months. I hope that all Village Voice readers are safe and well. Belton F. C. first and reserves have seen both league seasons declared null and voided which means as such we didn't really finish in a position. With neither team fighting for promotion this hasn't really affected us as a club other than the lack of enjoyable football on a Saturday. There is some hope that the reserves will still get to compete in their two remaining cup competitions. We had already made one cup final and were still in a quarter final in another. It is the leagues hope that these fixtures can still be played in pre-season 2020-21 once we get the go ahead to re start contact football.

We have continued to look at developing New Road with a fresh coat of paint to the dugouts and finishing touches finally applied now we have had plenty of free time. Outdoor carpet has been installed in the dugouts just to finish the floor off. The post and rail down the far side of the pitch has started to be installed. We hope that this will allow us to sell advertising banners to local companies to boost the funds for more development. Training has been re started in the last two weeks with groups of six socially distancing to ensure we are following current guidelines, hopefully more news soon on when contact football and ultimately matches can re start.

Nathan Brown
Belton FC Club Secretary

BRANDON LEWIS MP writes



Coronavirus is the biggest challenge the UK has faced in decades – and we are not alone. All over the world we have seen the devastating impact of this disease. It took away both our way of life and our loved ones from us. Last month's economic figures demonstrating the severe impact Covid-19 is having on the British economy was a sobering reminder that the virus will continue to affect all of us.

As we continue to slow the spread of coronavirus and see both hospital admissions and the death rate coming down our focus will turn to national recovery. The aim at the centre of the Government's plan is to return life to as close to normal as possible, for as many people as possible, as fast and fairly as possible, in a way that avoids a new epidemic, minimises life lost and maximises health, economic and social outcomes.

In recent weeks we've seen the phased re-opening of shops and by the time you read this I am hopeful that we can re-open at least some of the hospitality industry and other public places, provided they are safe and enforce social distancing. This is vital for our local recovery and I am sure many of you will be supporting these local businesses over the month's ahead.

The Government's top priority has always been to support people, protect jobs and businesses through this crisis. That's why we introduced our furlough scheme, grants, loans and tax cuts – providing lifelines for thousands of businesses and millions of jobs. Here in Great Yarmouth nearly 11,000 jobs have been saved by the Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme. And 3,000 self-employed people in the constituency are receiving grants worth £8.3 million from the government to help with the impact of coronavirus.

We will continue to face challenging times. The country has a world-leading economic response to coronavirus. And as we move through the next stage of our roadmap to recovery, we are determined to kickstart the engine of our economy while continuing to provide flexible support for those that need it.

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.



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

From when the lockdown started until the end of May, First Eastern Counties reduced the frequency on most of its services and transferred a large part of its bus fleet to its Lowestoft depot where they were de-licensed and stored. Lowestoft depot was closed and all Lowestoft's services were operated from Caister Road depot. However from Monday 1st June, 2020 First Eastern Counties increased the frequency on a number of its routes in preparation for the opening of various outlets on Monday 8th and Monday 15th June, 2020.

As far as the X11 is concerned the frequency will be as follows:-
Mon-Fri – Buses will depart Bracon Road at 0700, 0730, (6B at 0735), 0810,0855 then every half hour until 1625 – all going through to Norwich, then at 1655, 1725,1800,1830,1900 and 1930 only going as far as Great Yarmouth Market Gates.
Saturdays – Buses will depart Bracon Road at 0722 then hourly through to 1622 all going through to Norwich, then at 1722 and 1822 only going as far as Great Yarmouth Market Gates.

Sundays and Bank Holidays – Buses will depart Bracon Road at (6B at 0835) then X11 at 0922 then hourly until 1822 all only travelling to Great Yarmouth Market Gates. – for Norwich you need to change to an X1.

Travelling in the opposite direction buses will depart Great Yarmouth Market Gates to Belton at the following times:-
Mon-Fri – 0735,0815,0845(then from Norwich) at 0915,0945,1015 then half hourly until 1645, then 1720,1750, 1820 and 1900.

Saturdays – 0850 then every hour until 1850 (services come through from Norwich)

Sundays and Bank Holidays – 0850 then every hour until 1750 (from Gt. Yarmouth only)

Elsewhere in the town the No 2 resumes its 20 minute frequency from Market Gates to the Barrack Estate (Mon-Sat).

Service No 5 Burgh Castle retains its Sunday frequency 7 days per week leaving Cherry Tree Park at 1036,1336 and 1636, and Burgh Castle Queens Head at 1041,1341 and 1641. Mon-Sat there is also a 6B at 0749 Burgh Castle Queens Head (on Sat it starts from Stepshort at 0745) A 6A at 1812 Burgh Castle Queens Head (terminating Blue Sky Park. A 6B at 2114 Burgh Castle Queens Head via Bradwell to Great Yarmouth. A 6B at 2312 Burgh Castle Queens Head terminating at Blue Sky Park.

Service 6 will be operating an hourly service in Bradwell,

Service 8 resumes its 15 minute frequency with every fourth bus travelling via Cliff Park (Mon-Fri). On Saturdays a half hourly service with every other bus going via Cliff Park and on Sundays and Bank Holidays an hourly frequency with every bus going via Cliff Park.

There are no Service 4 or 9 operating and there are no plans to introduce Summer services 1B and 3

Remember social distancing applies so do not enter bus until existing passengers have got off. Seats have been earmarked and it is likely that a double decker will not be able to carry more than between 18-21 passengers on a 70 seater and remember you must wear mouth covering on public transport vehicles.

AGM - ENTUAs AGM is still earmarked for Tuesday 18th August, 2020 at Christchurch, Deneside. The AGM is at 1330 followed by the public meeting at 1415 hours. Social distancing measures will be in place. If this changes for any reason a notice will be published on our web page.

RAIL - Greater Anglia have during the lockdown continued to operate a near normal service on the Norwich-Great Yarmouth/Lowestoft lines and a decision was made to continue with the timetable begun after completion of the February re-signalling work instead of introducing a new timetable in May.

Meanwhile, the last of the old locomotive (Class 90) and Mark 3 carriage trains between Norwich and London ran on 24th March, 2020 and all main line services are now operated by the new Stadler (Class 754) Inter City electric units. These are longer (12 coaches) with more seats, faster wi-fi plus power and USB points and better accessibility.

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

VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB
 Inviting reviews of the following books

No Breathing in Class by Michael Rosen, The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf, Slime by David Walliams, The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams



BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL



www.beltonwithbrowston.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

Nine of the twelve Parish Councillors plus Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer 'attended' the June 2nd meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council which was held remotely using the ZOOM meeting system, Peter Nichols was in the chair.

Councillor Nichols was re-elected unopposed as chairman and after a vote Michael Graystone continues as vice-chair, all other appointments and positions remain unaltered.

A resident had contacted the chairman over horse mess in the parish but it was pointed out that this is expected in a rural location. Trees on Bell Lane Playing Field had been inspected by Councillor Graystone after a complaint over their size but as none were found to be overhanging the boundary no further action will be taken by the council.

Belton Scouts had confirmed to Councillor Buckworth that they had put 40 tonnes of hardcore on the track to their hut following a grant from the council but Councillor Walpole stated that after heavy rain some had washed away.

There were discussions over the new VE Day memorial bench situated by the Moorlands School entrance on Bell Lane, concern raised that no councillors were advised to attend the unveiling, Councillor Greystone stated that due to restrictions no event had actually taken place, it was suggested that something could possibly be arranged for V.J. Day later in the year.

The names of the citizens of the year award winners were announced (see separate article), the chairman or clerk will contact the winners.

It was agreed to contact County Councillor Andy Grant who was not present to see if, now that the large new development at the junction of New Road and the A143 will not be going ahead the cycle track along New Road can be upgraded and funded by NCC Sustainable Transport Fund as had originally been agreed.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday July 6th (7pm), and is likely to again be in an electronic format using 'Zoom' full details are available from the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer on 01493 602960 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

ROADWORKS

Village Voice is aware of the following roadworks in our area.

Beaufort Way (The A143-A47 Link Road - Belton/ James Paget Hospital area) - This will be closed for various carriageway works between July 20th and July 25th.

Riverside Footpath (Burgh Castle Church to Great Yarmouth - This is scheduled for closure between August 10th and February 6th 2021 for flood defence works at Breydon Water (This was originally scheduled for 2019 but delayed due to funding issues).

ANOTHER CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE LOCAL PLAN - PART 2

Great Yarmouth Borough Council is re-running its final call for comments on the Local Plan Part Two, a key planning document

which will guide and enable sustainable growth, development, jobs and investment until 2030 and beyond.

This final call is solely for comments on the soundness and legal compliance of the final draft, before submission to a Planning Inspector for independent examination. The representation period originally closed on Friday, May 22, but is now being re-run from June 1 to midnight 13 July, as a result of Covid-19, following legal advice.

While people were able to find information and take part online, the council was not able to make hard copies of the consultation documents available for public inspection for the full representation period, as the Town Hall and libraries closed part way through due to coronavirus social distancing measures.

While the Town Hall remains closed for general visits, hard copies of the consultation documents will now be made available to the public at the Town Hall by appointment only, to ensure safe social distancing measures can be maintained. All consultation material will remain online as well. The Council can also post copies of documentation to those who cannot view it online.

The content of the document has not changed. Anyone who previously submitted comments are being asked to confirm that their comments still stand. All representations received during the previous representation period will still be submitted to the Planning Inspector.

Comments can be made easily online at www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/planning-consultations where the final draft can also be read, by email or by post. To request access to see the hard copies of the consultation materials, please call 01493 846534 or emaillocalplan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Who to contact on particular matters on Belton with Browston

Peter Nichols (Chair)

Sports fields / Play areas & buildings / Compass Centre
01493 780703

Michael Graystone (V/Chair)

Village Maintenance / Allotments / Compass Centre
01493 780586

Nathan Brown

Youth matters / Allotments
01493 780910

Kenneth Botwright

Village maintenance & Environmental issues
07752 986288

Darren Buckworth

Finance
07932 760391

Margaret Greenacre

Transport / Planning / Infrastructure

01493 780126

Lin Hillier

Standards
01493 782224

Nigel Light

Village maintenance / Browston representative
07860 759076

Lee Staff

Youth matters
07966 844168

Ian Walpole

Village Maintenance
01493 789028

Hillary Williams

Village Groups/ The Church / School
01493 781294

Kate Palmer

PARISH CLERK
01493 602960
beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Five Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer were present on Monday June 8th for the second meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council to be held using the Zoom on line system, Brian Swan was in the chair.

The chairman confirmed that he had received confirmation from Norfolk County Council that the new notice board can be placed next to the Kingfisher Park bus stop on Butt Lane and that the board is on order, he also confirmed that the village sign flower beds had been set out for the Summer with plants provided by Burgh Castle Nursery.

With no further information on ownership of Church Loke footpath from either the Rector or Norfolk Archaeological Trust the council were in the process of conducting a Land Registry search to see if that provided and helpful information and regarding the burial ground a further two quotes are to be obtained in time for the next council meeting to remove the large spoil heap.

Members made no objections to further slight amendments to plans for the previously approved orangery and detached garage at Treetops on High Road. The Borough Council have approved plans for a garage with office space above behind 6 Coronation Terrace and have also confirmed that no special permission is required for new walls and driveway works at the front of the same property.

The Borough has refused a further revised application for a five bedroomed property at Three Ways on Mill Road and they are being asked to investigate the taking of soil and other materials to both Amaroo on Stepshort Burgh Castle and land at Edwards Loke off Stepshort, Belton.

County Councillor Carl Smith is to be contacted again over highways work that has not been undertaken, although agreed last Autumn, this is extension of white lines at the entrance to Porters Loke, markings to stop parking in the Butt Lane bus layby by the shelter and also to refresh the yellow lines on the west side of Stepshort where only the east side was attended to recently.

The next meeting of the council is on Monday July 13th, currently expected to be at 7pm using Zoom, however if restrictions are suitably relaxed it will be at the Village hall at 7.30pm, full details from the Parish Clerk on 07948 705218 or e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com

FRITTON WITH ST. OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council had its first meeting using the ZOOM remote system on May 28th, seven of the ten Parish Councillors, Borough Councillors Tracy Cameron and Adrian Myers, plus the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer were present, in the absence of the chairman, the vice chair Stannas Bellaby took the meeting.

Members agreed to the recommendation from NALC (The National Association of Local Councils) not to hold an annual meeting this year as officers were happy to remain in post for a further 12 months., they also approved the annual accounts for the year to March 2020 with just two minor points raised by the auditor, payments and accounts for the first three months of the new financial year were also confirmed.

There were several planning matters to consider or report on. There were no objections to mooring posts, power and water points at Bridge Close, St Olaves provided the public right of way was not affected, they were not commercial and there was no increase in traffic using Bridge Close. There had been no objections to a rear balcony at 'Crosswinds' Priory Road, St Olaves and this application had subsequently been approved by the Broads Authority.

Regarding plans for three, two bedroomed dwellings at Ivy House, Beccles Road, Fritton – members objected as over development of the site, limited access, insufficient parking and a possible effect on access to the parish church.

Plans for 157 static caravans on land at Caldicott Hall were strongly objected to, reasons included, nearness to overhead electricity cables, which were not clearly shown on the plans, being a major concern, the layout was considered as dense and horrendous, lack of facilities including shops and doctors, the effect on sewage, and traffic, especially on New Road and Sandy Lane were some of the other points raised.

There was a discussion on the obstructions, soil and tree trunks, that had been placed on New Road at Fritton to dissuade parking, some of the passing places had originally been formed naturally and were not official and whilst Norfolk County Council will push back some of the waste that has appeared they will not clear all, the police have also been involved with the issue. The responsibility for some, but not all, of the debris was known and Councillor Nunn stated that he and other councillors had received numerous complaints about the situation in the last few weeks, a letter had been prepared for the police or Newcombe Estates to be sent pending the outcome of the meeting which after discussion it was agreed should go to the police.

The next meeting of the Council is currently due to be held on Thursday July 30th (7pm), and is likely to again be in an electronic format using 'Zoom' full details are available from the Parish Clerk, Kate Palmer on 07827 681269 or e-mail fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com.

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Befriending Service

New Befriending service for local lonely and isolated people. Loneliness is affecting more people than ever - That's why we have partnered with Voluntary Norfolk to launch a new befriending service to combat loneliness and isolation in Norfolk. Voluntary Norfolk has recruited befrienders from the 3,500 strong army of volunteers who came forward during the coronavirus pandemic. Someone who has already benefited from the Ninety-year-old Maurice Oliver - *"I try to keep moving with housework and like to use brain-power making models, otherwise you lose it, but I do still feel lonely and depressed at times. I've come to rely on these calls. My befriender is an angel and is genuinely interested in me, not just talking for the sake of it."*

Anyone who needs support can call our customer services on 0344 800 8020 between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. The County Council's customer service team can connect you to a volunteer co-ordinator, who can set you up with a befriender from the network of volunteers across the county. By routing the initial calls through our existing customer service team, we can ensure calls are answered throughout the week from staff who are trained and experienced in receiving similar enquiries.

A NEW BRADWELL PARISH CLERK

Farewell Jeremy Caborn – Hello Catherine Bacon

At the end of May 2020, after 25 years of loyal service, Jeremy Caborn retired from the Parish Council as Parish Clerk. The Council thank Jeremy for all his hard work and dedication and all wish him a very happy and healthy retirement. I am delighted to have been appointed to work for Bradwell Parish Council and the community. I am really looking forward to picking up where Jeremy left off, working with and for the community. I bring knowledge and skills gained from 25 years working in finance, but I know I have a lot to learn about Council life, and I am grateful for the continued support of my predecessor and my new colleagues on the Council.

Although we cannot have face to face meetings at present, the Council is still working via WhatsApp, email and telephone. It is a strange time to be taking on a new job, and I cannot wait to get started properly, ensuring the views and needs of our community are channelled to our Councillors and supporting the Council in their decision making. I encourage everybody to get involved in the local issues that affect us all. I can be contacted at clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk or on 01493 444478.

Catherine Bacon
Bradwell Parish Clerk



REV ROSIE WRITES

These past few weeks I have relied on other people to tell me what's happening in the villages round about and how people are getting on. My husband Tim often bumps into people (not literally as being social distanced is important to us!) but he stops to speak with people whilst he's on his daily walk or run. And, like many of you, telephone conversations and messages made or received are so enjoyed and appreciated. People matter and we are reminded of that time and time again. How we miss seeing our loved ones.... parents, children, grandchildren, friends and colleagues.

As a church family, we have greatly missed coming together on a Sunday for our weekly gatherings, and again midweek for our lifegroups and meetings. I am missing calling in to the church building on a Tuesday morning to see Young at Heart and have a cup of tea and a chat with the many members; going in to Burgh House to take a service for the residents there; or seeing the children and staff at Moorlands, as I usually do once or twice a week, when I go into school for collective worship, meetings and activities .

Week on week lockdown is being released, but we still have to Take Care and Stay Alert, we still have to follow many regulations and guidelines to keep ourselves and others safe. Our new normal is so very different to what life was like at the beginning of this year, but we are adapting and drawing on the resources and resilience we have gained through the course of our lives. It is not always easy.

Throughout this pandemic the churches of Belton and Burgh Castle have been active. As well as continuing to hold Sunday services on line on Amazon Chime (similar to Zoom) and through Facebook live, we have been praying for the villages, for the NHS and emergency services, for the pharmacies, food provision, for our school, for the carers who tend to the needs of the elderly and vulnerable. We have also been seeking to support those in our neighbourhood practically in any way we can. Please do read the article about the Church Pantry and the sterling work , volunteers are still doing.

But there are some things that as a church we do well, which has not been possible to do. There have been a few couples who have had to rearrange their wedding day, because it is not safe to hold large scale gatherings. Funerals have been very small, close family occasions; just not what we would choose in celebrating the life of a loved one. We will try to make sure that these loved family members will be remembered, honoured and celebrated well when the situation allows it.

Currently the church buildings are now allowed by the government and the Church of England's regulations to be open for individual prayer and for small socially-distanced funerals. At this present time, the Parochial Church Councils for Belton and Burgh Castle are considering what is required to make it safe to use the buildings ie how many people each church building can safely hold at 2 metre distance or how we can provide facilities for hand cleansing and the cleaning of the churches after use. The Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Graham Usher, has written to clergy, Readers and churchwardens about the positive step of churches being able to open but emphasising that " the key thing is that we move forward steadily and safely, as that is how we can best 'love our neighbour'.

In "normal" times, Burgh Castle church is open each day and can receive hundreds of visitors a week during the summer months. Monitoring the use of this building and carrying out the stringent cleaning is sadly just not possible at this time, and I hope we will find a way to allow village residents and visitors to be able to enjoy the peace and spiritual richness of being still and prayerful in such a lovely place.

All Saints Belton is often open with activities taking place during the week in "normal" times, and I love to welcome people in if and when I am there. The footfall to and past this building may not be quite so

great but to have supported opening times for individual prayer and people to clean after the building has been used, is not possible at this time.

Although many of us like to pray in our church buildings, which have been places of prayer for hundreds of years, I am glad that we don't rely on having to be in the church building to pray, as prayer is a conversation with God that can take place anywhere; at home, in our garden, on a walk in the countryside or by the sea on our own, or taking the dog for a walk. Having said that we will, as soon as it is practically possible and safe to do so, re-open our church buildings for prayer.

Since lockdown, funerals have taken place either graveside or at the crematorium. Churches have been given permission for funerals to be held in church once again, but following the same guidelines that only the closest family is allowed to attend (limiting numbers so that social distancing is still observed) and organists, welcomers, musicians and sound specialists are not expected to attend, it could be some time before we return to packed churches full of mourners, coming to pay their respects and join in a celebration or memorial of a person's life. Singing is not allowed in the churches as apparently singing can release a denser load if someone it carrying COVID 19.

Singing hymns and worship songs is a significant part of what we do when we gather together as church congregations. Remembering the last supper, and celebrating Holy Communion is also an important part of our Sunday morning worship. Gathering together to share food and drink, as we do for Messy Church and Café Church at Belton, and enjoying coffee and cake together, either in church or the Village Hall in Burgh Castle are all enjoyed as part of the life of the church community. It may be quite some time before some of these aspects of church life are fully restored, but as the churches in this community we will endeavour to be creative in finding ways to continue to love and serve our villages in the best ways we can.

Please feel free to give me a call if you want to know the up -to-date position on anything to do with church matters; the situation can change from day to day as the government and church authorities release their lockdown measures.

ROCK SOLID

Hello Everyone! It will be good when we can meet again, at the stables or church, but for the foreseeable future we must be patient & wait. There have been a few good changes at the stables. Furniture has been replaced & moved about & a new skin fitted on the trampoline, thanks to Tracey. A new craft area awaits for the mess-with plenty of glitter of course!

After these months of lockdown we hate to think how many spiders are enjoying peace and quiet while sheltering from rain and the heat of the sun at both the stables and the church. We like to share but spiders need to be outside or find a different home. Don't they?

So there's lots of cleaning to be done after the restrictions are lifted. As soon as we are able we will see you again and your friends too if they would like to join in the fun.

Take Care

Love from Colin, Paula, Viv & the Rock Solid Team.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL- Sales - Mobile gas heater

If you purchased a mobile gas heater and gas bottle from Burgh Castle Village Hall the last time the hall was open before 'lockdown' in March could you please call 07796982259 and speak to Brian regarding its collection.

EVENTS AT THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE



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Hall Trustees

Bill Richmond
Roger Gowen (Chair)
Robert Goffin
Terry Ladbrooke
Bridget Lawrence
Michael Farrell
Faye Green (Sec)

the re-opening of our offices and Charity Shop by getting social distancing measures in place together with screens to protect staff and visitors. The re-opening is likely to be mid July but please keep an eye on our face book page and website for further details. Our Charity shop is always looking for donations so please contact us by calling the office if you are wanting to drop off donations we can look out for you. Looking forward to receiving your telephone calls and will update you further in next months magazine. Until then keep well and stay safe.

Jo Howes Manager.
DIAL (Great Yarmouth)

THE JGI - LOOKING AHEAD

We are sure all users of the Hall are missing their regular meetings as much as we are running the hall for you. It is still very unsure when we will be allowed to start operation again but when we do there will have to be some new operational changes put in place.

It would be great if we could be back together by September, if not sooner. Much will depend on all of us staying sensible and observing the guidelines to get rid of this virus.

We will ensure the hall is as safe a place as possible for all to meet in, but it will be up to individual groups and clubs with their leaders to oversee how their group keep to whatever guide lines are then in place.

The hall is large enough to have different table and seating arrangements that can conform to social accepted distancing. Remember we do have two rooms, all be it that the back room is smaller but both could be available for any meeting or gathering.

Please let us know any thoughts you or your groups might have so that we can consider them and have in place a clear plan before we get the green light to open.

Please call Bill on 780822 for a chat or email your thoughts to cam938@btinternet.com

This is your hall and meeting place and the Trustees administrate it so your inputs are important.

JGI Trustees

DIAL - MONEY & DEBT ADVICE....And More

Another month has passed and I hope that you are all keeping safe and well during these difficult times. DIAL continues to remain open for business with all of our services being delivered over the telephone with staff working from home and with a skeleton staff working from the office behind locked doors. Our phone lines are open 9:00 am until 4:30 pm Monday - Friday and also Saturday mornings 8.30 until 12 noon. Telephone 01493856900. Stephen our Money and Debt Adviser, will return to the JGI when safe to do so and lock-down restrictions are lifted. This is a very difficult time with many people facing the prospect of redundancy as the furlough scheme changes and businesses being unable to keep staff on. DIAL staff are there to help and support you through this difficult time so please give us a call if you need help with your finances, housing or benefits. We would encourage you to contact us before you reach crisis point as there are many ways in which we can help. Our advice is free, confidential and impartial with all of the advisors having many years experience in supporting individuals with financial and benefit concerns.

Our telephone number is 01493 856900 and you can also contact us via our website www.dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk where you will also find lots of other useful help and advice. We are currently working towards

BELTON ACTIVITY MORNINGS

Firstly I apologise to those of you who may have been waiting for my article last month. For some reason I missed it! Hopefully I am forgiven, as these are unprecedented times. Secondly my thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost a loved one recently. Reopening will be led by Government guidelines for in the future. As soon as we all feel safe to do so.

Most of the Belton and Gunton group members were on separate (What's app) groups to keep in contact and receive little videos of exercise that we would normally do on an exercise session. Those who were not able too, were contacted by phone and had a chat with me.

In the last few weeks in the lovely weather and the quietness of no traffic so many people have kept busy in the garden and home, they have been reading, sewing, making scrubs etc. for the health services and others have started activities or hobby's new and ones they did before we all got so busy with life.

Could you ever have imagined, almost the whole world would be in a Lockdown at the same time? I am not sure what you have all been up to, but I hope you're staying safe and well for when we can be together again.

Over the past few weeks I like others have been learning to navigate the new world of Zoom and keep in touch with family and friends or join online activities. I have also been on a few online zoom training courses and webinars, to help keep the knowledge. My computer decided to die and therefore a new one had to be bought quickly and safely. We have been looking after an elderly relation who has needed some TLC. I too, have been shielding myself and hubby (Mick) who some of you know, has been looking after us both.

Being in this so called Lockdown has been an emotional roller coaster. Initially you can feel confusion, shock & fear moving into anger, frustration and anxiety. Depression or melt downs in my case and how I /we/ my business will survive. Most of you have been with me for many years and I love to hear how you all are and share how we are all coping, ready for a new way, a way we may not understand yet!

Now as we begin to come out of Lockdown the emotional ups & downs can start over again. Its only human to feel these emotions and some of us are better at it an equipped than others. Captain Tom was a huge mood lifter of the time in lockdown along with the clapping for our NHS. I wouldn't be here today writing this if it wasn't for the passion of those who work for the NHS who help people get well. I am so thankful I am here and we will get through this. It may not be what we were used too. But new and fresh ideas of doing what we enjoy will come in the future and we will return to see each other again. As soon as I feel able to get out and about I will see you all again. Please feel free to contact me/Sallyann on 07599044806 or email up4fitness@gmail.com

Sallyann

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.

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

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.

1st. BELTON SCOUTS



BEAVERS - This month the beavers have made their own face masks out of natural materials, a choice of cakes to make in a mug in microwave, chocolate cake, gooey chocolate cake, jam doughnuts, vanilla cake and a egg free cake. Our thanks to Attleborough scout group for sharing this idea - very tasty. This week we had a go at making rain in a jam jar, with hot water in the jar and ice cubes on a plate on top, it works to.



CUBS - This month one of the cubs took it upon himself to create a bird box for his DIY badge. Taylor planned constructed this making sure that he used his tools safely and will I'm sure see birds in in very soon at his house. Well done Taylor !!

PAPER COLLECTION - The Next paper collection in Belton will be on Saturday 11th July 2020, please bear with as it may take a while to collect and it will depend on Covid 19 restrictions (please put your papers out by 8.45am as usual).

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 July 14th to appear in the August 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)

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

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

WORK WANTED

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

FOR SALE

Under counter Kenwood freezer (silver) From Currys last month for £150 only used 2 weeks while main freezer repaired bargain £125 ono Tel 01493 781071

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

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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

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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

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY NOON ON July 13th IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ITEM(S) REMOVED or HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD

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844618

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JAMES PAGET UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL STUDY INTO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS

The James Paget University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is now part of a collaborative group, led by colleagues at Southern Health, who are conducting a global study into the psychological impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown.

The study, which is available online and open to anyone over 16, aims to explore the impact coronavirus and the lockdown is having and will continue to have on our emotions, behaviour and wellbeing and mirroring the truly global scale of the pandemic, is also being shared by partners across the world, including in Canada, India, Greece, Singapore and Holland among others.

With over 55 sites across the UK and dozens across the globe either already running the survey, in the process of setting it up, or expressing their interest, it is hoped the study will provide researchers and the NHS with much wider view of how the pandemic has affected people. This data can then be used to adapt and improve our responses to future crisis, allowing a more personalised approach to psychological support.

For more information on the study or to participate follow the link; <https://bit.ly/2SnQvg1> and please choose James Paget University Hospital from the dropdown menu when prompted.

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