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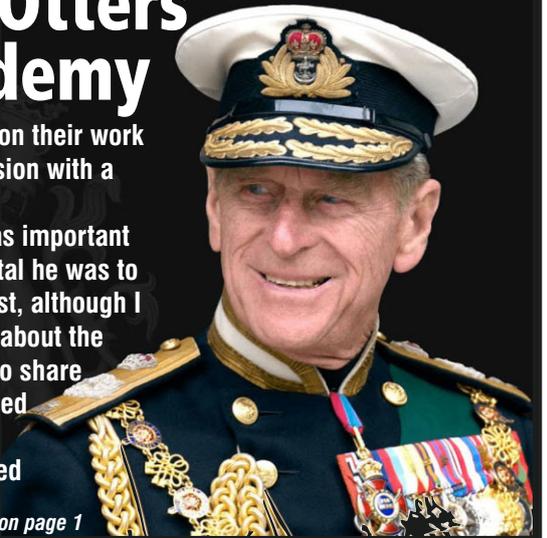
## Tributes to Prince Philip from Otters Class, Moorlands Primary Academy

This month, I have asked Mrs Edwards and Otters class to write a piece based on their work following the sad passing of HRH Prince Philip. As a school, we marked this occasion with a special assembly and individual classes did their own work.



"With the sad passing of Prince Philip, I felt that it was important for the children in my class to really understand how vital he was to the shaping of this country and sovereignty. To be honest, although I love and admire the Royal Family, I did not know much about the early life of Prince Philip. Preparing some information to share with the children, I found myself completely overwhelmed reading about his early years. It became apparent why family was so important to him and why he was prepared to give up his career for the love of his life.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



The gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions hasn't so far resulted in surge in COVID infections. Driven by the tireless commitment of citizen volunteers and NHS workers, the vaccination campaign has been a remarkable success. With shops and pubs reopening and children back at school, we are perhaps seeing the first signs of a cautious return to what was once our normal day to day life. Even while celebrating this, we have to remain prudent and continue to follow the hands face space dictum. It is perhaps too early to forget that this is a virus that affected 4.4 million of our fellow citizens and took away the lives of 127,000. Experience, elsewhere in the world, suggests that maintaining prudence is a small price to pay to avoid grievous flare-ups and new waves of tragedy and destruction.

The cover story about Prince Philip, put together by the children of Moorlands primary, is an apt tribute to the memory of a man whose name was a byword for duty and commitment. Like last month, we publish again a number of prizewinning entries from the 2020 Village Voice writing competition. This month, it includes poems from Victoria Dyson, Maureen Welsby, Pauline Parkinson and Lillie Carter. Elsewhere in the issue, 8-year-old Max Roche has penned his short poem on the lockdown, not an entry to the competition, but well worth a read.

As many of you would know, elections to Norfolk County council and for the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner post are being held on 6 May. The list of candidates is published on page 3. Local elections sometimes have a tendency to slide down our list of priorities, but it is worth remembering that so much of what affects our everyday life depends on the quality of those we elect to serve us in these positions. Please do exercise your right to vote in these elections.

Finally, a word about a news item on page 6 of the April issue. To those who raised queries with me about it, I am afraid pop music does not offer any protection against insect bites. It was just a 1st April spoof.

*Professor Regi T Alexander, Editor*



## MOORLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Tribute to Prince Philip continued from front cover

We spoke about the Prince and the story of his life. The children were captivated, they understood the significance of this event and were more than happy to share their thoughts. Xavier understood that 'The Duke of Edinburgh Awards were not just about challenges but about teamwork and friendship'. Whilst Emma felt that 'He inspired so many people to be like him and be positive about things. He was always by the Queens side supporting her.' Holly reminded us that 'Even though he wasn't the King, he was really protective.' Charlie explained that 'He was a kind person and wanted to help wildlife and he loved science.'



It was remarkable how the children were so taken with his story. The work they created was outstanding from the beautiful letters they have written to the Queen to the amazing artwork they created. So much so that I have posted their work to Her Majesty in the hope that she sees them and finds comfort and support. I also hope that it portrays the true impact that Prince Philip has had on so many generations, including this newest one.

Seeing the Queen sat alone at the funeral service without her love and companion by her side was heart-breaking for everybody. Hopefully however, she realises that the whole nation was supporting her and that the memory of her incredible husband will live on forever."

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## LITTER IN BELTON

The Village has, from time to time, had a bad press concerning litter and vandalism, so for a change it is nice to see those residents of Belton who regularly litter pick on their walks round our roads and open spaces, also the dog walkers, most of whom do have a social conscience and pick up their dog's faeces and dispose of them in the correct manner.

We would like to thank both groups for doing their bit especially the litter pickers who gather up other people's rubbish, they may think they go unnoticed but they are appreciated.

Village Voice Board

# YOUR PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

## BELTON with BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL April Meeting



There were 12 Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron present at the remote Zoom meeting for Belton with Browston Parish Council on April 6th, Michael Graystone was in the chair.

Members agreed to support the NHS Social care and Front line Workers Day on July 5th, details will be published nearer the date, they also agreed to provide write-ups about themselves to go into a future edition of Village Voice.

By a 10 to 2 majority Councillors agreed not to allow the Belton Fun Day to go ahead on the New Road field on August 7th, they were concerned about safety issues and social distancing at an event where up to 4000 people have attended in previous years.

Belton F.C.'s request to drill a bore hole on the New Road field to enable better watering of their pitches was agreed in principle provided there are no costs to the council and the Borough Council, who own the facility, do not raise any objections to the idea. Football Association guidelines mean that the changing rooms will not be available for the time being however large family/group bookings for the field and building for up to 50 people will be accepted for after June 21st in line with current guidelines.

Borough Councillor Myers will ask the Borough Planning department why planning documents are taking a long time to go on line, this delay is making it

impossible for local councillors to view details to enable comments at meetings. There were no objections to planning applications for a two-story rear extension at 72 Station Road North or for an extension to replace a conservatory at 41 Bramble Gardens.

There were also no objections to plans for 18 storage containers at Fairview Farm, Stepshort however members were concerned that this was yet another retrospective application. Demolition of a stable to construct a residential property at Short Road, Browston was objected to as outside the Boroughwide plan, no access to transport and the view that permitted development rules to not cover domestic stables. At 6 The Cove plans for a rear extension were objected to, it was felt to be overdevelopment as the size of the planned work would block light to neighbouring property, also objected to were plans for a dwelling at High House, Lound Road, Browston as outside the Boroughwide Plan.

The following have now been approved by the Borough Council Windmill View, River Way, Belton (convert bungalow to 4 bedroomed dwelling), 55 Station Road South (extension to annexe), 25 Station Road South (front porch) and at Belton Rectory, the felling of about 20 trees.

In other points it was agreed that the Bell lane CCTV be linked to the Gorleston CCTV scheme to give better monitoring, permission was given for a person to metal detect on Bland Corner and two new grit bins are being requested through Norfolk County Council one at Bell Lane, the other at the top of Berry Close.

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Council meeting on Tuesday May 4th, (7pm) again by Zoom, (for details of how to take part contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock at beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk) as things stand at the moment the Government have indicated that no further remote meetings will be permitted for Councils after May 7th so the June meeting is likely to be held at the New Road site.

## BURGH CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL April Meeting



The April 12th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council commenced with two silences, one in memory of The Duke of Edinburgh, the second for David Smith a life long Burgh Castle resident who had previously served on the Parish Council for over 34 years and had died the previous week. Present at the meeting were all six councillors, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and both Borough Councillors, Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron, Brian Swan was in the chair.

The Chairman brought to the attention of members a second case of vandalism at the Roman Fort site, this was serious as it had included damage to the fabric of the Roman ruins, that a few days after general vandalism, he also reported on a group seen trying to net birds, either to take away or to keep them off their nests so that eggs could be stolen, he urged any incidents to be reported to the police. The Norfolk Archaeological Trust had also started a consultation on their proposed parking fees via a document linked through their web site.

The Chairman led comments on how disgusted the council were over the speed of highways works, some very small, outstanding with Norfolk County in spite of regular chasing by local County Councillor, Carl Smith. There were still no work dates forthcoming for any of these issues, Lords Lane, removal of dried mud after flooding last December, Cherry Tree Corner – general clearance (the funding has been guaranteed), The replacement of a gully cover on Mill Road which has been outstanding since before Christmas and the placing of 'Bus Stop' road markings on the layby on Butt Lane, a job outstanding for over 18 months. It was agreed to contact Councillor Smith yet again for his assistance in progressing these items. A new issue reported was that some of the 'chevron signs' at Cherry Tree Corner are missing or damaged.

The clerk reported that County Council had agreed to meet half the cost of three new village entry signs though the Parish partnership funding scheme with local councils.

Members agreed to support the NHS Social Care and front-Line Workers Day on Monday, July 5th, details will be confirmed and published later.

In planning there were no objections to the detailed plans for the four new properties next to the former Post Office that already had outline permission or the renewal of the off licence permission for the shop on the Breydon Waters Holiday Park and the Borough Council had approved the extension of the dropped kerb outside 5 Holly Terrace on Church Road.

Members approved the annual accounts for 2020/21, there is now a more healthy bank balance for the council, they thanked the Parish Clerk for her work on the accounts.

**NEXT MEETINGS** -The Burgh Castle Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 5th 7.30pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at about 7.45pm, both using Zoom, please note the date change, (for details of how to take part in either meeting contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock at burghcastleclerk@gmail.com)

**LAST MONTH** - Due to a mix-up we did not submit a report last month, planning items from the March meeting included the following, no objections to a side extension at Sonning on High Road, the Borough Council approving Oak Park Farm, Mill Road (12 holiday cabins on site) and Rowan Lodge, Back Lane (Use of annexe as separate residential dwelling), they had refused a request for 2 residential dwellings adjacent to Oakview on Mill Road. A Tree Preservation Order had been approved for land at 5 Oaklands Drive and a consultation is taking place for another TPO on land west of Mill Road.

### Vacancy for a Councillor

There is currently a vacancy on Burgh Castle Parish Council. We are a small, friendly Parish Council, meeting on the second Monday of each month, usually at the Village Hall at 7.30pm, but currently remotely by Zoom until the present crisis subsides.

If **YOU** would like to have a say in **YOUR** local community and possibly give some physical help from time to time why not give us a try (there is no upper age limit).

For further information and a chat contact Chairman Brian Swan on 01493 780776 or Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock on 01493 602960. If you would like to apply send an e-mail giving a brief outline on yourself to burghcastleclerk@gmail.com. and we will consider all applicants for co-option at the next available monthly meeting.

## FRITTON & St. OLAVES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



This was held on March 25th remotely by Zoom due to current restrictions, there were eight Parish Councillors, four other members of the public and the Parish Clerk present.

The Clerk reported that it had been a difficult year due to Covid with one council meeting missed and the rest held remotely. She reported on the recent resignations of two long serving valued members of the Parish Council, former chairman Alan Mendham and councillor Keith Nunn who will both be missed.

During the two years since the last APM the council had worked closely with County Councillor Andy Grant and Borough Councillors Adrian Myers and Tracy Cameron. Councillor Grant had used his budget to purchase a new SAM2 anti speeding sign specifically for Fritton and a new defibrillator has been funded by Councillors Myers and Cameron from their budgets, thanks to them and also to Les Buckworth who had arranged and funded the electrical installation and given permission for the unit to be placed at his St. Olaves Garage.

Financially the Councils accounts have received a clean report from auditors over the last two years and remain in good order.

Major issues had been speeding on the A143 (hence the second SAM2 unit), parking on New Road at Fritton and proposed mineral extraction at Waveney Forest although this has now been deemed as 'unsuitable due to the significance of the forest'.

For the Annual Parish Meeting the Parish Council has received reports from St Olaves Village Hall, Fritton Village Hall, St. Edmunds Church, Fritton Poorlands, and Herringfleet Poorlands all of which are on file for future reference.

## FRITTON With St. OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL March Council Meeting

At the March 25th meeting of Fritton with St. Olaves Parish Council when all members were present, they accepted with regret the resignations of two long serving members, former chairman Alan Mendham and Councillor Keith Nunn. Fortunately, four prospective new councillors had come forward, Keith Leggett, Catherine Richards, Neil Doncaster and Clive Julian. From the votes taken by current members Keith and Clive took up the two vacancies to bring the council back to its full strength of ten members.

Members went on to agree to the Parish Clerks request that the council should move forward to on line banking as soon as possible.

Members agreed in principle to a new notice board for St. Olaves as the old one is beyond repair however a request for a further grit bin at the far end of New Road, Fritton will need to be checked through as it is thought to be on private land and therefore would possibly not be filled by Norfolk County Council. New traffic signage for New Road has been agreed by County Councillor Andy Grant and Borough Councillor Adrian Myers will check out the new Suffolk Quieter Roads scheme to see if it is suitable and anything similar is coming to Norfolk.

There were three planning applications, via the Broads Authority - replacement quay heading at Burwin, Priory Road, St. Olaves (no objections provided it does not encroach further into the river channel). From the Borough Council a 13x33 metre hard standing parking area at Redwings, Fritton and at 21 Priory Road, St. Olaves a first-floor extension over the garage. (both also no objections).

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday May 6th (7pm) by Zoom, (for details of how to take part contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock at [Fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com](mailto:Fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com)) this is earlier than usual due to expected changes from the government which will probably see permission for remote council meetings removed from the following week.

## ELECTIONS 2021

Local elections will take place on Thursday 6th May when all the usual polling stations in our area will be open between 7am and 10pm.

Locally we have Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Police and Crime

### Norfolk County Council

**Lothingland ward (Belton, Browston, Fritton, St Olaves, South Bradwell including Kings & Primrose estates)**

Carl Anison (Conservative)  
Adrian Myers (Independent)  
Trevor Rawson (Green Party)  
Tony Wright (Labour)

### Norfolk County Council

**Breydon ward (Burgh Castle and Part of Bradwell)**

Gareth Howe (Liberal Democrat)  
Hannah Morris (Green Party)  
Carl Smith (Conservative)  
Trevor Wainwright (Labour)

### Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

John Crofts (Liberal Democrat)  
David Moreland (Independent)  
Giles Orpen-Smellie (Conservative)  
Michael Rosen (Labour & Co-operative)  
Martin Schmierer (Green Party)

## David William Smith 21st March 1929 to 5th April 2021



David was born on the farm in Porters Loke to Ester and Frederick Smith and had a younger sister, Margaret. David was the 3rd generation of Smiths to farm the property, David and his then wife Brenda had two children Paul and Jonathan. For the last 20 years David stuck up a continuing friendship with Jean Hopes.

Being born and brought up in the village he was held back from the war to do the essential work of farming, his father was badly injured in the war.

David was very Burgh Castle minded, lived at the Loke all his life, he was a school governor, on many committees and served as a Special Constable receiving a long service medal from Suffolk Police. He served on the Parish Council for 34 years (1969 – 2003).

He was also on Gillingham Stockman's Club, founder of the Eastern Welsh Pony Club (president for a year) and exhibited his Welsh Ponies under the prefix of 'Bremar', a breeder, exhibitor and judge for over 50 years. He also bred, exhibited and judged cattle and pigs including judging at the Royal Norfolk Show.



David owned and worked the last plough horse in Burgh Castle and still had the bridle on the same peg from where it was used.

David leaves his sons Paul and Jonathan and Jonathan's wife Tanya all of whom will continue with the Bremar Stud, he also leaves one grandson Sam, his funeral will take place in Burgh Castle church.

*B W Swan Chair of Burgh Castle PC*



# A WORD FROM YOUR LOCAL MP AND COUNCILLORS



## BRANDON LEWIS MP writes

When I write my Village Voice column every month there is always a risk that it is slightly out of date by the time you read it. That's why I always leave submission to deadline day, I am sure much to the concern of the editor!

However, for once I am delighted if this column is already outdated even by the time, I've finished writing it. 32.8 million people across the United

Kingdom have now received a vaccination – helping us move one step closer to ending this pandemic. And an amazing 1 in 10 people have now had a second jab. These figures will be even better by the time you read these words.

This great national collective effort means that we have moved to the next stages in our roadmap out of lockdown. For

some, the lifting in restrictions is too cautious. Others will argue that it is too quick, understandably concerned that it risks a return to increased infections. Foremost in the Government strategy is a determination that these lifting in restrictions are irreversible. None of us wish to see another universal lockdown.

Opening-up our local economy in Great Yarmouth is vital. That's not just allowing us to visit non-essential shops, going to the hairdressers or barbers, or enjoying a drink outside the village pub. It's also about ending the social isolation that has affected so many, that's why reopening gyms, libraries and community centres is an equally important part of the strategy.

And of course, it means that we can once again welcome holidaymakers and visitors to the town. The local holiday parks are important employers, with their guests spend millions in the area. I'm looking forward to seeing visitors enjoying all that Great Yarmouth has to offer. It won't be business as usual, as we continue to take careful precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. But it will be back to business!

## ADRIAN MYERS

Borough Councillor



It has been a busy few weeks this month due to the easing of the lockdown and dealing with the many enquiries regarding this. I have also been contacted by several residents who have expressed their concerns about people spitting. Waltham Forest Council fined two youths £80.00 raised to £160 for non-payment, for spitting in the street: This was the councils first ever prosecutions under the council's tough littering laws, but the pair refused to pay, and Council prosecuted them which resulted in the fixed penalty notices being raised to £300.00 fine. I am not aware of any plans this council has at present to introduce such a penalty for spitting in the street, but it may happen.

I have also been contacted by another resident about verge and path encroachment parking. I wrote an article about this in February, but it was an online edition, so I have reposted it for this hard copy edition.

I have received many emails and one letter regarding vehicles being parked half on and half off grass and footpath verges. I

myself have seen many incidents of this. Firstly, in most of these incidents being half on half off does not reduce the obstruction of the vehicle on the road so other road users still have to stop to allow oncoming traffic to pass, so you might as well just park fully on the road. Secondly, by parking half on the footpath, you are creating two obstructions, one on the road and one on the footpath. Often the footpath is obstructed to such a degree that someone with a pram or buggy is forced onto the road to get past the vehicle. Thirdly parking on the verge causes damage to that verge, this can be seen especially at the Tesco car park in Belton where deep ruts have been made by vehicles. So, I would ask all vehicle owners to consider parking on the road in a safe manner, not on bends, nor where it excessively obstructs the sight of other road users or pedestrians and stay off the footpath and verges. At present, there is no legislation in the villages that prevents vehicle owners from carrying on doing what they already are, however, legislation can be applied for in specific areas. They are called Public Space Protection Orders and such orders can be applied for if it is felt that certain behaviour is anti-social and presents a danger to the public. I would therefore ask all vehicle owners to consider how they park their cars/vans and have consideration for the verges and the pedestrians who use the footpaths.

Cllr. Adrian Myers Lothingland Ward



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## GOLDFINCHES

One of my favourite birds is the Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) (see photo by F C Franklin) It's red, white and black striped head pattern is unmistakable and its yellowy gold patch along the wings makes the bird instantly recognizable. The tail and the rest of the wings are black with delicate white margins. In flight you can see its whitish rump.



Goldfinches are seed eaters, thistles are their favourite food. Their scientific name comes from *carduelis*, Latin for thistle. They also feed on Groundsel, Dandelion, Ragwort, Sow Thistle, and Burdock. The Goldfinch is the only bird able to reach the seed buried in the depths of Teasel flower heads, which are mainly eaten by the male, which has a slightly longer beak than the

female, however, sadly they occasionally get trapped by the powerful hooked seed heads of these plants and die.

The male and female are almost identical in colour and size, 18 cm. (7 inches) from beak to tip of tail. In days gone by they were kept in captivity and made popular cage birds, thousands used to be caught for this purpose.

Goldfinches use their feet to hold food, the bird pulls a thin seed-bearing stem with its beak and places its feet to hold the stem steady while eating the seed.

The bird has a pleasant canary-like twittering song, this can be heard throughout the year, but the most regularly from March to July.

The nest is an immaculate cup shape, built with dead grasses, hair, wool, moss and lichen, bound firmly to branches between 5 - 20 ft. high.

Both adults fly to and fro together during construction of the nest, but only the female builds, she will lay between 4 - 6 bluish-white eggs which have spots and streaks of reddish brown. Incubation takes about 14 days. The young birds have pale heads, without the contrasting red and white pattern of their parents.

I have received this from Gloria and Brian Swan, they have Goldfinches really picking pieces off the leaves of *Senecio Silverdust*, at times several birds on the same plant, which has also happened at this time in previous years, they wonder if this is for nesting material or food, no other plants are targeted. This is the first time this has come to my notice and I am not sure of the reason, if any readers have experienced or witnessed this it will be interesting to hear their comments.

There seems to be more Goldfinches than Sparrows in the past couple of years. Although there is an absence of Goldfinches in much of Scotland and the north of England, despite the presence of suitable habitats, this suggests that the climate in these areas is unfavourable to these birds.

Attempts to introduce the European Goldfinch to some states of America, releases in Oregon, Missouri, Ohio, and New Jersey were not successful, except for Bermuda where it is now one of the most common birds.

The American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) (see photo by Jack Dodson) is a different species to ours. I will never forget my first observation of this beautifully coloured bird, I was surprised when my American friend told me it was a Goldfinch. The male is a bright yellow, with a white rump, white edges on black wings and tail. It breeds in Southern British Columbia, Newfoundland, Utah, Colorado and South Carolina where I saw it. This familiar and common species is called the "Wild Canary" over there. Nesting does not begin until midsummer when weed seeds are available. Because they nest so late, only a single brood is raised each season. The 4

- 5 blue eggs in a well-made cup nest of grass and bark strips are placed in the upright fork of a small sapling or bush.

The European Goldfinch was introduced to Australia and New Zealand. Its local name there is "Goldie" I observed several near the town of Mata Mata in the North Island. Huge winter flocks frequent coastal saltings. Normally they are double brooded.

Finally, I observed my first Swallow last year on April 19th. I hope to see one earlier this year, I am so looking forward to getting out into the countryside once more.



### CORRECTION -

Due to a printing error at Village Voice the content of Malcolm's final paragraph read totally wrong last month, we should have said 'Tamara Betts from Station Road, Belton rang to say that she had heard a Song Thrush singing since December' Apologies to Malcolm and Tamara.

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# ormiston venture academy

## Student Gains Gresham's Scholarship

**A**khshika, a Year 11 student attending Ormiston Venture Academy in Great Yarmouth, has won a scholarship for a Sixth Form place at Gresham's School from September 2021, as part of a long-standing partnership between the two schools.

As part of the scholarship, Akshika will have the opportunity to experience independent school life, benefiting from a multitude of



enrichment activities, a wide range of sport and the Dyson Building, the new centre for STEAM education, opening in 2021. The building, which incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths education, will be a particular benefit to Akshika who aims to study a range of Sciences and Maths at A level.

After completing her A levels, Akshika would like to study Medicine at university and progress to train as a Junior Doctor, eventually specialising

in Paediatrics. Her previous work experience at the James Paget hospital and the Ormiston Herman Academy has ignited her interest in Paediatric Medicine.

The academy and its sponsor, Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), is committed to enriching the lives of its pupils by broadening their horizons and raising aspirations. The Gresham's scholarship is reflective of the broad range of opportunities Ormiston Venture provides to its pupils, giving them every chance to succeed in life.

A focussed and hard-working individual, Akshika commented on receiving her place: "I am so grateful and excited to be awarded the scholarship programme at Gresham's. I cannot wait to start this new venture, meet new friends and live away from home for the first time."

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal said: "All of us at Venture are proud of Akshika gaining the Gresham's Scholarship, she like so many at Venture has high aspirations that I am sure this next step to Gresham's will continue to drive her to succeed".

Dave Richards, Vice Principal said: "We are so proud of how all of our students engaged in the Gresham's Scholarship process, in a difficult year with so much uncertainty, they showed fantastic resilience and excelled in the process. Our partnership with Gresham's allows all of our students to aim for a unique life changing scholarship opportunity, and although ultimately only one student can be the recipient, between the residential opportunities in year 10 and the scholarship process in year 11, over a quarter of the year group have benefited from improved confidence and identifying their goals for future life. I have no doubt that the 2021 Gresham's Scholar, Akshika, like those who have come before her will grab this incredible opportunity with both hands and be a brilliant ambassador for the academy and the process that will continue to benefit many more in the future".

### About Gresham's

◆ Gresham's is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 2 to 18. The school is set in 200 acres of beautiful countryside, just four miles from the North Norfolk coast, most of which is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

◆ In March 2016, the Nursery and Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior School were awarded 'excellent' in all nine categories following an inspection by The Independent Schools Inspectorate. 'Excellent' is the ISI descriptor for the Ofsted term 'outstanding'.

◆ The school was founded in 1555 by Sir John Gresham who went on to become Lord Mayor of London and forged close ties with the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. Strong links with the City of London remain today.

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### Are we there yet?

The words that many a parent has heard from their children whilst on a journey, often when there is still a long way to go! Of course the children have no idea how long the journey is going to take, and it's a fair question. Even if we have done the journey numerous times, we can't always be sure when we are going to arrive. Tim and I certainly found that to be the case when we made many journeys to Scotland to visit our sons; our journey time had, on occasions, been made longer through roadworks, accidents, etc. by just over three hours.

"Are we nearly there yet?" is a question I have been asked more than once in relation to the church being open again, and for our regular occasions of groups meeting together to be restored. I want to say, I hope so. I want this long journey in uncharted territory to come to an end; it looks likely that the end is in sight, that Yes, we are nearly there. But, and there is a "but" the reintroduction of all the "normal" meeting points still comes with some concern, and there is still the possibility of a diversion or a hold-up occurring on our route to freedom.

How do we emerge from what has been such a tough time for everyone, with our concerns of loving care for everyone; those who are eager to return, and those who are extremely hesitant to be with people again? What is the loving thing to do? All Saints Belton has "Love God. Love people. Love life" as its strap line. What does loving people mean in these circumstances? There are many thoughts and different ways of expressing this? There are practical matters to consider too; increased cleaning for one.

It seems that we are being told that Hands Face Space will need to be

a continued focus, even when the legal restrictions are removed. Social distancing in larger groups indoors, might still be advisable and the loving thing to do. The question of whether we will be able to sing in church when we are all together, is still to be answered.

At the moment, with social distancing, we cannot get more than thirty people in All Saints Belton; in Burgh Castle Church it is less than that. However, even though the regulations are changing as of 17th May, I can still only welcome 30 people into church for weddings and funerals, or 15 people for a "support group" for bereaved persons or new parents. However, in talking to leaders of groups meeting in other venues, their opportunities to meet seem to come earlier than on church premises.

I know that many people are frustrated; so many very keen to get to see friends they haven't seen for maybe over a year. I have been mulling over what is the loving thing to do, as well as reading and re-reading the advice of the Church of England on the relevant Regulations for each Step. As a church we are working on a road map which will enable the safe return to groups as soon as it is possible, with arrangements for meeting outside (hopefully in good weather) beginning this month.

A service of Holy Communion will be held in Burgh Castle Church on Sunday 2nd May and in All Saints Belton on Sunday 23rd May. Various groups will continue to meet on-line, and every Sunday for church services, and we will continue to put into place the careful preparations ready for the relaxing of all regulations hopefully on the 21st June. What a gathering it will be when we can all meet together and enjoy refreshments together! I can't wait and I'm sure many of you feel the same! May God bless us in our patient waiting.

Rosie Bunn

### LOCKDOWN POEM

I wish the virus would go away  
And not come back another day  
I miss my friends at school  
But I miss my family most of all  
Sometimes I'm happy  
Sometimes I'm sad  
Sometimes I get really mad  
I miss Mrs Thurtle and my other teachers too  
My mum can teach but not like you  
I've been doing some cooking  
Which is fun  
I think I'm a better cooker than my mum  
I hope the virus will come to an end  
So, I can see my family and friends again

Max Roche age 8

## Burgh Castle Tea Room & Bargain Stall



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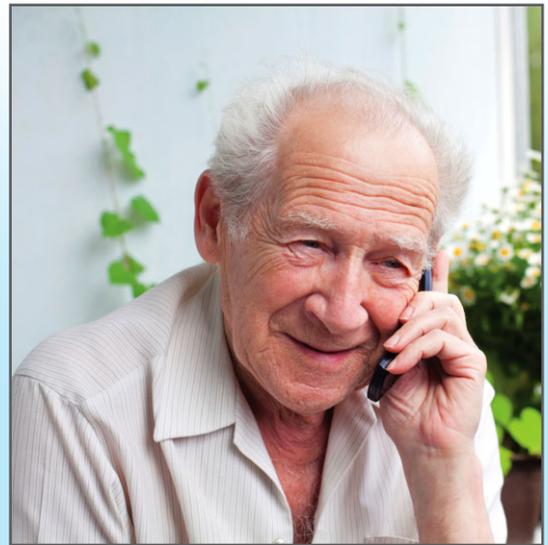


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Most of our telephone befrienders are women and we need more of them. We would like to have more men too. [volunteering@ageuknorfolk.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ageuknorfolk.org.uk) [www.ageuknorfolk.org.uk](http://www.ageuknorfolk.org.uk)



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## Belton Activity Morning

Finally April 12th is the second step out of lockdown 3. No indoors classes are planned just yet. However, they will only be able to run following Covid guidelines. A year has passed when we have all experienced staying in, getting more and more crotchety and stiff, missing social contact and missing the things we enjoy. Sallyann is also apprehensive about returning and will endeavour to make classes as safe as can be.

The online exercise classes over Zoom on a Monday morning started coming from New Road sports centre from April 12th. This was the first time ever this had happened and after a few technical hitches we held our 30 minute session with time to say our goodbyes at the end.

Depending where you live you could attend both sessions too. Running the online class from New Road instead of Sallyanns home enabled her to be at New Road to start the Nordic Walk & Talk



session at 11 am.

The walk took place following the Covid Guidelines; we walked in two groups social distanced apart. Four times round we went, chattering to each other all the way, it was so good to be outside and meeting people whom had not been able to participate in the online classes. Cool down exercise were completed at the end of our walk and everyone went home happy and wanting to come back next Monday.

Unfortunately the online coffee sessions have been postponed for now while we resume the exercise sessions as the times and availability doesn't match.

Dates for May are Monday's 10th, 17th & 24th online classes and walk & talk sessions. No classes on May 3rd & May 31st. An indoor class may or may not resume on the 17th & 24th. Please contact Sallyann to find out near the time via email [up4fitness@gmail.com](mailto:up4fitness@gmail.com) or telephone 07599 044806 or private message Sallyann through messenger on my Facebook pages Sallyann Protheroe and up4fitness Thank you

Sallyann

## BELTON JUDO CLUB

LATEST UPDATED NEWS CONCERNING THE JUDO CLUB: The future for Belton Judo Club (Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy) looks very much more positive as the vaccine roll-out continues to increase successfully and the Covid-19 cases continue to fall.

At the time of writing this update, as we always have to say, subject to the latest government guidelines at the time, we will be able to get back to normal, full-contact Judo from Monday June 21st so potentially we will start running our sessions at Belton from Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd (New road centre has already been booked so this is as certain as we can be that this will actually happen!!) Monday sessions at Corton still to be confirmed subject to registration of interest.

Dominic is starting structured Zoom sessions from Tuesday 4th May to Thursday 17th June for any members that wish to take part but as the plan is to get back to proper Judo sessions from June, he is hoping to be able to get as many members as possible into these Zoom sessions to help them to prepare for returning to actual Judo sessions that we all know and love. The timetable for the Zoom sessions are as follows:-

### TUESDAY:

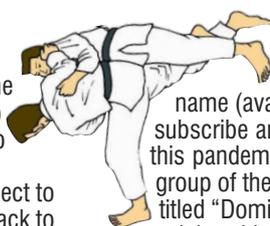
Mindset session (suitable for 12 years-adult) (MORNINGS!!) 7.00am-7.30am  
Kids Judo theory (suitable for beginners) 7.00pm-7.25pm  
Adult Judo theory (beginner - 1st Dan) 7.30pm-8.10pm  
MMA Technical/Fitness (suitable for all levels) 8.15pm-8.55pm

### WEDNESDAY:

Judo Movement/Technical (juniors and seniors) 7.00pm-7.40pm

### THURSDAY:

General Fitness (suitable for everybody) 7.00pm-7.25pm  
Adult Judo theory (beginner - 1st Dan) 7.30pm-8.10pm  
Anyone wishing to take part in any of these sessions, (they are completely FREE) please contact Dominic for details.



Dominic also runs a YouTube channel available to all during these difficult times called "World Class Happiness". It is a spin-off from his book of the same name (available on Amazon) and it is well worth a look. You can subscribe and get regular positive messages to help you through this pandemic and life in general. You can also join the Facebook group of the same name and also join the group and like the page titled "Dominic King Judo & MMA Academy", You will find regular training videos and advice on these which will prove useful to keep ticking over until we can all get back to "normal"!

Anyone considering whether to take their children to Judo may wish to consider what a leading World children's organisation and the World's leading sports organisation said about our sport, UNESCO declares judo as a sport best suited for children and the International Olympic Committee says judo is the most complete for promoting friendship and mutual respect. Need we say more?

Anyone wanting further details of any future sessions can contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or email on [dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk](mailto:dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk) or contact him via Facebook or WhatsApp

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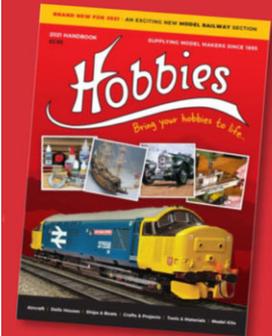
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# BOHEMIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

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At the time of writing, we have welcomed back our teams to training and played our first couple of fixtures since the step one relaxation of the COVID19 lockdown restrictions. Over 100 young players attended our first Saturday session on the 3rd April which just shows how eager they were to get going again.

We'd like to remind our members that under current restrictions, that they should continue to use the Test and Trace QR codes to log in on their arrival at New Road and that face masks are required to use the toilet facilities.

The club are working towards setting up new teams for next season including restarting our men's team and should be able to announce plans by the end of May.

Bohemians will not be staging our annual tournament this year and are currently working towards holding our annual presentation

night at some point in June, providing the lockdown restrictions allow us to hold a large indoor event.

Unfortunately, we lost a member of our football family this week when David Eley sadly passed away very suddenly. David was with us for over 15 years when he started out as team manager of his son's youth team, and had been active within the club in various roles, most recently in his second stint as club vice-chairman.

He will be greatly missed by our football family and we would like to pass on our condolences to Kim, Dalton, Paris and Dallas who will be in our thoughts at this difficult time.

At our matches over the weekend of 17th & 18th April, our teams and their opponents held a minutes silence before kick off in his memory and the club would like to thank the clubs that hosted our teams at their venues in joining us.



## Belton Bowman

Will restart on New Road playing field on Monday 31st of May

Family/Junior session 6pm - 7pm £3.50 per person.

Adult session 7pm £6.00 per person

Equipment provided if you do not have your own we look forward to welcoming you back.

**For more information contact Duncan on 01493 780418**



## Stroke Club

At Yarmouth stroke group Easter Eggs and cards were delivered to members. These eggs were so kindly donated by Sam Clark big thank you from members.

Birthdays greetings to Maureen from Gorleston, Stuart from Halvergate and Tom in Belton

Sad news our lovely member Keith from Bradwell has died he will be so missed with that smile we will not forget.

Chris family and friends gave a donation to the group it will be a great help when we go back, so much appreciated.

**Contact Sue Casey 01493 781846**



improve the experience for all visitors, the charity is looking to recruit new 'Meet & Great' volunteers who can help welcome people to the site on busy days such as Bank Holidays, weekends or during school holidays.

Anyone interesting in finding out more can contact their new Volunteer Coordinator, Jules Armour. Having worked for both English Heritage and National Trust in recent years, she joins the charity as they seek to widen volunteering and engagement opportunities in local communities.

It is disappointing to report that NAT sites have seen substantial damage and antisocial behaviour throughout the pandemic, including at Burgh Castle Fort. Damage and vandalism financially and physically prevent the charity caring properly for places on behalf of the general public and can spoil

The last year has seen visitor numbers at all Norfolk Archaeological Trust (NAT) sites, including Burgh Castle Fort, rise sharply. As restrictions lift these special places are still receiving high numbers of visitors. To meet this demand, and to



*Director Natalie Butler meeting with Councillor Carl Smith and PC Simmons and PC Gray to discuss recent criminal damage and anti-social behaviour*

the place for visitors. Norfolk Archaeological Trust takes these matters very seriously and is currently working with a number of agencies, including Norfolk Constabulary. If you witness any antisocial behaviour or any damage at Burgh Castle Fort, please report it to them so that it can be passed on to the Police. Do not engage with the vandals directly and please help care for these sites by treating them with respect and kindness. To help protect these sites

Volunteer Site Wardens, many who use these locations on a regular basis, report back to the Trust any concerns. If you would like to get involved as a Site Warden volunteer, they would be happy to hear from you.

For more information on volunteering please contact Jules on [julesarmour@norfarchtrust.org.uk](mailto:julesarmour@norfarchtrust.org.uk) - [www.norfarchtrust.org.uk](http://www.norfarchtrust.org.uk)



*Jules Armour, new Volunteer Coordinator*

## RIVERSIDE PATH CLOSURE

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



## BEWARE OF TELEPHONE SCAMS

Police are urging members of the public to be vigilant following a number of telephone scams across the county. Courier Fraud happens when a fraudster contacts a victim by telephone claiming to be a police officer, bank or from a government department, among other agencies. A number of techniques will then be adopted in order to convince the victim to hand over their bank details or cash, which may then be passed on to a courier. Residents are reminded that police officers, banks and other government agencies will NEVER ask you to withdraw money or transfer it to another account as part of an undercover operation. They will NEVER ask you to reveal your full banking password or PIN, ask you to handover money for

safe keeping or as part of an operation. They will NEVER send someone to your address to collect money, cards or PIN Numbers or ask you to deliver these to another location. Please spread the word to your friends and family. If anyone has received a similar type of telephone call please report this to Norfolk Police via 101. If you believe a crime is in progress, always call 999. For further advice head to the Action Fraud website [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

You can find the latest consumer scam alerts here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/consumer-alerts>

## WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

### 1 Secure the perimeter

Gardens should also be kept tidy and clear of overgrown shrubs that a burglar could use for cover.

### 2 Install reliable locks on your doors

Fitting additional locks to doors, such as a London Bar or Birmingham Bar to strengthen the frame, along with hinge bolts. All external doors should have the same level of security on them.

### 3 Don't forget your windows

Make sure easily accessible windows are either not left open, or if they need to be, that they have restrictors so people can't climb through.

### 4 Don't forget to lock up when you leave

Failing to lock windows or doors is one of the most common mistakes that people make, and burglars often seek easy targets.

### 5 A burglar might have the idea - don't encourage them by providing the gear

Don't forget to keep your garage and garden shed locked with proper security locks - and keep any tools secure and out of sight.

### 6 Change the locks when you move home

If you have recently moved home, the advice is to change the locks as soon as possible.

### 7 Is your door strong enough?

PAS 24 certificated doors and windows will keep homeowners and their loved ones safe, but they may also provide other benefits such as better insulation.

### 8 Keep valuables out of sight but don't look like you have something to hide

Keep your curtains and blinds open during the day. Closed blinds will draw more

attention during the day - but don't leave anything valuable in plain sight of windows.

### 9 Always give the impression someone is at home

You should think about setting a few lights on a timer, or having a smart alarm system - some of which have vacation mode settings that will automatically replicate the lighting pattern of your home when occupied.

### 10 Avoid posting about holidays on social media

Don't promote your absence through social media. As lockdown eases and hopefully comes to an end this summer.

### 11 Check your contents and buildings insurance cover is appropriate

Home insurance can cover high-value electrical such as TVs, mobiles and laptops up to a certain cost, as well as furniture, clothing and important documents, such as passports. Buildings insurance policies can cover any damage caused to windows and doors, as a result of burglars forcing entry into your home.

### 12 Invest in a safe

Consider getting a safe professionally fitted to keep valuables out of sight. 'Paperwork such as bank statements and ID documents should also be stored away in a lockable cabinet - personal data has a value which can be sold on by the burglar.

### 13 Install a burglar alarm

If you have a security alarm, then the advice is to make sure it actually works.

### 14 Install CCTV

Installing CCTV can act as a good deterrent for burglars, as they will worry about revealing their identity to the police.

## Crime Figures for March 2021

Arson	1	Damage caused as a result of fire
Criminal Damage	6	A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else
Domestic	8	Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred
Public fear, alarm or distress	5	Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence

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With the weather warming up at the beginning of the Easter holidays and the lifting of some of the lockdown restrictions I have seen an increase in activity in FRITTON WOODS whereby people are camping/ using BBQ's in the woods and there has been several reports of Criminal damage and littering at the FORT at BURGH CASTLE.



In order to tackle this I've been out with the Norfolk Archaeological Trust and counsellor Carl Smith to conduct a Crime Prevention survey at Burgh Castle Fort.

Could I ask that you report any Anti-Social Behaviour and criminal damage to us on 101 and as always call 999 in an emergency.

## ENGAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR DAISY WOODWARD-SMITH

With more than 12,000 homes across Norfolk now in a No Cold Calling Zone, more people than ever are saying no to cold callers. Feedback shows the zones really work with a drop in the number of cold callers seen in 99% of areas.

No Cold Calling Zones give householders the confidence to tell rogue traders they are not welcome and are likely to be reported to Trading Standards if they do call at homes in a zone.

Figures show that 85% of people in a No Cold Calling Zone felt able to tell a cold caller they were in a zone and should leave.

Find out whether your road or street meets the criteria to become a No Cold Calling Zone at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz)





## James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

# Briefing Sheet following Council of Governors Meeting – March 2021

This summary has been produced following the latest Council of Governors meeting that was held virtually, in public on 10th March 2021. All the papers and a recording of the meeting are available on the Trust website. We do hope that you find the content useful.

- The Trust has faced significant challenges with the number of Covid-positive patients far exceeding those in April 2020 although the situation is improving.
- Patients are at the centre of everything with staff striving to always deliver outstanding care. "Quality walkarounds" have been re-introduced which are unannounced visits with the fresh eyes of Paul Morris, Director of Nursing, to provide more detail on his vision and how quality, safety and the patient experience is developing.
- Communications with patients and family members are continuously reviewed and visiting restrictions, introduced during the pandemic, are being looked at.
- During the bad weather in February, members of the community used their 4x4 vehicles to help staff get to work which was very much appreciated.
- Support for staff wellbeing is a priority, particularly due to the pandemic. A range of initiatives are in place and continue to develop including how staff can be supported during the recovery phase.
- Over 21,000 vaccine doses have been administered from the vaccination hub situated in the Louise Hamilton Centre. The "accessible clinic" specifically adapted by Rebecca Crossley (Specialist nurse) to meet the needs of people with learning difficulties and Autism has received international recognition and has seen a significant take-up.
- The emergency department (ED) children's area is now open, and work is underway on the next stage of the ED development and the front entrance of both ED and the hospital.
- A mobile Cancer Care Unit will be coming soon which will enable patients to receive Chemotherapy treatment closer to home instead of having to visit the hospital.
- Work is ongoing to see how the numbers of falls with harm and pressure ulcers can be reduced.
- Management is working through the results of the 2020 Staff survey. The results will help identify areas for improvement and allow the celebration of any successes.
- Anna Davidson, Chair, has regular meetings with the Chief Executive and virtual weekly meetings with the Non-Executive Directors. She has also participated in several local, regional, and national virtual meetings.
- Anna also Chairs the new Board Strategic Projects Committee discussing Diagnostic Centres, Electronic Patient Records and early plans for a new hospital.
- Cancer standards have been maintained throughout the pandemic although urgent and emergency care standards have

been affected. Performance in these areas should improve with the reduction in the number of Covid-positive patients.

- Unfortunately, the number of patients waiting over 52 weeks for elective surgery has risen but lots of work is being done to ensure no patient suffers clinical harm due to these delays, which will take some considerable time to reduce.
- Asymptomatic testing has been rolled out to all staff, who can now test themselves twice weekly.
- KPMG, the external auditors have been re-appointed by the Council and the contract for the internal auditors, PWC, has been extended by two years by the Trust.
- The national financial "top up" remains and together with the lower activity, hence a lower spend on elective surgery, the forecast is £1m surplus at year end.

*If you have any questions, would like clarification on any of the items covered, or have any other matters that you would like to raise, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can do this via the Governors' email which is [governors@jpaget.nhs.uk](mailto:governors@jpaget.nhs.uk). We would welcome any feedback and look forward to hearing from you.*

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# Village Voice

## 2020 Writing Competition Winners

### DEAR JAMES PAGET

**Victoria Dyson**

*(Special commendation, Village Voice Writing Competition 2020 in the category for adults)*



You may be just a building, made from bricks and mortar,  
With Your parking, Your electricity and Your running water.  
But a building like You is changing many lives  
With Your nurses, consultants, surgeons, midwives...  
These hard-working people who do not ask for fame,  
Who treat you as human and call you by your name.  
So many people working, all under Your roof.  
We couldn't live without them - that's the honest truth.

We need wheelchairs and drips, plasters and pills.  
Essential equipment to help cure our ills.  
The money, the time, the demand and the strain,  
The waiting,  
The sickness,  
The backlog,  
The pain.

You offer us services at our times of need,  
When we cough, we're burnt, we fall, or we bleed.  
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In 1987 I was born in this place,  
With a heartbeat, a cry and a red, angry face.

As I've grown through the years You've always been there,  
For gall stones, angina or palliative care.  
For chemo, for asthma, for kidneys and livers,  
For cysts and for prostates, You bring the caregivers.

I've visited You more since my very first breath  
- and the cyclical nature of life leads to death.  
I arrived at Your building in an ambulance scream,  
The events unfolding like a terrible dream.  
But I wasn't the patient I should hasten to add.  
The person in need was my wonderful Dad.  
This brave, active man, as mighty as a sword,  
Now a fighter in a gown, in Your Cancer Ward.

The chemo, the weight loss, the scans and all the pain,  
Wondering when you could sleep in your own home again.  
Countless conversations, playing card games by his bed,  
Wishing I could switch this scene and take his place instead.

He remained in Your care. It happened all too fast...

But at the age of 59, my brave Dad, Peter passed.

I howled in Your corridors as I shed my tears of grief  
But Dad's no longer suffering and that's a huge relief.  
Just writing down those lines moves me to tears  
And You remain the constant after all these years.  
...And now there's one more reason to come,  
It's the Parkinson's disease tormenting my Mum.  
Each day is a battle but she's receiving great care  
And some of the support is just knowing You're there.

We grow day by day like a seed that is planted  
But health is a gift that we all take for granted.  
We need to stay healthy - we all know it's true.  
We must ultimately try to avoid needing You...  
I paused this poem weeks ago (I'd run out of steam)  
Now returning to it feels like an ominous dream.  
I started this poem before the world changed,  
Before Coronavirus came and all was rearranged.  
So strange to read these words in a different tone  
When we're all social distancing and staying at home.  
Your staff are now soldiers working on the front line  
Fighting a silent killer that could take your life or mine.  
We have family and friends who head to You each day  
And the courage of the NHS is just blowing us away.

The world has been shocked by an invisible threat  
Who knows when it ends? We still don't know yet.  
But the sun is still shining, and the sky is now clear.  
We need to stay calm, despite all the fear.  
The planes have stopped flying, our roads are serene,  
This is the 'new normal' for our life in quarantine.  
The planet is healing but the people are sick.  
It's unexpected, confusing, the change was too quick.  
But we have been through wars- it will not last forever,  
And in the spirit of the Blitz, it will bring us together.  
We will learn to be kinder and considerate too.  
We will learn to evolve and we will muddle through.  
James Paget, dear Hospital - you're fighting in a war.  
With Your brave team inside, we've never needed You more.  
We'll stay indoors and wash our hands, to keep away from You.  
James Paget, you are in our hearts. Thanks for all You do.

### IN OUR COUNTRY - SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS

**Maureen Welsby**  
*(Special commendation, Village Voice Writing Competition 2020 in the category for adults)*

In our county - so many different things  
But for me my binoculars are held up to my eyes  
Scanning the clouds - beautiful big blue skies  
For arrival of summer visitors on the wing,  
Or just the joy of Blackbird in my garden sing.  
Cliffs, breakwaters, white waves and foam

The gulls, terns and plovers - never alone.  
Beaches and dunes - sands of gold  
Gaggles of ducks, geese, thousands all told.  
Marsh Harrier above the waving reed  
In their secret nest of sedges breed.  
Kingfisher - such colourful flight  
With a flash and dart they are out of sight.  
Pinewood, creeks and hedgerow bands  
Marshland and pools - graceful heron stands  
Peregrine swoop from cathedral spire  
Thrush, wren and robin my very own choir.  
The sunsets over Breydon Water and far ground  
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# Village Voice

## 2020 Writing Competition Winners

### WHO ARE YOU?

**Pauline Parkinson (Poz)**

*(Special commendation, Village Voice Writing Competition 2020 in the category for adults)*

You were sitting just there,  
 The last time I came to town for shopping.  
 Have you honestly no-where else to go,  
 You sit there in the wind, rain and snow.  
 Is that doorway really your abode?  
 So near the danger of the open road.  
 Where did you come from, what were you back then,  
 Is there no-one who loves you  
 And wants you home again.  
 The concrete is a hard old bed,  
 Not a comfortable place to lay your head.  
 You are braver than me in the dark and the cold,  
 You should be back within the fold.  
 It's never too late to change your mind,  
 They say there's none so blind  
 As those who cannot see,  
 Your plight is staring straight at me.  
 And yet I stumble past on my way,  
 Unable to look you in the eye,  
 And like so many, I pass you by.  
 In my heart I hold a prayer  
 That you will find love and warmth somewhere.  
 So don't lose hope, don't be downhearted  
 There's kindness in the world I feel,  
 Someone to get you a piping hot meal.  
 To make sure that you are found,  
 A bed for the night, so you are not on the ground,  
 People to turn your life around.  
 There are places for you to go,  
 Out of the rain, wind and snow.  
 So all this I recommend,  
 So start looking forward  
 Not backwards my friend.



### LOCKDOWN 2020

**Lillie Carter**

*(Special commendation, Village Voice Writing Competition 2020 in the category for adults)*

Losing our liberty, hours stretched to infinity.  
 Only allowed out for an hour a day,  
 Covid-19 must be kept at bay.  
 Kitchen bakes and video calls,  
 Dreaming of escaping these same four walls.  
 Onward Tom with his century of laps,  
 We've rewarded key workers with weekly claps.  
 Now we're close to finding a cure, to the virus we hope we will see  
 no more.



# A SPRINGER'S TAIL

**Lesley Chalmers**





# DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Elizabeth Myhill



Foxtail lily

The blossom on my Flowering Cherry lasted just over a week this year and as I write it is still very cold so I am not risking the outside. And as we are still getting frosts I will not be planting summer bedding yet. So here are a few more recommended perennial plants for your garden. For those looking for a tall plant then **Eremurus**

**bungei** or the **Foxtail lily** could be the answer. Eventual height 1.5 metres and spread 0.6 metres the Foxtail lily has soaring, slender spikes of dark yellow flowers in early and midsummer rising above strap-shaped, bluish-green leaves. This spectacular foxtail lily is perfect for creating a bold statement in a sunny, well-drained border. The yellow flowers



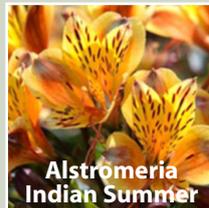
Erigeron glaucus

open from the base of the spike and darken as they age, creating a two-tone effect. It's best partnered with other late spring flowering perennials and tall grasses which help to mask the plant's short-lived foliage. It looks spectacular when partnered with **Paeonies**.

**Erigeron glaucus** Sea Breeze Pink or Mauve is highly floriferous flowering from

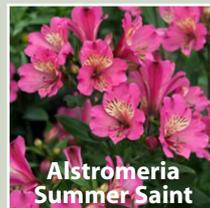


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Alstroemeria Indian Summer

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Alstroemeria Summer Saint



Echinacea

Another clump forming herbaceous perennial with dark green strap-like foliage and producing large single vibrant coloured flowers from June-September is **Echinacea**. The Kismet Series is noted for its abundant large flowers, fabulous habit and continuous flowering from summer to frosts. Common name is the Coneflower. Beloved by Bees: Ht. 0.45m Spread 0.6m.

Best Wishes and Happy Gardening - Liz Myhill

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## THE JGI TRUSTEES

As I write this I am still very hopeful that the Hall will open again on May 17th when groups can meet and enjoy group activities again. The Trustees have kept the Hall in great condition ready to open again as soon as we can.

All necessary precautions are still in place and we are sure we can provide a very safe environment to meet in.

We have survived the shut down by calling on what little reserve we had and now look forward to getting customers back in to boost the funds again. If all goes to plan we hope we can operate from the 17th May and already have several user groups booked to return. If you are a group looking for a great venue to meet regularly then get in touch, spaces are becoming limited. We all look forward to socialisation as a group again as this is much needed.

The Hall will be used one day on the 6th May for local

elections for which we are grateful as a little income is better than none.

If through the lockdown you have thought about getting more involved in our community and would consider joining the team that looks after the JGI you will be made welcome. It could be on the administrative side or the day to day operation of the hall.

Please consider this carefully and help to keep a great Village Hall operational for a wide variety of activities and social events.

Please contact as below for more details.

*If further information about the Hall and its hiring conditions are required please contact Bill on 01493 780822 or any Trustee as can be found in the Village Voice*

Bill Richmond

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections for the new Police Commissioner and for County Councillors will take place on Thursday May 6th. The JGI is your local election venue open specially for this one day event. If you don't vote you can not complain about who gets elected.

## LINE DANCING



Just to clarify the dates when I will be starting.

Although the JGI will hope to open on the 17th May our Line Dancing Mornings will begin on Thursday June 24th and Friday June 25th

## BELTON ART CLUB



Good news. The Belton Art Club will be meeting again on Wednesday, 19 May at 2.00pm in the JGI. We look forward to seeing you all again and new faces would be very welcome.

For more information contact Jan on 01493 488683.



I am opening a brand new slimming world group on

**Wednesday 19th May.**

I will be running sessions at  
**5.30pm and 6.30pm.**

*Due to covid restrictions spaces are limited so if you are interested in joining or want some more information please give me a ring.*

**Debbie 07551 975800**

## WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP IN

As you read this I hope you are excited as I am in being able to meet again and have fun on each Wednesday morning. Obviously for the near future we will have to conform to the meeting regulations but at least we will be meeting again.

As was said last month we hope if all goes as planned we will meet on Wednesday 19th May at 10.30 to Noon for Tea/Coffee and cake and a good chat.

Keep safe until we see you all. Call me on 780822 if you require any further details

Sue Richmond

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# FRITTON CAR CRASH

A few days ago a speeding car smashed through the hedge and into the Fritton Village Hall sign, bending the substantial steel posts. The speeding car ended up on its roof and the Driver was arrested and was drunk! If that car had not been stopped by the sign, it would have gone into the side of the Hall and destroyed the wooden building.



It was not long ago that a speeding car in Fritton took out the front wall and porch of a roadside house.

The Authorities need to take action now! Do not wait for someone to be killed. There is plenty of evidence, apart from crashed cars we have the Community Speedwatch data, showing up to 90 speeding cars in Fritton per hour.

Richard Warner

# BURGH CASTLE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We are back out monitoring the traffic from April 2021 and our first couple of sessions recorded a large number of people who do not adhere to the speed limit through our village. It lead me to thinking why we do Community Speedwatch because we do get abuse from the non conformists and the people who think it's the Police's job, however, it tells me in the title why we do it for 'the community'

We do Speedwatch for the dad we met on our 2nd session who was pushing his small child in a pushchair up a road without any pavements with people driving past up to 52mph in a 30mph zone right beside him!! We do it for the horse riders, the cyclists, the walkers, the mobility scooters, anybody else who wishes to not use a vehicle on our unpaved roads. So perhaps when you think it's fair game to bomb down the road please give a thought for those persons, leave a little extra time for your journey or keep your speed for the track and allow them to not fear for their lives just getting form A to B.



If you are concerned about the speed motorists drive around the village then please become a 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 monitor the speed.

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 01493 780452

**Date Correction for Open Art Studio**  
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# ENTUA

**(East Norfolk Transport Users Association) is a voluntary independent body which monitors bus and rail provision in the East Norfolk Area. To learn more about us please visit our website [www.entua.org.uk](http://www.entua.org.uk)**

**As already published on the local Belton and Burgh Castle blogs, the X11 bus service has now returned to more or less its normal 1/2 hourly frequency and most of the buses travel through to Norwich. The latest timetable for buses leaving Belton is as follows:-**

**Mondays – Saturdays**

**Belton Bracon Road 0655 0725 0755 0825 0855**

then at 25 and 55 minutes past the hour until **1625**.

Then the following services only go as far as **Great Yarmouth Market**

**Gates – 1655 1725 1750 1820 1850 1915**

Please note that on Saturdays the **0655** and **0725** only go as far as Great Yarmouth.

On Sundays and Public holidays there is no change to the normal Sunday hourly service, eg the X11 leaves Bracon Road at **0922**, then at 22 minutes past the hour until **1522** for through journeys to Norwich. The **1622**, **1722** and **1822** only travel as far as Great Yarmouth.

**Each day Monday – Sunday** there is a later 6B service leaving Bracon Road at 2102 travelling via Burgh Castle, Gorleston High Street to Great Yarmouth. A later 6B service leaves Bracon Road at 2300 but only travels as far as Blue Sky Park via Burgh Castle.

**Early mornings, Monday –Friday** a 6B service departs Bracon Road at **0735** and travels to Great Yarmouth via Burgh Castle, Bradwell and Gorleston High Street. On Sundays the 6B leaves Bracon Road at **0835**.

X11 buses from Market Gates to Belton leave at **0745, 0815** and at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour until **1845** (Mon-Sat). On Sundays there is an hourly X11 service leaving Market Gates at **0850** then at 50 minutes past each hour until **1750**.

A later 6B service to Belton leaves Market Gates at **2030**, the last 6B service leaves Market Gates at **2230** hours.

While still on the subject of buses, First Eastern Counties have earmarked 8 Volvo B9 Geminis to be branded in the 'Coastal Clipper' two-tone blue livery. The 'Coastal Clipper' is service 1/1A which operates between Martham to Lowestoft every 30 minutes on weekdays. The 'Coastal Clipper' is extended from Lowestoft to Southwold as Service 99 but it is not yet known what buses, if any, will be route branded for this leg of 'Coastal Clipper'.

The Volvo B9 Geminis selected for this livery are 58 registered and first saw service as the first double-deckers bought for the X1 service

which then ran from Lowestoft to Peterborough. When these Gemini's were replaced by a new fleet of Enviro 400's, they were transferred to Lowestoft and following internal refurbishment, were the mainstay of the X2/X21/X22 services between Lowestoft and Norwich via Beccles.

The Enviro 400's have themselves been replaced by a fleet of Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 City buses for First Eastern Counties Excel service between Norwich and Peterborough.

ENTUA can also report that First Eastern Counties is investing in converting 2 Volvo Geminis to open-top buses and when completed they will join the existing Dennis Trident open-top bus that has been used on Service 3 Seafront service over recent years.

We understand it is planned to operate a 20 minute frequency with the 3 open-top buses between Hemsby Beach and Pleasure Beach via Caister, Jellicoe Road and Marine Parade. The 3 open-top buses will be branded in 'Coastal Clipper' livery but with the words 'Coastal Clipper Cabriolet', and will be known as Service 1C. At the same time, Summer Service 1B will be introduced to operate between Vauxhall Station, Vauxhall Holiday Park, Market Gates, Caister and Hemsby Beach. Both these services will commence from Whitsun Bank Holiday.

It would appear that First Eastern Counties are fairly confident of a boom in staycations for this area to invest in these additional services, we hope they are proved right as this traditional holiday resort certainly needs a boost after what we have all been through during the last year.

On another theme, but still associated with buses, Norfolk County Council are consulting with stake-holders regarding bus routes once the third river crossing is completed in 2023.

ENTUA are currently putting together their response and we would welcome any ideas that readers may have regarding bus routes and the new river crossing. As part of our submission we are taking the opportunity of putting forward suggestions for improvements to Service 5 Burgh Castle.

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

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## Beavers

The Beavers this month have met for the first time this year face to face. They had an evening planting French Marigold seeds ready to plant out at Rectory Corner. They also each planted a sunflower seed, as we are going to have a sunflower competition to see who can grow the tallest. So watch this space as we will share our photos as they grow.

Looking forward there are spaces at Beavers if you have a young person 6 years or about to be 6 years and are interested please contact Brown Beaver (Jane) 07975 533572

## Cubs

The Cubs finished their zoom meetings just before Easter with some zoom games fun. Although this has been great fun and gained valuable skills learning to use technology correctly, we can't wait to get back to face to face meetings this month for the first time this year. We have cooked, played games, read maps and looked at map symbols, been skilful and

everywhere in between and gained several badges on the way. We look forward to welcoming everyone back

## Scouts

Some of the Scouts have been joining in with the Cubs for Zoom meeting.

Would you be interested in helping to support the Scout section? You don't need to help every week just when ever you are able to help. We are looking for a team of people to support them. For more information please contact John (Gov) Group Scout Leader 07443 567326

## Group

Paper Collection next on Saturday 8th May 2021 please have your paper outside property by 8.45am ready for collection, or can be dropped at 6 Station Rd North, Belton any time.

### June's collection Saturday 5th June 2021

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*will not be in the next edition*

**JUNE** edition **DEADLINE** for entries is **MAY 18th**.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Sunday 2nd May – Easter 5

**9.30am – Burgh Castle**  
Holy Communion – in church (following government guidelines)

### 10.30am – All Saints Belton

Morning Celebration – on line on Amazon Chime and Facebook Live

### Belton with Browston

Annual Parish Council Meeting  
**Tuesday May 4th** 7pm Remotely via Zoom

### Burgh Castle Annual Parish Meeting

**Wednesday May 5th 7.30pm**  
Remotely via Zoom

### Burgh Castle Annual Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday May 5th 7.45pm**  
Remotely via Zoom

### Fritton with St Olaves

Annual Parish Council Meeting  
**Thursday May 6th** 7pm Remotely via Zoom

### Sunday 9th May – Easter 6

**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 16th May – Easter 7

**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 23rd May – Pentecost

**9.30 am - Burgh Castle**  
Morning Prayer – on line on Amazon Chime

### 10.30am – All Saints Belton

Holy Communion – in church (following government guidelines)

### Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday

**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 6th June

**9.30 am - Burgh Castle**  
Holy Communion – in church

### 10.30am – All Saints Belton

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### 4-5pm – All Saints Belton

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