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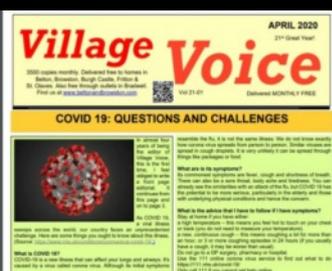
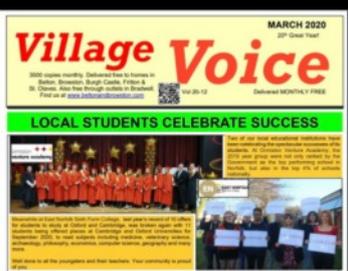
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Regi Alexander, Editor



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

HOW MUCH LONGER?

This is the 236th issue of this magazine which was founded over 20 years ago by the late Malcolm Scott. During this time it has grown in size, content and coverage. Today, it has a print circulation of over 3500 and a readership which is about thrice that figure. Over the 28 or 32 pages in each issue, there are five to six regular columns that span health, travel, gardening, nature, books and cookery and a coverage of local news that is on par with what you get from many a local newspaper. In addition, the magazine has taken the initiative to organise a number of public events which included hosting the BBC Any Questions programme, the Meet the Candidates panel before the general election, annual writing competitions for children and adults, mental health promotion events that featured leading national figures and cleaning up days for the local villages. It works closely with a range of community resources- the schools, churches, parish councils, clubs and charities and just in the last 5 years has distributed over £16,500 as grants.

All this has been possible with volunteers who give their time and effort to produce the Village Voice, month after month. From those who write, to those who help edit, and from those who manage the finances to those who serve as distributors, everyone is a volunteer. As was highlighted in the last issue, we urgently need three people to join us to continue the work of producing this magazine. Please see advertisement on back inside cover (page 27) for details.

We do need some of you to offer help, because the task of continuing this magazine's publication will become impossible and sadly, we may have to stop. I say that with a heavy heart because editing this magazine as a volunteer, while also doing a full time clinical job in the NHS, has been the privilege of my life.

Please do contact Bill Richmond (Tel: 01493 780822), Adrian Myers (Tel: 07824313792) or me if you are able to help.

Professor (Dr) Regi Alexander
Editor

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At the time of writing Village Voice has been unable to find out when the local mobile library will recommence.

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DOROTHY KNIGHT

Here at Village Voice we were saddened to hear of the death on September 5th, after a short illness, of Belton resident Dorothy Knight.

Dorothy will be remembered for amongst other things, her help with Sallyann's Monday Activity Mornings, For many years both her and husband, Tony were reliable and regular deliverers of Village Voice in part of the village and for several years they were also responsible for the planting and upkeep of the two flower beds that gave such an excellent show at the junction of Bracon Road and New Road.

Our thoughts are with Tony and their family.

The Village Voice Board.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor
Autumn is the bonfire season and for some residents it has come early. Please show consideration for your neighbours when you need to burn green garden waste and tree debris.

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It had been confirmed by two police officers that the shrubs at the junction of Deben Drive and New Road are not causing any visibility issues.

County Councillor Grant had a long report with some good news, The new Road cycleway/footpath will be refurbished in February/March next year, also Stepshort, through to Mill Road, Burgh Castle will be resurfaced in January, also in the new year the 'Trode' path from Waveney Drive to Ranworth Close will be surfaced with Tarmac into a standard path. Traffic calming measures are to be investigated for Belton New Road however there is no news yet on barrier post installation to stop parking on Bell lane.

It was agreed to consult village residents via 'Village Voice' to seek ideas for putting the 'blue' play equipment on Bell Lane to better use, various vandalism issues on the same field have or are been or are in the process of being repaired.

Two suggestions are being referred to Norfolk County Council for costing so they can be considered for the 'Parish Partnership' scheme where costs are covered 50/50 by the Parish and County Councils, one is the widening of the footpath over the Bell lane playing field, the other, the installation of brown tourist signs at entrances to the village to direct holiday makers to the Wild Duck Holiday Park.

There were five new planning applications to discuss, land at Heath Liveries, Browston (alterations to original conditions) no objections but concerns over the number of alterations that have been made to original plans. There were no objections to a proposed cattle shed at Pine Farm off Station Road north or for a balcony and three new windows at 'The Gables' Browston Lane.

There were strong objections, including over vehicle access on to Stepshort and over development of the site for a one bedroomed detached property at 'Cool Runnings' in Farman Close and finally no objections to wooden framed stables at Marsh Lane, Belton although the issue of it being on open access land in private ownership was raised.

The Borough Council have approved first floor rear extensions at 2, Sandy Lane, but refused the erection of a dwelling on land west of Browston Lane and also a low carbon dwelling with associated works at Greenfields Nursery also in Browston.

Councillor Botwright thanked Borough Councillor Myers for obtaining litter picking equipment, this had enabled eight bags of rubbish to be removed from the banks below the New Road footbridge, the same councillor also requested that the Rector be contacted to ask for updates on any plans to trim the Holly Tree at Rectory Corner that is causing visibility issues, plans to clear the dyke section behind Belton Rectory and any plans to reinstate the bank and hedge at Belton allotments.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday October the 6th remotely using Zoom.

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

Want to know more please contact: mgreenacre532@gmail.com
Tel 01493 780126.

NORFOLK HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

Norfolk County Council holds special events at some of our recycling centres so that people can dispose of household hazardous waste free of charge. Locally these will take place at the Caister Recycling Centre on October 16th, 17th and 18th (9am to 4pm daily)

Items accepted on household hazardous waste days

Aerosols – full or part-full, Car chemicals such as anti-freeze, Fire extinguishers, Garden pesticides and fertilizers – both liquid and powder form, Household chemicals and cleansers – both liquid and powder form. (eg carpet cleaner), furniture polish, old bottles of bleach etc, Paint – including water-based and solvent-based paint, Photographic chemicals and Wood preservatives, treatments and varnishes.

Items we don't accept during household hazardous waste days

Ammunition, explosives or marine flares, Asbestos, Commercial (or business, or trade) hazardous waste, Fireworks, Gas canisters (full or part-full) and Petrol, diesel or any other fuel.

ROADWORKS

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

Riverside Footpath (Burgh Castle Church to Great Yarmouth) - This is an 'on going' closure between August 10th 2020 and February 6th 2021 for flood defence works at Breydon Water

Back Lane, Burgh Castle - For part of the closure of the footpath, above, part of the diversionary route, the eastern end of Back lane, Burgh Castle will be closed however this work has been rescheduled since the last Village Voice and will now take place between September 21st and October 5th.

Riverside Footpath (From where Angles Way meets the riverside at the bottom of Mash Lane, Belton northwards, to half way towards the Fishermans Arms in Burgh Castle) Another long footpath closure in stages from October 19th 2020 to April 18th 2021 for river bank pile replacements.

BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Five Parish Councillors, both local Borough Councillors, Tracy Cameron and Adrian Myers, Parish Clerk Kate Palmer and one member of the public (present for 2 planning applications) attended the September meeting of the Parish Council, Brian Swan was in the chair. (the meeting had been brought forward to the 7th to enable comments on planning applications to get to the Borough Council within their timescale).

After Borough Councillor Cameron reported issues with the volume of litter on the riverside footpath from the Fisherman's Bar to Belton it was agreed to write to both the Broads Authority and Borough Council to see if they would install and fund litter bins.

Members did not object overall to a planning application at Cherry Tree Holiday Park for changes to the facilities building, outside activities and office improvements however they were concerned at the proposed colour of the water flume not blending with the locality and noise pollution and requested that there is a condition that outdoor events finish at a reasonable time.

There were two main objections over plans for two detached and two semidetached properties on land next to burgh Castle Post Office, one point was that it is outside the Boroughwide Plan. The main concern was that using the existing house entrance for a new roadway would result in five multiuse road entrances within 85 metres of Butt Lane all situated near to a dangerous bend.

Regarding the application for 12 wigwam holiday cabins at Oak Farm on Mill Road there were concerns over the effect on wildlife and the suitability of the entrance and need for improvements both to that and the bus stop if plans go ahead.

Members accepted a revised quote to take into account changes of circumstance for the removal of the spoil heap on the burial ground and also one to repair the potholes in Church Loke outside the entrance to the burial ground, in each case the cheaper of two quotes was accepted.

Councillor Griffiths reported that the village's Speedwatch team had just had their first 'outing' since Lockdown, working on Butt Lane near to where a car had recently rolled possibly due to excessive speed, amongst their 'catches' was one vehicle doing over 60MPH in the 30 mile limit.

There was one suggestion, from Councillor Greenacre, for more brown tourist signs in the village to be funded through the Parish Partnership scheme where costs are split evenly between Parish and County Councils, this will be looked at in more detail with any other ideas next month, left on hold were thoughts about claims on the two Borough Councillors ward budget funds until more details are available on acceptable uses this year, each of the councillors has £1000.00 to allocate but it is available between Burgh Castle, Belton and the Fritton/St. Olaves Councils.

All Councillors present favoured the next meeting being held face to face in the Village Hall but that depends on the changes in restrictions announced after the meeting and also the fact that the local Association of Parish Councils are still favouring remote meetings being used (there is legal permission for these till May 2021), in any case it will be held on Monday October 12th.

BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL & CHURCH

We will continue to open on Thursday's and Friday 's between 10am and 2pm until the end of October, then have one Tea Room day each month until next season, watch out for dates., Although things will not be quite the same, limited numbers, social distancing and only light refreshments we do hope to see our regulars for a cuppa and a chat.

We did consider a Jumble Sale for October but volunteers feel that it would not be advisable to have that type of event at the moment. We would ask you to wear a face covering inside the building, complete

a Track & Trace form and there will be tables outside for refreshments. Our Christmas Stock will be on sale shortly, so come along for bargain!

Please continue to save your good quality bric-a-brac, and books,(especially paperbacks) , we will collect if you wish or can arrange for you to drop off at the hall. ny 'new stock' is quarantined for a week before being put on display. For further information please contact Margaret on 01493 780126, e-mail mgreenacre532@gmail.com.

Burgh Castle Church - The church will not be open for private prayer from October 1st, the 'in church' service this month will take place on Sunday October 11th (9.30am) subject to regulations permitting it.

BURGH CASTLE SPEEDWATCH We're Back!

Burgh Castle Speedwatch are back out in the community recording the speeds of drivers who think it's ok to speed through a small village. On our first outing we recorded someone driving 61mph in a 30mph on a stretch of road where there had been a serious road accident only weeks before. This was on a Sunday Morning!

If you are concerned about the speed motorists drive around the village then please volunteer we need new recruits to continue with the sterling work our volunteers are already doing, the more volunteers we have the more times we can go out.

If yes, can you support us and become a speed watch volunteer. All training and equipment will be provided. Support our village and contact the co-ordinator wendygriffiths.2k@btinternet.com or 01493780452.

St. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL - UPDATE

Following a recent meeting of Members of the St. Olaves Village Hall Committee it was agreed, in this uncertain climate, to delay the re-opening of the Village Hall until the New Year when, hopefully, the situation will have become a little clearer. We realise that this prolonged closure does not help our regular clients and are desperately sorry to add to their difficulties and worries at this time.

We are only a relatively small Committee and would be delighted if there was anyone in the St. Olaves area who would like to join and bring with them new ideas, expertise and enthusiasm when, hopefully, we open for business again in 2021. Should this appeal to you, please contact Robin on 01493-488115. Thank you.

Once again, please accept our sincere apologies for the on-going closure of the Hall, and to all of you out there, keep safe and well and keep washing those hands!

ROCK SOLID

We hope you are all keeping well and enjoying school in your bubbles. With the present situation our concern is that we all keep safe. We will not be starting up in October, as we hoped, but will keep the situation under review. Enjoy school and hope to see you all as soon as it is safe. For more information speak to Colin on 781474 or speak to Paula.

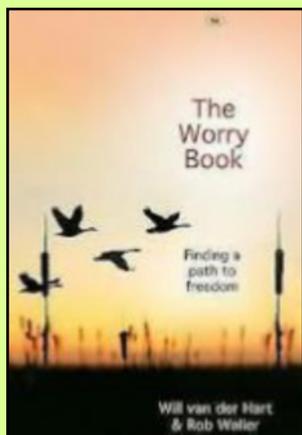
SCOUT TOY SALE - This will be on Saturday 3rd October 10am to noon when the Scout group are holding a toy sale at 6 Station Road North, Belton if its not raining. Everything will be £2 and under.

SCOUT NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS - Belton Scouts will be collecting old newspapers in Belton (sorry not other local villages) on Saturday October 10th Papers should be put outside properties by 8.45am to ensure collection, please do not make bundles too large as some of our younger members who help are on the small size!. Glossy magazines, leaflets, greetings cards and old telephone directories can all be included with the papers. For information about the local Scouts or the paper collections please call 01493 780965, papers can also be left outside at 6 Station Road North, Belton, NR31 9NF



THE VILLAGE VOICE BOOK CLUB

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



THE WORRY BOOK : FINDING A PATH TO FREEDOM by WILL VAN DER HART & ROB WALLER Reviewed by Rosie Bunn

I started reading this book to understand more and help someone deal with their worries. The introduction said, "People who worry are preoccupied with tomorrow – what might happen and what could go wrong". However, there is also the deeper feeling that tomorrow is not being changed by this worry, and the awareness that instead today is filled with headaches."

We all worry to a lesser or greater degree and as I read this book, I found it helpful, so thought it might be worth sharing with others, especially at this time. The authors did suggest that if worry was a very severe problem or if the reader also struggles with significant depression, that they didn't read this book alone, but had a friend to journey with them. Good advice, I thought.

With chapters such as understanding my worry; what happens when we worry; worry fuel: what keeps my worries alive; my faith and my worry; tolerating uncertainty; taking action and worry and hope, this book gives a thorough exploration of worry and seeks to equip the reader with practical ways of overcoming worry that has become debilitating and life-limiting.

Each chapter includes personal and real-life examples to illustrate what is being said, and includes exercises which help the reader engage with the process of worry for themselves, how to disable the cycle of worry and tolerate uncertainty. It is a book that I have learnt much from, laughing and crying through some of the examples as I remembered experiences in my own life. It is a book that brings theology and psychology together, written by a theologian and a Consultant Psychiatrist, which might be why I found it helpful, but it is full of down to earth helpful advice. It is a book which can help individuals change their perspective on worrying.

Towards the end of the book, in the chapter on Taking action, there are a few pages dealing with present contemplation, which they describe at the "gold standard technique in overcoming worry" because it trains the worrier to see their thoughts in a new way. In all this, the encouragement is "be kind to yourself", "be" and not "do". They say, "There is a time and a place for a good kick up the backside, to be sure. However, we wonder if you are pretty good at doing that to yourself, already. Maybe this is a good time to stock kicking and start being kind."

If we see life as a journey, then The Worry Book could be a road map book to help us navigate some of the ups and downs, and the valleys that bring us the worries of this life. It is full of information and tools to be used on the journey. The appendices deal with information about further help, prayers and contemplations for times of anxiety and other resources available. I think this is a book that needs to be tackled at a slow pace – a gentle ramble rather than a quick A to B journey, because it is more than just information; it is an opportunity to learn new skills and gain greater understanding on the worries that take away our peace and limit our ability to thrive. Perhaps a good book for this time?



WORLD CLASS HAPPINESS By DOMINIC KING

Many of you will already know the name Dominic King through his impressive Judo career travelling all over the world training with and competing against some of the toughest fighters on the planet but almost certainly very few will know him as an author. In 2015, Dominic wrote his first book "Judo Armbars for Mixed Martial Arts" but then decided to write a second book for a very much bigger market on the subject he felt he was also very good at – being happy.

Dominic has always been happy, but over the last few years after his retirement from top-level competition, he has taken a growing interest in books, videos, podcasts and the like dealing with self-belief, motivation, psychology and all subjects dealing with the mind and the power it has over everything we do and believe in. After a while he began to realise that he was already practising many things he was seeing by top people in their fields and although he suffered some major setbacks in his life, he believed he was happier than anyone else he knew. It was at this point he realised that if he shared his knowledge and experiences through writing a book, he could help many people to improve their own lives in the way it had his - hence the birth of "World Class Happiness"

Although at the time of writing, the book has only been published a couple of weeks, the feedback so far has been truly amazing, not from just the general public, but also from the editor and the typesetter, who were both extremely moved by the book. An almost universal reaction is what an easy read the book is and almost impossible to put down as well as the honesty and openness from the author throughout the book.

Dominic's book can be ordered from Amazon (search for 'World Class Happiness' by Dominic King) or it may be possible to purchase directly from the author. (Brian Swan will be reviewing this book in the Village Voice Book Club shortly).

THE GAY & BAILEY FACTS ABOUT SPAG BOL

Matthew Gay is a service user of Norfolk Learning Disability services. Sara Bailey is an activity co-ordinator who works with him. This is from Matthew's project on interesting facts about spaghetti bolognese

1. Spaghetti Bolognese is the second most popular food in British homes.
2. It is a famous dish from Bologna in Italy.
3. It was first made in the eighteenth Century.
4. There are many recipes, but they all consist of pasta and a meaty sauce [bolognese].
5. Italian chefs make it with tagliatelle [flat ribbon-like pasta] instead of spaghetti because the sauce clings to it better.
6. In Italy the sauce is called ragu.
7. Bolognese sauce should contain three vegetables: onions, carrots and celery.
8. Cooking of the sauce involves two skills: 1] Frying [the mince and veg] and 2] Simmering.
9. A plate of spag bol /tagliatelle al ragu is not complete without a sprinkling of grated parmesan on top.
10. The sauce can also be used to make lasagne.



DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Elizabeth Myhill



Here are a few suggestions for adding height and interest to a small garden. First, if you are looking for height is the Ornamental Cherry 'Amanogawa'. It has a column-like growth habit and pink flowers in May (picture on left). Another good choice is Prunus 'Kanzan' having double pink flowers in April, bronze foliage and stiffly ascending branches, height 20ft (picture above right). I have Prunus Kiushidare Sakura (Cheals Weeping Cherry), supposed to grow to 15ft, mine is now nearer twenty and is covered in pink flowers in April (picture on left). It provides shade to sit under in summer. I've also provided bird seed feeders among the branches for the many small birds that frequent my patch.



A few years ago we planted a Cambridge Gage. Downside is that the growth is vigorous and now requires a ladder in order to pick the fruit! This year I have been able to freeze enough gages to see us through the winter. It also gives shelter and privacy to the garden. There is also a cherry which I hope will fruit next year (if the birds leave it alone) and a Victoria plum which after a dreadful start (himself pruned it!) is shaping up nicely ready to produce next year. If possible everyone with a garden should have at least one tree. They are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, they give us oxygen, store carbon, stabilize the soil and give life to the world's wildlife. They also provide us with the materials for tools and shelter.

The cheapest time to buy trees is during their dormant period, between December and March. (Nurserymen do not start lifting their deciduous trees until all the leaves have fallen.) If you are lucky enough to buy bare root trees then make sure that the roots do not dry out before planting. Dig a v-shaped trench, spread the roots, cover with soil and tread down 'heel in'. Evergreen (mainly larger conifers) are root balled this means that they can be left a few week before planting but the roots must never be left to dry out. Container grown trees can be planted out all year round, apart from when it's very hot and dry, or the ground is frozen. The ground can be prepared in advance. Dig a hole big enough for the spread roots. Add humus from the compost heap or horse manure (at least 6 months old) and add a handful of bonemeal. Container grown trees can be planted all year round, apart from when it's very hot and dry, or the ground is frozen. The conditions in autumn are usually ideal for it to thrive - the soil is still warm after summer, and moist from some autumn rain.

Happy gardening
Liz Myhill



A SPRINGER'S TAIL

Lesley Chalmers



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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.

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



During the summer months I observed a small spider, seen on or around my front door, this was the beautifully marked, black and white Zebra spider (Salticus scenicus). This was a jumping

spider, they do not spin webs, but actively hunt their prey, employing a number of senses, of which sight is the most important. While many spiders rely on their sense of touch and tend to be nocturnal, jumping spiders are usually at their most active in bright sunshine.

They have furry bodies, their eight eyes are arranged in three rows, the four large black eyes in the front row, resemble the headlights and sidelights of a car (See photo) The two pairs of smaller eyes form a quadrangle, facing upwards and backwards on top of the head. These eyes give almost 360 degree vision. The small eyes on top of its head mean that it is immediately aware of a fly, for example when alighting within a distance of about 30cm. (12 inches) from it.

The spider turns its cephalothorax, or front part of its body, towards it so that its anterior eyes can focus clearly ,it then moves stealthily forward, flattening itself to the surface until sufficiently close to leap on its prey. This ability to focus accurately and access distance is unique among spiders. This spider walks in a series of jerks and if you watch closely it will often turn and stare back with similar intentness. It can run forward ,backward or sideways. As it leaps on a victim silk comes out from its spinnerets, creating long threads or draglines.

Vertical, overhanging or smooth surfaces present no difficulty as the adhesion of its foot pads is greater than in any other family of spiders. The two pairs of hind legs apparently unmodified, supply the power for jumping. This is illustrated by the fact that if one or both of the front legs are missing the spider's jumping ability is not affected, however if a hind leg is removed the spider will land badly.

The Wren (Troglodytes troglodytes) is the smallest (4 inches from beak to tail) British bird, apart from the Goldcrest, it has a round dumpy body, short wings, short cocked tail, barred brown and grey plumage, slender bill slightly curved and a distinct pale buff eyestripe.

The male sings consistently and can be heard all year round and is remarkable powerful, it begins with a few separate high - pitched notes, rapidly accelerates and finishes by putting all its energy into the final explosive trill. It is found in woodland, hedgerows, derelict buildings outhouses and gardens.

The male bird builds several nests, a dome structure of moss, dry grass, bracken and leaves. The hen selects the one of her choice,



lines it with feathers, then lays five - twelve eggs and incubates them by herself for 14 or 15 days. The glossy white eggs are often speckled with minute black or red spots. When the eggs hatch, the male leaves the female to do all the feeding. The wren is almost entirely insectivorous feeding on larvae

of small moths, flies, beetles. spiders and mites.

Wrens also occur on sea cliffs, mountainsides and caves, they even inhabit some of our furthest islands, particularly Shetland, St Kilda and the Hebrides. On these islands they are a clearly a distinctive separated local race. These birds tend to be larger and greyer in colour and have heavier chestnut coloured barring on the back than their mainland relatives.

In one cold winter I counted 20 wrens in my nest box, seems they huddled together to keep warm, the insulation of this crowding no doubt led to a high survival rate.



IT'S SCHOOL LIFE ... BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT Volume 6

Back to School!

This month, I am writing about going back to school. As I write these words, we are nearing the end of the first week back and thought I would share some of my thoughts and observations.

Changes

We've had to make lots of changes to how the school operates in order to be Covid Secure. We've introduced a new start of day routine, including having individual entry points for classes and a one-way system for parents. On Monday, it was very slow, with lots of queues. However, by the next day, after a couple of tweaks (some of which were suggested by parents and carers) we were able to avoid this. We've had to completely close the car park between 8.40 and 9.15 and 2.40 and 3.15 to make this possible, which has created its own problems for a small number of parents who have car park passes, but we are working on a solution for this. Obviously, safety has to come first and this will always be the case.

We've also made lots of changes to how our site works, including constructing some new outdoor learning spaces for our younger children. These will enable them to learn outside, whilst being protected from the worst of the elements. Work on these was delayed slightly, due to a shortage of materials, but a local company and carpenter have both done an excellent job and we are really grateful.



I know the children will enjoy using the spaces when they are completed, which they should be by the time that you read this article. I've included a photograph of the work in progress.

Children, Staff, Parents & Carers

Everyone seems to have settled in really well. The children are so happy to be back in school, despite the changes. One child said "It has been really nice, I've enjoyed learning new things." Another said "When we came back, it was a bit weird because we hadn't seen each other for a long time. Mr Biddle explained the rules to us and it was fine."

There are all sorts of lovely activities going on around the school and



we are using the book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers as a source for a shared project across the school. We are not allowed to mix the bubbles, so we cannot physically gather the school together. However, we can meet virtually, using Zoom. Collective Worship is done this way and I have led daily assemblies, apart from on a Thursday, where Collective Worship is led by the Church. The children have really enjoyed these so far.

Parents have been patient and supportive and we have had a lot of positive feedback. One wrote "Thank you to all the amazing staff who have made the transition back to school as smooth as it has been. It really is appreciated that to make things seem as effortless as you have done takes a lot of hard work behind the scenes." Another said "Both mine are so happy to be back with their teachers and friends, they've both had a great week and have come home smiling every day. Thank you!"

Things still to solve

Of course, there are still some things that we need to solve. For example, our older children have to wait a long time for their lunch. This is because we have to keep the bubbles separate. The result is that lunchtime stretches now from 11.30 to 1.45 across the whole school. As ever in situations like this, we need to listen carefully to suggestions and problem solve using the mantra of keeping it as simple as possible.

This will be my last column for a while as I'm turning it over to a different class each month who will take it in turns to write for you. Take care and stay safe.

Kevin Lee (Head Teacher)

ROBIN'S TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Robin Carver of Selwyn Drive, Belton sent us the following story.

'I learned to fly light aircraft back in the late 1970's, early 80's then flew them regularly for many years from Seething Airfield in Norfolk. Recently, having had some serious health problems I lost my Civil



Aviation Authority medical certification which meant 'no more private flying for me'. I then thought 'what the heck - why not blow the flying fund on a once in a lifetime wish to fly a Spitfire'

Recently, after delay caused by the Covid19 virus I had almost a full hour in the plane, taking off from Biggin Hill, heading to Dungeness, then along the white cliffs to Dover. Above Dover Harbour we did a couple of loops and two slow rolls. I then got to fly 'hands on', back to Biggin Hill. It was amazing to fly such a responsive plane, it seemed to respond to my thoughts more than my hands! And at 250 knots it was twice what I had been used to flying those Cessnas from Seething.

Certainly an experience of a lifetime and a dream fulfilled!!! My thanks to my two friends who accompanied me to Biggin Hill, and by the way, yes that is a copy of you 'Village Voice' in the photo of me standing by the aircraft.

ORMISTON SUCCESS IN GCSES

Pupils at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston repeated their success story of the last few years with some exceptional results in this year's GCSE. While congratulating all the students for their effort and achievement, Ormiston cited three in particular as outstanding.

Julianna Mercado

"Julianna has secured the Gresham's scholarship and having worked her way through a tough process is excited to be taking up her place at Gresham's in September, where not only will her academic abilities see her thrive, but certainly her sporting prowess will also be highly valued. Julianna uses a huge amount of discipline and time management to balance her studies with a busy schedule of



swimming practice, music lessons and other activities outside of the academy. She travels each morning before the academy day to swim and makes use of flash cards in any 5/10 minute down time she has around her schedule. She leaves Venture with 9 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent and will move onto the next step in her dream to become a pilot.”

Joe Jerry:

“Joe has worked tirelessly throughout his five years at Venture to make huge strides in his achievements academically and in terms of extra-curricular activities. A key member of sports teams throughout his time at the academy, Joe was also Head Boy in his final year bringing in several new initiatives that will have a lasting impact on his peers that follow him. The progress Joe has made in his time here would compare well against anyone nationally and to leave Venture with 8 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent is a testament to anyone that hard work and determination pays off.”



Well done Joe!”

Mia Steward:

“Towards the back end of the summer term the academy received confirmation from Cambridge University informing us that Mia had been one of only 120 students nationally to be accepted onto Christ’s, Sidney Sussex and Murray Edwards Colleges’ Summer School 2020 to study Biochemistry. Competition was incredibly strong but the reasons her acceptance has been reinforced by the incredible results she acquired due to constant hard work and dedication throughout her time at Venture. Mia who has always approached everything with a positive outlook and a smile on her face achieved 10 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent including 5 grade 9’s. This is an incredible achievement for any student in any year at any school and Mia should be incredibly proud of her results”.



PRIORY FARM PIZZA

Priory wood-fired pizza is a local business selling delicious stone-baked, wood-fired, artisan pizzas. Based in St Olaves on Priory Farm, customers and friends can enjoy a freshly made Neapolitan pizza stretched and topped in our vintage converted horse box. We are surrounded by beautiful natural landscape, flanked by horses that have been rescued by Hillside Animal Sanctuary, that you can feed whilst waiting for your pizza. Take it away or have a pizza picnic on the field. Customers have been bringing chairs and picnic blankets and enjoying



nature. Children are feeding the horses and playing games in the field, whilst others have been taking their pizzas away to enjoy at home.

The ‘Fritton Decoy’ a delicious duck

pizza with fresh spring onion and crisp cucumbers laced with plum sauce, has been the best seller so far. Priory Wood Fired Pizza was created over lockdown when two of the three ‘man’ crew lost their jobs at local catering establishments. The group of students set to work on their amazing horse box conversion so that they could work in between their studies. Morgan from the team, said ‘we were pleased to be able to innovate and offer something different and exciting, our granddad the late John Green was a great believer in hard work and new ideas and he would have love to see us hard at work on the farm. Lockdown gave us the time to set things up and we are pleased to be able to offer a beautiful location for customers to enjoy a ‘pizza picnic’. Who doesn’t love pizza and the great outdoors!” The trio plan to hold regular events at St Olaves and are exploring taking their mobile vintage horsebox to local pubs and events, as well as private functions. Find them on Facebook, Instagram @priorywoodfiredpizza for upcoming events including Halloween.

1st. BELTON BROWNIES

Something to remind some of you of the past memories of the 1st Belton Brownies going on pack Holiday. I believe in the late Eighties when we would go for the week. The bus used to be packed. We liked going to Hoveton as the Brownies liked to spend



t h e pocket money a t W r o x h a m . We also caught the train t o Norwich visit the cathed ral, the B e a r

shop and more. Going away for the week you really got to know your Brownies. I must say the parents were brilliant. **Sue Casey** (former Brown Owl)

BRANDON LEWIS MP writes



The national lockdown was the right thing to do to 'Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives'. But one of the most worrying impacts of the COVID pandemic and the lockdown was the affect it has had on our children. We need to ensure that all those months away from a school environment doesn't result in long term damage to our children's future.

I know that many parents and teachers were nervous about returning to school after the summer holidays. Even our most resilient children, however excited about

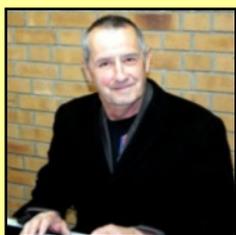
their return, would have felt anxious. They returned to school and adjusted to a very different school day. Students adapted quickly to staggered break times, increased hygiene and handwashing, and teaching in bubble groups. Our school staff worked tirelessly over the summer months to ensure all pupils returned to a safe environment.

We had a duty to get children back into school to learn and be with their friends once again. Nothing will have a greater effect on their life chances than returning to school. The Chief Medical Officer warned, the risk of contracting Covid-19 in school is very small and it is far more damaging for a child's development, their health and wellbeing to be away from school for any longer. Teachers agree that prolonged absence from school will have a disproportionate impact on those children from disadvantaged backgrounds. We cannot risk a widening in the attainment gap.

With all these continued educational uncertainties, I can understand the frustrations of parents faced with poor transport provision between Belton and Lynn Grove High School in Bradwell. It seems an odd anomaly when Belton is within the catchment area for the school. The situation isn't helped by a strict adherence to transport rules. I've written to both First Bus and Norfolk County Council seeking a compromise. I hope common sense prevails and Belton students aren't disadvantaged.

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**



One of the basic principles of the criminal law in this country, is that everybody is equal under the law and no one is above it, even though at times it would seem that these principles are not applied. I am therefore deeply troubled when changes in these basic principles of our legal system are attempted to be brought about by victims of crime. We

have jury system in which juries are compiled of ordinary citizens who have no connection with the case on which they are asked to give their verdict. That verdict should and must be based on the evidence presented and not influenced by personal feelings or opinions.

In the past we have had victims of crime attempting to alter these basic principles because quite rightly they have been deeply affected by those who have broken the law and been found guilty of doing so by due process and because the law is not an absolute it does change and adapt to a changing society.

However in this instance I am referring to make it mandatory to hand down life sentences on those who murder emergency workers. The so called "Harper's law". Although I have very empathy with someone who has been a victim of losing a person whom they deeply loved and cared for, they are by their connection and understandably so, would want the greatest retribution against those who committed these heinous acts. However what laws such as these would do if

introduced, would say that an emergency workers life has more value than any others and therefore perpetrators should be dealt with more harshly.

It undermines not only the basic principles of equality and justice under the law, it seeks to value the lives of different members of society over others, in this instance that of emergency workers, over even that of a child, and that cannot be right. In the case of PC Harper, it must be remembered that the perpetrators were convicted of manslaughter and not murder, a decision made by the crown prosecution service for what ever reasons they did, I am not privy to them, so even in this case the mandatory application of life sentences for murder of an emergency worker, would not have applied. If one seeks to make changes in the law then it must be applicable to all members of society not a selected few.

We were told to go out, start spending and get the economy going, now we are told that only six people can meet (a totally arbitrary figure) insisted up, apparently by Matt Hancock alone. Can someone tell me the difference between 6 people meeting and those that congregate at a funeral, wedding, outdoor sports or places of worship? He first of all blames people seeking Covid tests for the shortfall in testing although he told us to get tested, now he is blaming young people for doing what they were told to do to get the economy going. The other day a person was taken to hospital because they had suffered a stroke. That persons children were not allowed into the hospital for 48 hours until he had had a Covid test which he did have on admission. He was discharged two days later yet and even now after 5 days he has not had the result of that test, so the 48 hours rule was a total waste of time.

It is the government's failures in dealing with Covid not the populations that have resulted in the increase. It looks as though we are once again heading for a semi lockdown. There seems to be no plan at all in dealing with the virus. Developing a "heard immunity" is not part of the governments plan and bearing in mind the virus is not just going to simply disappear. no matter how much we try to hide from it, what is the "plan" because all I have heard is we must protect the NHS.

I simply ask this, the government's default position is "we are following the scientific advice" if that is the case why is the advice different for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and therefore, which advice is correct?

Adrian Myers Independent Borough Councillor
Lothingland Ward.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDY GRANT

I hope you are all well and staying safe during these very different times. At NCC we have been busy working with our partners to help combat Covid and dealing with the fallout from it. Compared with the rest of the UK Norfolk has done well and remains to have a lower infection rate. This is testimony to the NHS, Partners and the people of Norfolk for following the guidance and the majority following the rules.

Despite ongoing cost pressures I'm pleased to announce that the hazardous waste amnesty will be taking place this year. It will be a three day event on the 16th, 17th and 18th October at the Caister household recycling centre. Residents can take any unwanted chemicals, paints and other hazardous waste for free of charge. It's an ideal time to check the sheds and cupboards to see if there's anything to get rid of. A full list is available on the NCC website.

I'm also pleased to announce several highway improvements across the division. Firstly will be the cutting back of hedges and general tidy up where possible of footpaths and overgrown areas across Belton.

I'm also working on a scheme to approach landowners about the planting of new hedges alongside existing hedges so that in time the older hedges can be cut back improving the visibility of roads and help prevent the constant frustrations of inaction over hedges.

I'm also pleased to announce the resurfacing of the trod along New

Road and into Waveney Drive. This was installed by the Parish Council and provided a safe link along this road. A tarmaced surface will enhance this path and make maintenance easier for years to come. I'm also working on getting a footpath further along New Road linking up to Bracon Road but this will be for the future.

I'm also pleased to announce the complete resurfacing of the cycle track and footpath on New Road from Stepshort roundabout to Beccles Road. This shared pathway was installed many years ago and has become uneven and overgrown. The track will be widened, marked out and completely resurfaced with tarmac to make a smoother and safer route for both pedestrians and cyclists. This £350000 scheme will start hopefully in the new year along with other measure such as new signage creating a more welcoming vibe into Belton.

Finally I'm also very pleased to announce the resurfacing of Stepshort. This Road is the worst in the Borough and is a patchwork quilt of repairs, utility work, sunken and dropped parts etc. This significant scheme will see the gradient by the bridge evened out and the entire stretch from the mini roundabout to Butt Lane stripped and resurfaced. The work is programmed to start in for the New year. All these measures will unfortunately mean extra traffic and some delays but the improvements will be worth it.

If there is anything I can help with or any issues I should be aware of please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Andy Grant



REV ROSIE WRITES

No one would have thought that life could change so much in six months! For many, life is beginning to return to normal; the schools are back, the pubs and restaurants are open and we can get out and about once again. But the frequent requirement of using hand sanitiser and wearing a face mask, reminds us that we, as a society and the world, still have a long way to getting back to a normal, normal!

Initially with lockdown we had many government announcements to help people: those who had lost jobs; the furlough scheme came into operation; landlords couldn't evict tenants; foodbanks and the local borough council came to the rescue of the many people not able to get out to the shops.

The short term frustrations of this pandemic might have been dealt with, but what long term affects are brewing in our lives and in our society as a whole. We have heard much about the increase in demand for mental health provision, the expectation of the increase in numbers of unemployed and the worry of people who might be losing their homes.

I wonder... How are you faring? How are your children or your parents dealing with these bewildering and discombobulating circumstances? What is it that you struggle with? What hurts the most? In the coming weeks the churches in our area (Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Bradwell, Lowestoft etc,) will be working together asking people from their communities the question "What hurts the most? (or, put another way - what is the one thing in life you find hardest to handle?) You may be asked by someone to complete a card, anonymously or, if you would like to, you can go online on the allsaintsbelton.org.uk website to take part.

You might remember that Belton took part in a similar listening conversation some six years ago. The responses we received then, were used to shape the activities of the church in serving our community. People's concerns about death, were second only to suffering, and I suspect that even though the world has changed this will probably remain high in the subjects that trouble and affect us. A resource was developed to help people plan their own funerals (if they wish to) and a number of sessions were held at Young at Heart where *Grave Issues* were discussed and people helped to think about what is now possible for a funeral/end of life service. The church was also able to

develop the Pantry and the youth work we offered, with the help of the Parish Council who gave us some grant funding.

There are still many people who are extremely nervous about returning to their pre-Covid activities; joining together with others in large groups, or even going shopping and trying to avoid the people who seem oblivious of them. There are many people who are really struggling with their health, but who is listening? We have all suffered disappointments of special dates and events going unmarked, perhaps we've had holidays cancelled, and our plans put on hold for the foreseeable. Relationships have struggled, with people forced to spend 24/7 with one another, for such a long time, and for some this has caused significant stress, conflict, abuse, and separation.

This year, a year when we are all in need of showing compassion to one another, the church is hoping to hear from members of our community, so that we can continue to respond to need (the best we can) in a compassionate way, and to share the hope we have, through our faith in God. I don't know about you, but when someone listens to me and hears what I am saying, it makes me feel better; we can feel valued, accepted, and sometimes it helps us find ourselves again, knowing that we are not invisible or alone. When the views and issues within a community are gathered together and known, it is often possible to respond to what matters. The villages of Belton and Burgh Castle are a great place to live, because the people care - you only have to listen to all that has been done in the past six months to realise that. Let's keep it up!

(STOP PRESS: I have been informed that the launch of the Who Cares programme has been postponed till further notice- Editor)

1st. BELTON SCOUT GROUP



The different sections of the group are in the process of doing risk assessments to see if we will be allowed to meet in small groups meeting inside and outside, however this is quite a long process.



The Beavers have continued to keep busy with two members doing their Emergency Aid stage 1 on line, congratulations to Eli and Fraser, Fraser has also complete stage 2. (see photos).The Beavers are starting back on the 17th September using the Zoom platform for half an hour which should get the term started.

Everyone had the opportunity to take part in Box-Jam run by Norfolk Scouts all on line over the 3rd weekend in August, there were lots of activities from chats, things to make and cook, to take part in on line for both youngster and leaders. We were joined well over 1100 participants. Everyone received a badge for their camp blanket for taking part. Both Brown Beaver and Gov joined in the fun while they were away on holiday.



GROUP - Can we please say a very big thank you to everyone who has continued to support our monthly paper collection and the few Bri-a-Brac sale we have held at Station Rd North.

We would be grateful of any books anyone has for our sales they can either be dropped at 6 Station Rd North Belton or phone 01493 780965.

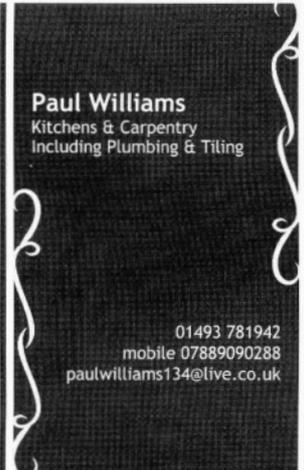
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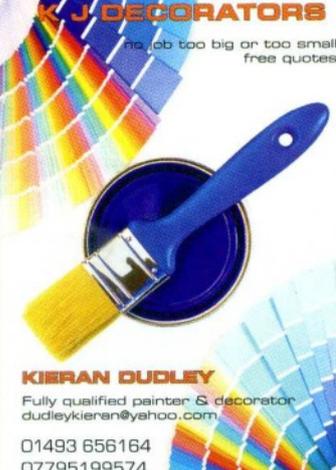


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BELTON ACTIVITY MORNINGS

How life changes at a blink of an eye! After a short illness we are sorry to say Dorothy Knight passed away Saturday 5th September 2020. Her service will be held at Gorleston crematorium on the 23rd October any donation to Cancer Research UK. She and Tony were a huge part of Belton Activity morning. Dorothy was the person who turned up that Monday morning the 7th January 2019 to let you all know I was in hospital, she

will be truly missed, A lovely lady. Our thoughts and prayers to Tony and family.

Another member of the group has been in hospital too Jan Wyatt. Hopefully as I write this she should be home, we send love and virtual hugs from us all Jan. From my other groups Pat Hales passed away recently after a short illness and Janet Loan is in hospital at JPH getting care and attention she needs. Our thoughts are with those who have lost someone dear and those who are poorly.

I invited members to an Exercise event on Monday 7th September when we would normally return after the holidays. Members had to park appropriately for social distancing and were able to walk round the field



taking in fresh air, getting some exercise while feeling safe to do so.

20 members attended to find out how and if we were able to hold exercise sessions again. As we were parked 2 meters apart, everyone felt at ease after a while. Some felt it was like a school outing and had been looking forward to it. Thank fully the sun shone a little and no rain. All participants were Covid -19 checked on the Sunday before to enable them to attend. Everyone had a chance to walk around in a safe environment. The benefits of being outdoors in the fresh air help enormously to improve our mental health as well as our physical health.

This meeting was our first step to start our new journey. Everything we do is bound by Government Guidelines, Guidelines of my insurance and New Road Guidance as well as the qualifications I hold. This all takes time, but we need to start somewhere and get it as right as it can be.

Even though as I write Monday 14th September G.G. are set to change. They don't for Physical Exercise activities. I can work with 5 people in a class and as long I have put in place necessary COVID – 19 secure management of the session we are good to go. The plan is I run a 2 week trial before my holidays at the end of the month. In October I will ask for feedback and review how it's gone, then if we need to amend or cancel classes this can be done. Places can be reserved on a on a booking system for the 5 seated places indoors , a trial of two classes

10 am & 11 am and 5 Nordic walking places outdoors weather permitting. Each class will cost £5.00. Nordic Walking places are only for those who have been through my workshop.

We have had 2 Nordic Walking workshops at New Road where you can learn or refresh your techniques. For £25.00 (half price) you will have approximately 3 hours to enjoy the full range of Nordic Walking and to finish with an offsite walk to practice your new skills. Equipment can be purchased for your own use and will be appropriately sanitised to comply with guidance. If you are interested in any of the above please contact me. All groups will be small and personal. It will be a learning curve for all of us and will need patience and tolerance of any change. Look forward to seeing you soon. Sallyann For more information on any of the above, email up4fitness@gmail.com telephone 07599044806 or private message me through messenger on my Facebook pages Sallyann Protheroe and up4fitness

Thank you
Sallyann

(Photo: Steve Carter)



BELTON F.C. Season Gets off to a Great Start

With the management building a whole new side during preseason, performances have been slowly building in the lead up to the first game of the season. With some free flowing football and plenty of chances created in our last friendly we expected a decent performance against Downham reserves in our first league game, unfortunately they couldn't manage to get a side so the game was postponed. Onto the next week (the 12th) we faced Mundford Reserves and ran out 6-0 winners to start the season brilliantly. Goals from Sam W, Callum Gallant 2, Harry 'The Wizard' Greensides 2 and Sam Adams. Here Is hoping we can carry on the season with performances like that! The Reserves also have a very different side from last season and look to get the season off to a good start this Saturday 19th September.

Off the field the club continue to look at developing things up new road, the post and rail fence has been completed down the far side of the pitch. There is still plenty of space for advertising so if you're interested in helping support your local community club please contact the club secretary on the number below. The next plan is to get a fixtures board made to display our upcoming fixtures at the entrance to the New Road site. Unfortunately we only have one scheduled fixture notified for October so far: **Saturday 3rd October** - First team at home to Feltwell United (County Cup) 2:30pm Kick off

Nathan Brown Club Secretary Tel. 07771731235

GREAT YARMOUTH STROKE GROUP

Great Yarmouth Stroke Group like so many other groups and clubs are still not able to return to New Road and meet up which is very sad, but now we have our Village Voice back. Our members are very pleased to receive their copy, thanks to Brian who gave us extra copies to send out.

Our birthday wishes to Sam, Brenda, George, Rita and Mary who is 90.

All the volunteers keep hoping we will return, we just miss all our members and of course the quizzes with wrong answers, our singers, film shows, the ice cream man, the men trying to beat us for the chocolate tin, Sam's cakes, our beautician, our hairdresser, our Centre 81 drivers and anything else that I have missed. For information about the group contact Sue Casey 01493 781846

BELTON JUDO

LATEST UPDATED NEWS CONCERNING THE JUDO CLUB: it appears that Judo is an exempt sport and will be allowed within the latest government 'Rule of 6 restrictions' provided safety precautions are in place, therefore we are currently doing our best to arrange sessions from the beginning of October. When we have something definite planned we will contact the club members directly as well as publicising it in future editions of the Village Voice and other media groups such as Facebook.

Due to Covid-19, Belton Judo Club (Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy) is unable to run any normal sessions at present. Judo is a very close contact sport so for most aspects of the sport, social distancing is very difficult. Obviously, the safety and well-being of all our members and their families is our number one priority. You may be aware that some other similar types of clubs (boxing, some martial arts etc) are getting back but in our opinion if the government guide lines and the rules our national governing body, The British Judo Association, are followed, we cannot run any safe and viable sessions. We are hoping to hear in the near future that we may be able to relax some of the restrictions so we are waiting with bated breath for some better news.

We realise that many of our members want to try to keep fit and keep practising techniques to improve their Judo when we get back so Dominic is doing outside sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and also posting instructional videos that he is doing with Ryan and these can be accessed via Facebook on Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy page or you can join the group with the same name.

The outside fitness sessions are as follows:-
Monday Juniors 5pm to 6pm, Seniors 6pm to 7pm, Venue Corton playing field (on the corner of Corton Long Lane and The Street)
Tuesday Juniors 4pm to 5pm, venue Belton New Rd playing field
Wednesday Juniors 4pm to 5pm, venue Belton New Rd playing field
Anyone wanting further details of any of the above sessions can contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or email on dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk or contact him via Facebook or WhatsApp.

BEEBOPS

We have now started classes back at New Road Sports Centre on Tuesday mornings in term time. Family time at 9.45 and babies at 11.15am. cost per child £5. Both classes are currently fully booked but hopefully by next half term we may be allowed some extras, for information on forthcoming vacancies and booking visit the web site www.beebopsLtd.co.uk. Or e-mail enquiries@beebops.co.uk or call 07934 276167 .

MUSICAL MOVERS

Musical Movers is back up and running on Friday 0930hrs at New Road Sports Hall, Belton. 0-5yrs Booking is essential as COVID-19 restrictions are in place and we are following government guidelines with all of our sessions. After providing 6 months of Live online Musical Movers sessions, it is so great to be creating musical developmental preschool classes in person again. Musical Movers encourages rhythm, coordination, speech and language development, social skills, sharing, listening, confidence and self esteem to name but a few. This fun and sensory session is the best way to start your day! join in the fun on Friday . For any further information: Join the Musical Movers Facebook page or call Amanda 07974173216



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

Local parents are lobbying for a bus service between Belton and Lynn Grove High School as a large number of Belton students attend this school. ENTUA had taken this matter up with First Eastern Counties a couple of years ago in response to Belton resident's enquiries, which resulted in the introduction of a Service 6B from Belton to Bradwell via

Burgh Castle, in September, 2019, but for some reason there was no return service to cater for students at the end of the working day. ENTUA feel sure that if there is a way where First Eastern Counties can put on a service and they can cover their costs, they will do so. We wish the latest campaign every success.

ENTUA have noticed (mainly via Facebook reports) the fairly large number of failures among the new fleet of Stadler (flirt) bi-mode trains operated by Greater Anglia. At the moment we are not aware of any common denominator reason for these breakdowns, but they are fairly regular. It has meant a busy time for the reserve 'Thunderbird' locomotives which are stationed at strategic points around the network. The difference between today's breakdowns and those that occurred with the older train stock towards the end of 2019, is with the new fleet of trains there are additional multiple units available to replace them at short notice.

Passenger numbers on local buses are gradually increasing, but still have some way to go to cover the costs of operating the network. With the wearing of face masks compulsory when using public transport, social distancing rules have been adjusted which means that a double-decker bus can now accommodate 30 seated passengers. This means that all the half-hour frequency services have now been reinstated (Mon-Sat), the last being service 6 servicing Bradwell. The main exception this side of the River Yare, is Service 9 servicing Cliff Park, Magdalen Estate and Shrublands which will probably not now be reinstated until life as we used to know it goes back to how it was. This means that Cliff Park is now serviced by one of the four Service 8 buses per hour that serves the James Paget Hospital. Ideas are being floated on how to cater for Shrublands and Kings Road and as soon as we hear anything it will appear in our article. Service 4 to Caister has not been reinstated and most of its route is being covered by the 1/1A/8 services. The repainting scheme on the buses serving the X1,X11X2,X21,X22 abounds with more and more of the Enviro 400 former XL service buses carrying the new livery 'Coast Link' trademark – linking Norwich to the coastal resorts of Great Yarmouth, Gorleston-on-sea and Lowestoft. The colour is 75% yellow (from the front) and 25% blue (towards the rear). You may have seen these buses during the past weeks.

ENTUA always welcomes new members, all we ask is a minimum £5,00 annual donation to help us cover the costs of printing and postage of our very informative quarterly newsletter and cost of hiring venues for public meetings. To join please write to ENTUA, 18 Wensum Way, Belton NR31 9NY

Tony Grice

LITTER, LITTER, LITTER

Whilst the problem of litter in all our villages seems to be increasing daily, one of our Village Voice Board members has noticed that some residents are helping to resolve the issue by picking up other peoples' mess. Thank you to those of you doing this and as for those causing the problem - please do help everyone by taking your litter home or putting it in a bin.

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How quick time has gone with autumn now approaching. I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well and that you have all been keeping busy in your gardens and have enjoyed the lovely weather.

DIAL re-opened the doors for business as from Monday 20th July and also the Charity Shop. We have been very busy and it is a pleasure to see people face to face again, helping with a wide range of issues including Benefits, Housing issues and Debt. The DIAL staff continue to work in "bubbles" so not all staff are in every day and appointment times continue to be staggered so that not everyone arrives together to ensure we adhere to the social distancing measures whilst adhering to government guidelines.

We appreciate that for many moving to the "new normal" and going out to places will be difficult but please contact us if you need help and advice as where necessary we can still conduct interviews over the telephone. If you wish for a telephone appointment please call the office on 01493856900 and speak to our reception who will book an appointment at a time to suit you for one of our advisors call you. If you wish to make an appointment to come to the office, again please call the above number and we will book you in for a face to face meeting with an advisor. Our service is free, impartial and confidential

with all of our advisors being specialists in their different areas whether it be benefit issues or Money and debt. DIAL is registered with the FCA to provide Money and Debt advice.

Please give us a call as we are here to help and by addressing issues sooner rather than later can help relieve the stress and anxiety that you may be experiencing.

DIAL is available on 01493856900 for you to call anytime Monday – Friday 9am until 5pm and Saturdays 9am until 4pm or via our website www.dial-greatyarmouth.org.uk where you will also find lots of other useful help and advice. Our Community and Wellbeing gardening programme is underway and if you wish to find out more information on this then please contact SIAN at DIAL on 01493856900.

We look forward to receiving your calls and will continue to keep you updated in next month's magazine of additional services DIAL has to offer.

Jo Howes Manager.
 DIAL (Great Yarmouth)

THE JGI IS OPEN

We are pleased to report that the hall is open again for business as usual for hire by groups and clubs. We are all COVID secure and have everything possible in place to make the hall as safe as we can for use. The obvious distancing rules are in place and face protection has to be worn in the hall whenever practical.

It is the responsibility of each group leader to maintain safety and distancing of members in their group or club and keep good hygiene in the hall with all hand gels and other facilities provided.

The only activity we are not allowed to have in the hall is dancing, so sadly line dancing cannot restart at this time. We hope it can again soon. Thanks to all users for your support. It is your Village Hall.

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COMPETITION

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Questions

- 1 What was the previous name of Station Road North & South in Belton?
- 2 What was the name of the naval ship camouflage system used extensively in World War I, and to a lesser extent in World War II?
- 3 What highly secretive project was being tested at Fritton Lake during WWII?
- 4 How many Market Gardens/ers were there in Belton at the turn of the 19th/20th century?
- 5 What was the weekly wage for Agricultural Workers at the end of the 1930s?
- 6 What was the much used, small horse drawn farm cart called?
- 7 What affected the trains in 1926 preventing the shipping of produce?
- 8 Where was the Mutford and Lothingland Show held?

9 In what year was Belton, Suffolk, transferred to the county of Norfolk due to local government boundary reorganisation?

10 For the last 400 years what were caught in 'decoys' on Fritton Lake?

WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP IN

Our September meetings have gone well with a good attendance. Table settings have had to be adjusted to keep spacing correct but otherwise nearly as normal, whatever normal is or was. We welcome all but obviously under the present situation we have to limit numbers, on a first come situation. Thanks to all who continue to support us. Call Sue on 780822 for any further information.

YOGA AT JGI

We will be recommencing YOGA at the JGI on Monday 21st September, unfortunately we do not have any space to accept anyone new at the present time.

The class will commence at 10.15 and will now be done to CD Audio instruction as Maisie our teacher has now retired. At almost 90 she has been an amazing inspiration to us all and we look forward to her visiting us.

For further info contact Julie on 01493 780121.

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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 beltonvadds@gmail.com by noon on October 14th to appear in the November 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

Books for fund raising stalls for 1st. Belton Scouts - Ring 01493 780965 or deliver to 6 Station Rd. North, Belton

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)

Cheap or free - slabs suitable for greenhouse base. Tel 07788 408801

WORK WANTED

Cleaner required 2-3 hrs per week, same day, New Rd. Bracon Rd. area. Times flexible. Tel. Paul 01493782277 for job description & hourly rate requirements

FOR SALE

21in Bush Colour TV (Black case) Excellent cond. £25 ONO Tel. 07796982259 (Proceeds Burgh Castle V/hall)

Swan silver under worktop freezer VGC £40. Tel 01493 780737

Fire surround in beech 1220mm wide 1120mm high £80. Tel: 01493 781815.

Karcher window cleaner nearly new £15 tel. 07983457750

10 brand new cardboard boxes -12 x 9 x12. Still sealed Double walled £9 Tel. 07757393805

Sideboard in beech £90, Display cabinet in beech 2100mm high 210mm wide £50, Extending dining table & 6 chairs in beech £150. Tel: 01493 781815

Walker rollator blue with seat, new condition.£40. Tel. 07754561538

Plastic High Chair. Excellent cond. £10 ONO Tel. 01493 780193

BaByliss thermo ceramic heated hair rollers, as new used once, was £35 only £15 Tel. 07983457750

1000 Piece Jigsaw puzzles 10 for £30. Tel. 07980815499

2 fence panels 6ftx5ft. 1 gate 5ft 6insx2ft2ins. 1 gate 5ftx3ft . 5 posts 6ftx3ins.squ.. 1 length timber 10ftx4inx2ins. £30 The lot ono Tel. 01493 651077 or 07799105777.

3 piece suite, beige fabric £100. Tel: 01493 781815

Royal Worcester 20 piece Evesham patten plates, bowls, tea cups & saucers. £30 Tel. 07754561538

Road King class 3 Mobility Scooter. Black. Good cond. Service history. 2 new tyres. Captain seat. £400 Tel 01493 780710

Pink babywalker (only used twice - as new) £15. Tel. 01493 780193

VAX Air stretch pet use Vacuum Cleaner with attachments £20 Tel. 07983457750

2 Oak veneer doors 2ft x 6ft 6" £15 each. Tel: 01493 781815

Glass table & 4 black chairs. Good cond. £20. Tel. 01493 780193

2 free standing speaker stands £5 lot, CD player/radio with speakers £15. Tel: 01493 781815

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Zumba fitness work out system 8 Exhilarating workouts in 7 DVD £10, Fitness perfect push-ups £10 Tel. 07754561538

Gtech 22v Air Ram cordless carpet sweeper, ideal for mobile homes, excellent condition £25 Tel. 07983457750

Face Coverings - Various patterns/ colours. Adult £3.50, children's £3.00. Tel 07788 408801

Revelation Suitcases - set of 4 (various sizes), all with keys. Excellent Cond £130. Tel. 01493 781094.

New 4 wheeled mobility walker with brakes, seat & bag. £80 Tel. 01493 488467

Harry Potter Books - Complete set (Never used) £30. Tel 07586935795

Framed print by Peter Scott 'Pinkfeet Coming To Stubble', also book 'Morning Flight 1950', £20. Tel. 01493 309800.

New Dressing Table, cream, oval mirror, 1 drawer, matching stool £50. Tel 01493 665505

Bike Rack suitable for tow bar on car £30. Tel 01493 789049

Child's High Chair plus inflatable back cushion & some plastic plates and spoons. £15. Tel. 01493 662169.

Quantity bags of Kindling, needs chopping through as currently 35x15mm but sawn to firewood length £2 per bag (3 for £5). Tel 01493 780776.

Car trailer light board £10. Tel 01493 789049

LG Wavedom Microwave Oven 850w Good cond. £15 ONO. Tel. 01493 651077 or 07799 105777

Headboard, beige for 4ft 6ins bed £15 Tel 01493 665505

The Hobbit & Lord of The Rings. Complete set of books £10. Tel 07586935795

Pair of well made heavy, decorative wrought iron gates for 8ft driveway, 42 ins. high, with black & gold tops. Cost £300 new. Good cond.£60. 01493 309800

Humax Foxsat HDR Freesat recorder with remote. Exc. Cond. £55. Tel. 01493 781071

Photo Frames - Job Lot of 41. Assorted sizes and styles. £225. Tel. 01493 781094.

Sherborne Royal (up to 25 stone) cream leather dual motor lift & rise chair hardly used. 18 months old. Cost new £2500 Price £500 Tel 07876352701.

Roger Black Plus Cross Trainer, adjustable resistance, with computer to display pulse, time & distance. VGC with original instructions. New cost £199, will accept £75. Tel. 01493 780562

Hard Plastic Pet Bed - medium size. Very Good Cond. £12. Tel. 01493 781094.

TV aerial suitable for loft or roof mounting (unused) £15. Tel 01493 789049

Rapide Bike Carrier. Foldable, suitable for 2 adult cycles £15 ONO Tel. 01493 603860

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

Large white bookcase (3 shelves) Good quality £20 Tel 01493 665505

2 new rabbit hutches, well made strong 4ft x 2ft & 2ft 8inches high, 2 doors in each for easy cleaning. 1 at £55 and 1 at £45. Tel. 01493 309800

Pet Carrier, medium size. Used once. £17. Tel. 01493 781094.

3 Piece suite Cranberry Floral design. £100. Tel. 01493 719664

Tornado 300 CD/DVD Aluminium Silver Carry Case with sleeves and keys. £25. Tel. 01493 781094

12 x 'Musicals' videos £10. Tel 07960 913116

4 Lawn Bowls (Stirling Gold) Size 3, medium - Good Cond. £45 ONO Tel. 01493 667471

Microwave (little used) £40., Cake mixer £10. Tel. 07960 913116

Tripod beach fishing rod rest £15. ONO Tel. 01493 667471

Fold over Jigsaw Case £10. Tel. 07960 913116

PC Trolley on castors - Wood effect, fixed shelf & keyboard shelf. £25. Tel. 01493 781094

Samsung 22" Smart TV (white) complete with stand & remote. Excellent Cond. Little used £110 ONO Tel. 01493 781071

100 CD/DVD Aluminium Silver Carry Case with sleeves and keys. £12. Tel. 01493 781094

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

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday October 12^h,
Burgh Castle Village Hall or remotely by ZOOM
Burgh Castle Parish Council meeting
Time /type of meeting TBC

Tuesday October 6th.
Remotely by Zoom
Belton with Browston Parish Council meeting (7om)

All Wednesdays in October
JGI Belton
Return of Wednesday Drop in (10.30am to Noon) see article

Wednesday 14th October
2pm – All Saints Belton – Holy Communion – IN CHURCH
ALL Thursdays & Fridays in October
Burgh Castle Village Hall
10am-2pm Hall open for bargain Stall and refreshments (eat outside/takeaway) funds to Burgh Castle Church & Village Hall

Saturday 3th October
6 Station Road North, Belton
Toys sale a-proceeds to 1st Belton Scouts

Saturday October 3rd

New road Sports Field (2.30pm)
Belton F.C 1st team v Feltwell Unt. In the County Cup

Saturday 10th October
Around Belton
Belton Scouts collecting old newspapers from 8.45am

Sunday 4th October
9.30 am - Burgh Castle – Harvest Festival – on line on Amazon Chime
10.30am – All Saints Belton – Harvest Thanksgiving – on-line on Amazon Chime & Facebook Live
4-5pm – All Saints Belton – All-Age Messy Harvest – IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Sunday 11th October
9.30 am - Burgh Castle – Holy Communion - IN CHURCH
10.30am – All Saints Belton – Morning Celebration – on-line on Amazon Chime & Facebook Live

Sunday 18th October
9.30 am - Burgh Castle – Morning Prayer – on line on Amazon Chime
10.30am – All Saints Belton – Morning Celebration – on-line on Amazon Chime & Facebook Live

Sunday 25th October
9.30 am - Burgh Castle – Morning Prayer – on line on Amazon Chime
10.30am – All Saints Belton – Holy Communion – on-line on Amazon Chime & Facebook Live

NOTE - We have published some 'general' dates here, some groups are meeting again, some are not, those who have contacted us will have a separate mention in the magazine but due to restrictions many are not accepting new members at present, please check with organisers before attending.

If you would like diary mentions in future months please e-mail beltonvvadds@gmail.com before noon on the 14th of the month.

TEDDIES IN LOCKDOWN

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who has donated soft toys to us. Over the past few years we have raised several thousand pounds enabling us to purchase many items for the orphanage in Kenya which we support. Items have included play equipment,

a washing machine, fridge freezer and cooker to name but a few. This year however funds have been nil, due to 'Lockdown' we can no longer take in any more toys due to the lack of storage space. Thank you once again for your help and support.

Kath & Sandra.

FURSEY PILGRIMAGES

The Rector and congregation of Burgh Castle Parish Church regret to have to announce that due to the current situation there will not be a Fursey Pilgrimage to Burgh Castle in 2020 but look forward to meeting everyone again in 2021.

BRADWELL

PARISH COUNCIL

In August Bradwell Parish Council commenced online meetings via Zoom. If you would like to make an appointment to see the Clerk at Leo Coles Pavilion, 25 Green Lane, Bradwell, please be aware of COVID-19 restrictions and wear a face-mask when entering the office. The Clerk will be available Monday-Friday 9am – 12pm. The Clerk can be contacted on 01493 444478 or email clerk@bradwellparishcouncil.co.uk.

VILLAGE VOICE WRITING COMPETITION 2020

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

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

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.

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.



YOUR VILLAGE VOICE



Come and join the Village Voice Team

New exciting positions have become available in the production of the **Village Voice**

.We have a wonderful forward thinking editor with Regi Alexander but he cannot operate without a good team behind him.

To allow the Village Voice to continue and support our community we now need need new blood to take on the following positions

1. Financial Organiser (You do not need to be an accountant)
- 2.. Advertising Person (Dealing with new and current advertisers)
- 3 . General Administrator (These positions can be split to suit applicants)

Basic computer skills are required and you will have a dedicated email address for your operation.

Bring your **unique skills** to us and make this magazine even better than it is now.

Plenty of help will be available to allow you to develop the post in your own way but with freedom for you to create any new paths that you might feel are advantageous.

It is a great experience to be part of the team and much enjoyment is obtained seeing each month's magazine completed and published.

To find out more or discuss joining the team please contact

Adrian Myers 07824313792 Bill Richmond 01493 780822

After 20 years of publishing the Village Voice we do not want to see it disappear.

Your skills can help to keep this publication going for years to come.

**MESSY CHURCH
RE-LAUNCH**

Sunday 4th October



Messy Church will be socially distanced, but there will still be lots of fun as we learn about how Jesus celebrated harvest.

Come along between 4 and 5pm. We will be in All Saints Church.

We can't have food at the moment, that's something to look forward to again in the future, but there will be craft activities to go with the story-telling, prayers and conversation. Do come and join us. A warm welcome awaits.

Messy Church is a way of being church for people of all ages and stages in life; where people come together to encounter Jesus in a relaxed space. Messy Church is all about creativity, hospitality and celebration; and its for everyone!

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