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From the Editor's Desk

Professor Regi Alexander

By the time this issue reaches you, we will have in place yet another prime minister. I hope our new leadership will have the wisdom to guide us through the crisis on our doorstep: a struggling economy, the real threat of more distress to our most vulnerable and an increasingly fractious public mood.

As the bleakness grows, allow me to voice my support for the sincere gratitude that many will feel towards Belton with Browston Parish Council and the John Green Institute for their Warm Space initiative (Pages 2 & 18). I hope many of us will do all we can, to sustain their efforts. Speaking of public spirit, 9 year old Faye-Marie and her supporters in Belton Pickers continue to show that in spades with their efforts. Do support them on the 27th of November (Page 6).

Correction:

In the letter to the editor from Mrs Eileen Hogg in the October 2022 issue (page 1), one sentence was printed as "Three parish councillors, all against the application, need not have bothered". That was an error in the copy sent for printing. It was not three parish councillors, but councils. Mrs Hogg has requested that the correcton should read "Three Parish Councils (Burgh Castle, Belton with Browston and Bradwell) were against the two applications for the Welcome Pit".

MOORLANDS SCHOOL

In July of this year, Moorlands Primary Academy said goodbye to their long serving headteacher, Mr Kevin Lee, as he took a step back from headship to start on a new adventure. The staff, children and parents are all sad to see him leave and extremely thankful for his hard work and dedication. Mr Lee transformed Moorlands into a thriving and successful school.

This month the school takes a bold step forwards and will formalise the partnership with Peterhouse Primary Academy in Gorleston. The two schools have been working together closely for the past twelve months and the time has now come to formally federate. This new federation will allow both schools to keep their identity and all that is good about them, whilst working together to push forwards and make further improvements. It will mean that the children will now have access to resources across two sites and the teachers have a far larger pool of talent to instigate change.

Mr Freeman will take on the role of Executive Headteacher, whilst Mr Siddles (Moorlands) and Ms Lund (Peterhouse) will become the Heads of School for each Academy. The overarching federation will be given a new name, although each school will keep their existing names, identities and uniforms.

We hope that all of the formal procedures will be complete by the end of October, and as the year progresses the two schools will begin to complete more collaborative work for both children and staff.

Mr Freeman

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Belton Singers

I'd like to inform you all that 'we' the Belton Singers had a wonderful evening entertaining all those present, at our celebration of this year's Harvest in All Saints Church in October. We were joined by the very professional, polished "Cats Pyjamas" group who also played along with our theme of this very British celebration of our hard-working local farmers growing the food we eat and export around the world. Not forgetting Vicky on her flute and Colin who accompanied us on the drums. We arranged the evening in sets, starting with Times and seasons, Colours, Love and Support and finally Praise Be.



and cash raised on the night was £59.00. We thank you for your generosity, I would just like to add that we are a secular singing group and

we just like to sing beautiful songs of any genre. With kind permission from Rev Rosie we find ourselves using the Church for many reasons, it



The audience wasn't as large as in the past but I believe was well appreciated by those who came. Also to lighten the evening each of the singers read out a poem that was relevant to the season. Myself and Reverend Rosie read out a question and answer poem where I asked the question and Rosie answered it, that was quite novel.



has a very professional sound system, great acoustics and seating area etc.

We will be back on Thursday 22nd December for an evening of Christmas songs and a sprinkling of old time Carol's so please put us in your diary and make it a family gathering of all generations. No charge but donations will be very welcomed.

The whole occasion was a fund raiser for what is now be a very important group of volunteers, The Belton Food Bank. It was nice to see people bringing bags of food as an entry fee

We meet on a Friday evening at the JGI at 7.30pm, except last Friday of the month. If you enjoy singing then come along and join us.
Mick Greystone

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Your Parish Council Reports

Belton with Browston Parish Council



The latest meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council was held on 4th October with ten Parish Councillors present along with County Councillor Carl Annison, Borough Councillor Adrian Myers, two members of the public and the Parish Clerk Kate Rudock, Ken Botwright chaired the meeting. The meeting commenced with a silence to reflect the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and a proclamation to King Charles III.

Councillor Light confirmed that he had been in touch with the Rev. Bunn and the JGI over 'Warm Hubs' but no commitment had been agreed and he suggested the use of the New Road Centre which the clerk confirmed is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Councillor Light agreed to advertise to find out

if there are any volunteers who would help with such a scheme. (See separate article).

The Chairman reported that both Burgh Castle and Fritton with St Olaves have agreed to join in the preparation of a joint Neighbourhood plan, an initial public meeting to cover all three parishes will take place at the New Road Centre on Tuesday November 22nd at 7.30pm. (See separate article).

Borough Councillor Myers reported that the police had been active in Fritton, Belton and Burgh Castle and eight drivers had been caught for speeding offences. County Councillor Annison stated that the County Council should be in touch concerning heritage trees, he thought that £200 should be transferred to the Parish by County for this purpose.

The chairman reported that there are still a number of highways issues including overgrown hedges at Back Lane, fencing next to the New Road cycle path and some sign work. County Councillor Annison stated that there would definitely not be a mini roundabout at Belton crossroads, speed reduction work could be requested at that location but he doubted if there would be funding available while Councillor Greenacre stated that the new village name signs are now in place.

The possibility of planting an Oak Tree to coincide with the forthcoming Coronation was considered and Councillor Myers said he would enquire what is available from this year's new stock at the Borough Council, it was agreed that a mature tree would be needed.

Following a request for a defibrillator at Dashwood Close Councillor Searby had spoken with 'Heart to Heart' who suggested that the Football Association might be able to fund a new unit for the New Road field and this would release one for Dashwood Close, Councillor Brown as manager of Belton F.C. will investigate this possibility.

The Borough Council have approved the following planning applications – Pine Farm, Station Road North (variation of previous condition), 77 Station Road South (first floor extension), Borrowdale, Sandy Lane (single story side and rear extension), and Willow Tree Garden, Marsh Lane (retention of timber building and use of land for people with special needs)

The Chairman reported that Durrants Estate Agents are progressing with the auction of the former Belton Pit woodland off the A143 which should be in November.

Belton Allotments AGM will take place at the New Road Centre on Tuesday November 8th (7.30pm) all allotment holders should attend as rents are payable at the meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesday November 1st (7.30pm), details from the Parish Clerk, Kate Rudock on 01493 602960 or email beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

BELTON WITH BROWSTON PARISH COUNCIL AND THE JOHN GREEN INSTITUTE WARM SPACE

After several months planning we are pleased to announce that we will be initiating our "WARM SPACE" scheme. Initially New Road sports centre will be available on Tuesdays 08:30 hours to 15:30 hours and Thursdays 08:30 hours to 13:30 hours commencing Tuesday, 25th October 2022. The John Green Institute (JGI) will be open Saturdays 09:30 hours to 15:30 hours commencing 26th November 2022.

We are fully aware of the pros and cons of both venues but hopefully combined we will fulfil everyone's needs. Our New Road centre will be offering snacks and beverages free to all parishioners as I believe will the JGI. Entertainment i.e. TV, films, music etc. are planned for New Road however feel free to bring your own games etc. The Parish Council will closely monitor our venue at New Road and alter/ expand this service as and when required. As we have never had to implement something like this it will be trial and error but working with the JGI and the parishioners, I'm sure we can make it a very worthwhile project for the parish.

There should be no need to book, so turn your heating down and come along to New Road or the JGI. Treat it as your home from home, meet new people, learn and share skills and knowledge in the warmth. Let's make it a true community experience. If you wish to attend but have difficulty in getting to either of the venues or you would like to volunteer to help please contact me Nigel on (07860) 759076.

T&C: All persons attending under 16 years Must be supervised at all times. No alcohol or drugs will be allowed. Smoking outside only, Foul language and abuse will not be tolerated. Earphones or similar must be used with any device that generates noise. The Parish Council and the JGI retain the right to refuse admission.

Belton Poor's Allotment

Belton Poor's Allotment is a charity that once a year gives money from the rent of land to those in need in Belton and Browston.

Parishioners of Belton and Browston who wish to be considered to be added to the list of recipients of Belton Poor's Allotment grants list, should apply in writing by

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YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF YOUR VILLAGE

Belton with Browston; Burgh Castle; and Fritton with St Olaves Parish Councils have agreed to collaborate to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the above area.

Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity for you to have more influence on how the places in which you reside and/or work will change over time, shape the future of the area and formulate policies that reflect the area's priorities, deliver tangible local benefits and have real weight in the planning system. The villages you would like to see your children and grandchildren inheriting and enjoying i.e. sustainable.

Decision-making undertaken at parish level.

The vision and aims for the plan will be based upon demographic, socioeconomic, geographic and environmental evidence and Community Input. Decisions made will be about: where, if any, new development takes place, (housing, shops, offices, businesses etc.); areas that should be protected, (green/open

**Neighbourhood Plan
Open Meeting
For all three Parishes at
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Tuesday November 22nd
at 7.30pm**

*Further meetings will be held at
Belton, Burgh Castle Village Hall,
St Olaves Village Hall and Fritton Village Hall
during the process of developing the plan*

spaces, natural habitats, biodiverse environments, heritage resources); building design; facilities; amenities; tourism; transport; infrastructure; and land use, to name but a few. An element of the plan may be to protect this predominantly rural area from being overwhelmed with the building of urban housing estates e.g. West Caister, Martham and

Bradwell. Alternatively, you may welcome further or minimal development.

Once our plan is approved and adopted it will have legal status and form part of the Borough Council's Local Plan upon which all planning applications are judged.

There will be an Open Meeting at the New Road Sports and Leisure Centre in Belton on Tuesday November 22nd at 7.30pm for any parishioner from the area to attend, to inform you about the Neighbourhood Plan, answer your questions and listen to your input.

The Neighbourhood Plan means that people in this area can help shape and influence the destiny of these settlements. Your

local knowledge, and your sense of what needs to be established, protected or changed, is vital to the formulation of the plan.

If you are interested in helping with this major project and/or being a member of the steering group, please contact Ken Botwright 01493 789978

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Burgh Castle Parish Council



Burgh Castle Parish Council met on the 26th September to take the business from the meeting that was postponed two weeks earlier, all seven Parish Councillors were present plus Borough Councillor Adrian Myers and two members of the public, Brian Swan was in the chair. The meeting commenced with a silence to respect the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

In planning the Borough Council have approved 4 Queens Terrace - side extension (against the wishes of the Parish council), 3 Coronation terrace - self-contained annexe (also against the wishes of the Parish), Mill Farm, Mill Road - continued use of site for caravan storage, The Bungalow, Mill House, Mill Road - vehicular access off Mill Road. Corner House, Stepshort - rear first floor extension and side ground floor extension, The Beeches, Lords Lane - single story rear extension, Former Post Office site - removal of former post office building and access and construct three new properties, one being the repositioning of a property from the previous planning permission.

At Welcome Pit Norfolk County Council have permitted an extraction extension to 2036 and an extension of area to the north however the applicant has three months to improve the visibility splays and six months to improve the

entrance surface to stop sand coming on to Butt Lane..

The Parish Council, had previously submitted, by a 6-1 majority had no objection to the dog walking area on land next to The Hatchery boundary on Mill Road however

they did raise concerns over visibility of the access and other issues. The Parish Council agreed to refer three cases where they felt planning permission was required or that conditions on existing planning approvals had not been kept to the Borough Council for enforcement.

There was no news on the Roman Fort Parking except that English Heritage felt that the car park was still being used sufficiently and from Norfolk Archaeological Trust who had indicated that the number of permits issues had been limited to keep a balance of use to income for the comparatively small parking area however Councillor Greenacre stated that the church triangle was being heavily used by people parking to avoid the car parking fees and this was still causing problems.

After a short discussion members formally unanimously agreed to join Belton with Browston Parish Council formulating a joint Neighbourhood Plan, it was hoped that Fritton with St Olaves would also join as the three parishes have many similar concerns (see separate article).

Members agreed a cost of living rates increase for the Parish Burial Ground fees to bring them in line with the local church diocese charges, changes effective from October 1st. Members

were saddened to hear that the Speedwatch group in the village had folded due to a shortage of volunteers, the chairman thanked Councillor Griffiths for running this and all the volunteers for giving their time in the past.

With one scheme outstanding from last year (work to tidy the grass between the village sign and nearby layby), it was agreed not to propose anything for the current year for the County Council Parish Partnership Scheme where funding is shared equally between the Parish involved and County Council. Councillor Myers reported that the Councillors' budgets for Borough Councillors (himself and Councillor Cameron) had been reduced to £750 each for the current year, he clarified that local village groups can apply however parish councils are not eligible to benefit.

A few highways matters were mentioned, still no progress on several items, however Cherry Tree Corner had been tidied, gullies had been cleaned at Stepshort and a finger post sign had been replaced. There was a request from a resident to close to vehicles, the lane that runs from Back Lane to High Road due to its narrowness and damage to properties from large vehicles being driven through, it was agreed not to support this due to its use if Back Lane is ever blocked however a request will be made for improved signage indicating its narrowness and bollards on the corners to protect property walls.

With the September meeting being held late it was agreed to cancel the October meeting meaning that the next meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Monday November 14th (7.30pm) for full details contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock, on 07948705218, e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com.

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Many, many thanks to those who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning on 28th September, Kate had organized a splendid raffle and there were from several ladies who made some delicious cakes, thank you. The total raised was an amazing £515, well done Burgh Castle.

We are now open only on Fridays until the end of December, when we will take a break for a couple of months, hoping to re-open in March. Please come along to support us, refreshments available and an enjoyable browse of our stalls, proceeds go to the maintenance of both the church and village hall.

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Fritton Bingo



It's Bingo time again at Fritton Village Hall Friday November 18th eyes down for 7.15pm all welcome for an enjoyable evening . Many thanks Roy

Fritton with St. Olaves Parish Council



There were six Parish Councillors, Borough Councillor Adrian Myers and two members of the public present at the September 29th meeting of Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council held at Fritton Village Hall, Stannas Bellaby was in the chair, the meeting commenced with a silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and a proclamation to King Charles III.

Members agreed to join with Belton with Browston and Burgh Castle Parish Councils in preparing a joint Neighbourhood plan for the three parishes, this by the narrowest of votes, decided on the casting vote of the chairman.

In planning there was an application for creation of a dyke, embankment and minor culvert at Longacre, Priory Road, St. Olaves. After an initial no comment response, the council were advised that the channel had already been cut and this was causing flooding to neighbouring gardens even in very dry weather and two councillors visited the property leading to an objection from the Parish Council., the application has subsequently been with-drawn and the clerk was asked to contact the Broads Authority for an update on what is happening next. There was also an application at Freshfields on Priory Road to convert a garage to additional living space, this received no objections subject to neighbour's comments. Two approvals reported from the Borough Council were 2 New Road, Fritton, (single story rear extension) and Fairway Lakes, Caldicott Estate (erection of four Nord Lodges for holiday use).

Councillor Myers agreed to see why the latest Decoy Public House planning permission was still undecided at the Borough Council, however concerning the same property it has been registered by the Borough Council as an asset of Community Value but the owner of The Decoy has requested a review of the decision which will result in a hearing probably in early November at which the Parish Council can be represented.

The Broads Authority have confirmed that will be in contact again over granting permission for the positioning of the proposed Jubilee bench once a site visit has taken place.

Councillor Dunn reported an incident between a member of the public and a water buffalo on the entrance track to Fritton Lake which has been confirmed by the County Council is a public right of way, the Parish Council is to ask County Councillor Annison to find out the outcome of the NCC site meeting that has taken place on the subject.

There is no update from County Highways on work on the proposed 'trod' walkway between Fritton and St Olaves, County Councillor Annison is to be asked for an update before the next Council meeting, a request for funding from Great Yarmouth BID towards the project has so far only received an acknowledgement as they are only at the 'expressions of interest' stage for the next round of funding grants. Concern was expressed about parking near the Fritton village sign as new properties are built nearby, Councillor Myers

suggested that wooden posts or bollards are needed to protect the grass.

Members were asked if a letter could be sent to Newcombe Estates to ensure that fencing is reinstated once the current logging is completed at Fritton Woods and later in the meeting it was agreed to also advise the company that motorcyclists on bikes without number plates are using areas of the forest and have been abusive to some residents.

The November meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday November 24th at St. Olaves Village Hall full details from Parish Clerk on 07899 846148, e-mail fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com. with the next meeting after that being at the end of January 2023.

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ADRIAN MYERS Borough Councillor

section 21 eviction notice because it suited them. A section 21 gives the landlord the right to give two months' notice to the tenant to leave.

The landlord does not have to give a reason. Putting these two measures together could be disastrous for those who are only able to rent. There will be considerably fewer social houses and if the landlord chooses to sell even fewer properties to rent. With rising interest rates, getting on the property ladder will for many become impossible. Another knock-on effect of a no fault eviction is that the councils will be obliged in most cases to find accommodation for the tenant, if they have children, it may mean the upheaval of a new school or childcare providers. I simply cannot understand what these policies have to do with growth and it is my view that these are ill conceived and will cause misery for many.

I note that her very good friend Kwasi Kwarteng has been sacked. He is of course the sacrificial lamb allowing Liz Truss to change her financial policies because it will be the new chancellors' ones, without taking responsibility for them.

There have been dire warnings of power cuts this winter, up to three hours worst case scenario, so it should come as some relief that Norway, who provide the UK with 77% of its gas, has as a government averted a strike by its gas and oil workers and in fact will increase its supply of gas to the UK to the tune of supplying an extra 550,000 homes.

As always, I write at least a couple of weeks before publication, so all the details are correct at the time of writing.

Cllr. Adrian Myers Independent
Lothingland.

As I write for this month's Village Voice, I am aware that the current government under Liz Truss in line with her policy of growth, is considering changing the planning laws. This will include removing the requirement of developers to provide a percentage of the build as social housing. Another measure being considered is the abandonment of the cancellation of the no fault policy for tenants and landlords regarding eviction. The policy due to come into effect next year would have meant that landlords could no longer simply evoke a

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Natalie Christie, Burgh Castle

Beautiful sunset at Fisherman's Inn Burgh Castle

Justin Ellis, Belton

Mouse in feeding tray, Belton

Ben O'Carroll of Bradwell

Horses on the Marshes, Breydon Water



BELTON PICKERS *Cleaning up our village*

With many extra hands it was our biggest collection yet with a grand litter weight of 25.2kg!

I am in the process of organising more support and equipment for our collections with fundraising and

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I have now also started a litter picking



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light work of the amount of litter in our village, I would love more people to join me in the fight to clean up the area.

We meet the last Sunday of every month, the next one is Sunday 27th November 2-4pm meeting outside Tesco Express and we would love as many people to attend as possible!

Thank you. Faye-Marie Aged 9

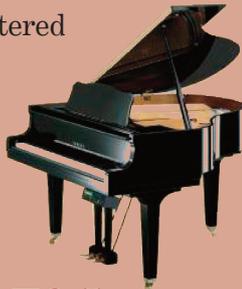


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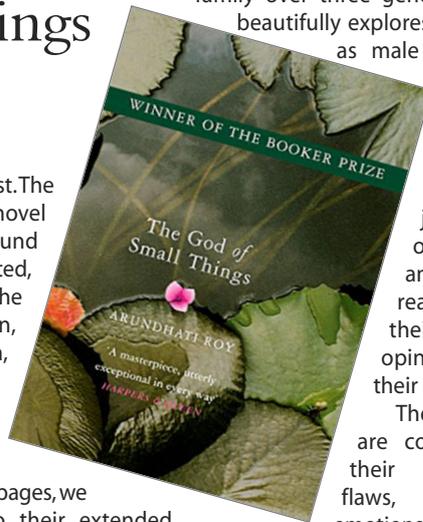
The God of Small Things

by Arundhati Roy

Reviewed by Elizabeth Patteril

Arundhati Roy writes an intriguing story in her debut novel, *The God of Small Things*. After training as an architect, Roy wrote her first book which went on to win the Booker Prize in 1997. Described as "A mesmerising masterpiece, utterly exceptional", the novel exceeds expectations. Delving into a luscious setting of "...bright mangoes in still, dustgreen trees", we are introduced to an affluent Syrian Christian family in the heart of rural Kerala, a sliver of

India's western coast. The core of this novel revolves around Ammu, a free spirited, troubled mother. She has twin children, Rahel and Estha, who witness and experience loss, love and everything in between. Over the pages, we are introduced to their extended

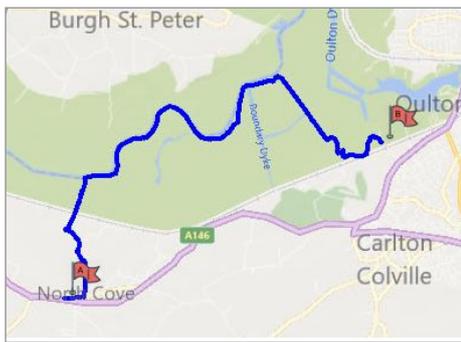


family over three generations. Roy beautifully explores topics such as male chauvinism, casteism and forbidden love without judgement or comment and allows reader to form their own opinions within their imagination. The characters are complex with their prejudices, flaws, and vivid emotions. Roy portrays

her characters in such a relatable way. Her play on language keeps you hooked throughout. With rich metaphors and similes, you feel you are in Kerala, present with the characters. For most of the novel, Roy narrates through how the twins view the world. There is an omnipresent theme of innocence and the loss of it. As the title suggests, the novel illustrates the small things that cumulatively impact you for the rest of your life. Both a stunning and heart-breaking story, the ending has stuck with me in a way no other book has before. This is surely a book I will buy in hardback to keep on my bookshelf. ***The God of Small Things* is published by Harper Collins and available on paperback from £8.49**

Men's Church Walk

On a wonderful autumn morning in October five of us set out and travelled to Carlton



Marshes where we left one car there. We then took the second car to North Cove and parked by the Three Horse Shoes. The walk then started through North Cove over the Beccles to Lowestoft railway line and onto the river Waveney bank. We then followed this back to Carlton Marshes visitor centre. There were several birds of prey flying over the marsh. Buzzards, Kestrels and Sparrow Hawk. We also saw a Chinese Water Deer running across the marsh. We walked a total of 6.2 miles/ We collected the car and returned to North Cove where a welcome refreshment drink was taken at The Three Horse Shoes before returning to Belton.

Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth

by Wole Soyinka

Reviewed by Ayomipo J Amiola

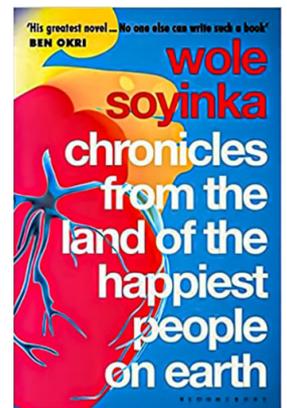
Wole Soyinka is Africa's first Nobel Laureate in Literature and *Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth* is his third novel published in 2021. Set in an imaginary Nigeria, Soyinka's birth country, it explores the themes of greed, abuse, corruption, and religion using a splendid combination of masterful storytelling, humour, exaggeration, and satire. Soyinka known worldwide for his political activism as well as his literary genius brings together in this book all his creative and didactic talents.

Starting with Papa Davina, a religious charlatan whose all-purpose spiritual ministry, Ekumenika is a humorous parody of syncretistic Nigerian Pentecostalism and a front for his corrupt practices ranging from rape to money laundering, the story follows the lives of four friends, self-styled "The Gong o' Four" - Badetona (The Scoffer), Dr Kighare Menka (award winning surgeon), Duyole Pitan-Payne (engineer per excellence) and Farodion (whose identity remains shrouded till the last pages of the book). It explores life in a country of unhappy people led by corrupt politicians committed to proving how happy everyone is!

After Badetona had lapsed into some form of dementing illness following torture by the government security forces, two members of the Gong O' Four, Duyole, Yoruba royal and UN representative and Menka, eminent surgeon found themselves entangled in a sordid underground business trading in human body parts. In their attempt to unravel the players involved in this business, Duyole's study was bombed by none-other than his own son, a rising star in the "Human Resources" business in a plan masterminded by the government and Papa Davina who at last we discover to be Farodion!

The story takes some time in getting into and may be somewhat inaccessible for Non-Nigerians who may lack the awareness of Nigeria's socio-political climate, a necessary ingredient to understand Soyinka's biting sarcasm. Yet, it introduces one to celebratory Nigeria, some aspects of Yoruba culture and tradition. Overall, it is Soyinka at his best deploying humour, intrigue and cynicism in lampooning Nigeria's political elite and the superstitious followership using a style of writing only a literary genius can achieve.

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Rev Rosie Writes



The month of November, for me, is the month of remembering.

It begins with All Saints Day (1st) and then All Souls Day (2nd) followed rather quickly by Guy Fawkes and Fireworks and "Remember, Remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot."

The church in Belton is dedicated to All Saints so the month begins with a celebration and a remembering of all the saints from the past that are an inspiration for the current generation and teach us what it means to be human and a follower of Jesus in the world today.

All Souls Day is a day that gives us opportunity to remember with thanksgiving before God people we have known and loved, who gave us life and nurtured us in the faith. It is a day when we can remember our own departed, rather than the heroes of the faith, and in which we can acknowledge our own grief and fragility. For many of us, remembering the loss of our loved ones is a daily event, and it may seem strange to have a day set apart for that purpose in the church calendar, however, it is meant to be helpful for healing, and an opportunity to honour those we have loved and lost in perhaps a more formal way.

For many, the 5th of November is a nuisance, which upsets our pets with all the crashes, screaming and bangs of the fireworks being let off. However, it is a day when we remember the history of our nation, that a conspiracy to destroy the Houses of Parliament, King James I and the

government of the day did not succeed. The people of London were so relieved that this attempt was not successful they lit bonfires across the City of London in celebration.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the **11th November**, marks the day and time when World War I ended, and is an even more significant day in our nation's history. On that day, and on the Sunday nearest to it (this year Sunday 13th November) we remember with gratitude the men and women who have fought for our nation in the two World Wars, the Falklands War, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the human cost of war, and the lives lost by service men and women involved in the UN peace keeping forces; we hear the familiar words spoken ...

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

(Laurence Binyon)

This year the pupils of Moorlands Academy will come to church on Friday 11th November for their act of remembrance. On Sunday 13th, the congregation of All Saints will be joined by the Belton Scout Group for the Family Remembrance Service at 10.30am and Burgh Castle will have a traditional Remembrance Sunday Service at 3.30pm.

Remembering is such an important part of our lives. As we get older many of us become more forgetful, and find it more difficult to remember names; we may suffer from short-term memory loss. It's easy to worry that this

might be an early sign of dementia or Alzheimer's disease, but there can be many other reasons for this.

Remembering plays a huge part in who we are; our identity. Our surname tells us and others which family we belong to. The school, college or university we might attend, or groups that we belong to such as Scouts or Guides, builds our identity. Similarly, belonging to a church is part of our identity.

For Christians, belonging to God and finding our identity in Jesus Christ is perhaps the most important. We saw this in the faith expressed by the late Queen Elizabeth II, and her confidence in entrusting her whole life to Him, having believed in Jesus; finding and developing for herself a relationship with the living God. The Bible tells us that God remembers us by name, he knows the number of hairs on our head, and he loves us.

The Bible reminds us to be thankful for those who serve us, and those who enable us to live in freedom. The service men and women of the First and Second World Wars certainly did that in that past, and we must be grateful for that, now and in the future. There are different symbols that we use to help us remember: a knotted handkerchief – as a reminder to do something; a wedding ring for marriage vows; a cross for Jesus; a memorial stone for a loved one who has died; a rainbow for God's promise; a poppy for Remembrance Day. Whatever and whoever we choose to remember, let's do it with thankfulness.

Rev Rosie Bunn

Pooch Corner



PICA IN DOGS: HOW TO IDENTIFY AND TREAT IT

By Katey Aldred

MSc, FdSc, RVN, APDT (01204), CBATI, PPG

Dogs can do funny things sometimes. We see dogs munching on grass, tearing apart sticks, and playing with rocks. Most of us don't realize that some habits can signify a condition. This is especially true when our pups struggle to eat their normal kibble. Suddenly it seems something may be wrong.

Dogs become family members, and when something is off, it can be unsettling since there is no direct line of communication. Naturally, as owners, we want to make it better when we see them feeling ill. One of these phenomena that can be puzzling is caused by PICA. It's important to identify this and find a way to treat it.

We are here to help with that.

What is PICA?

PICA refers to when an animal starts consuming non-edible foods that bring no nutritional substance to them. This can be on a very large

scale, from harmful consumption to less dangerous consumption. PICA has many forms, and one of the most common in dogs is called Coprophagy. This is when dogs engage in eating faeces.

What does PICA look like?

Besides dogs eating faeces, you may find your puppy eating other things. Sometimes while we try to stop them, we just let them continue munching on plastic toys because it's a dog thing. But it's not just a dog thing. The veterinary specialist at Bond Vet says, "Intestinal blockages are very serious, even life-threatening. A dog with a full intestinal blockage can't keep down food or water (they usually have severe vomiting and become dehydrated), and damage to the intestines may result in shock or intestinal rupture."

Here are common forms of PICA eating.

Grass, Wood, Plastic, Rocks, Toys

While these are the most common, the list can go on to nearly anything. The cause for them doing this can be an underlying issue or, if not, at the minimum, cause one. Let's talk about some of the side effects of these habits.

Grass, Wood, Plastic, Rocks, Toys

Effects of PICA

One of the most common effects of PICA is that it is harsh on the dog's digestive tract. It can cause several things like vomiting and diarrhoea. It can also cause changes to their diet preferences, such as loss of appetite. You may notice that they are lethargic or even constipated.

When these effects continue, the dog can find themselves in an emergency with the possibility of surgery or an endoscopy to fix the situation. These negative consequences make us wonder why our pups would do this in the first place.

Why Does PICA Occur?

The answer is broad, with many possibilities. Sometimes it's as simple as a behaviour issue. If an owner repeatedly takes away a toy from a puppy, they may not want to lose it. The learned behaviour then simply becomes to eat it. This is one avenue.

Other possible attributes are:

Dogs become bored, especially if they are neglected, and may have a curiosity to eat other things, such as grass (that can be treated chemically)

They may have learned the behaviour from other dogs, such as chewing on sticks and wood.

Dogs have been known to eat stool in cases of an accident out of fear of being punished for the behaviour. It's called eliminated evidence in this situation.

Diseases related to pancreatitis, liver, anaemia, and so on can cause irregular or excessive appetite leading to PICA.

Medication for neurological or physical diseases also can cause PICA.

What can you do to treat PICA?

To find out more head over to the blog to read the rest of the article:

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Paget launches brand new £300,000 mobile cancer care unit



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A brand new, £300,000 mobile cancer care unit has hit the road following a successful trial by James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The unit, which has been given the name Jewel, will allow patients across Great Yarmouth and Waveney to receive cancer treatment closer to their homes, removing the need to travel long distances to hospital. Jewel has been provided by charity Hope for Tomorrow, which builds and provides mobile cancer care units to NHS trusts, and has been funded entirely through a generous donation from



global biopharmaceutical company Bristol Myers Squibb.

The Trust has been trialling a mobile cancer care unit for just over a year. Rather than patients having to drive to the hospital in Gorleston-on-Sea, the unit parks up in Morrisons and Tesco supermarket car parks in Beccles, Bradwell, Caister and Pakefield. This allows it to provide cancer treatment directly in local communities, saving patients time and money on treatment, which often lasts for several months and sometimes years. Inside, the units are just like hospital treatment rooms, with four treatment chairs, chemotherapy pump stands, and a medical grade fridge. They are equipped with air conditioning and a cooling and heating system for patient comfort, as well as a toilet and kitchen.

Among the patients currently receiving treatment on the unit is Jackie Sullivan, 75, from Bradwell. She said, "The unit is brilliant. It's so convenient - there is no need to travel all the way to the hospital, as the mobile clinic visits the car park at my local supermarket just a short drive from my home.

"It's really comfortable inside and really peaceful and relaxing, which is just what you want when you are having treatment, and the staff are so friendly. We are really lucky to have this type of facility available to cancer patients in our local community."

Up to 20 patients can be treated on a unit every day.

Maureen Seaman, aged 79, from Worlingham, has also received treatment on board the unit, during its visits to the Morrisons supermarket in Beccles - saving her a 30-mile round trip to the hospital.

"It's so convenient - just five to 10 minutes down the road. It's very cosy and comfy on board and I always get a warm welcome from the staff, who are fantastic," she said.

Between April 21 and March 22 James Paget provided 689 treatments for 186 patients and in the first three months of this year they have already provided 416 treatments to 103 patients. This successful trial led to the trust taking delivery of Jewel, which it will use to provide cancer care directly in local communities for at least the next three years. The vehicles generally have a lifespan of 10 years before they are replaced.

James Paget University Hospital Chief Executive Joanne Segasby said: "We are delighted to be working with Hope for Tomorrow on this excellent initiative, which really enhances the service we offer our patients. The Mobile Cancer Care Unit has made such a difference to patients over the last year and their feedback about the service has been overwhelmingly positive. So it is great news that we now have a brand new unit to continue taking cancer treatment to our communities. It means that patients don't have to travel to the hospital but can receive treatment closer to home from our team in a relaxing environment - and, in addition, it helps free-up capacity for other patients at the Sandra Chapman Centre, our cancer treatment department on the hospital site."

Tina Seymour, chief executive of Hope for Tomorrow, said: "We have been working closely with the NHS trusts in Norfolk to enable them to provide cancer care closer to their patients and are delighted that we have been able to help James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust bring cancer care closer to its communities. At a stressful time in their lives, patients and their families really value the combination of the great service they receive from NHS staff and the convenience provided by our mobile treatment units. With spiralling living costs and a backlog in cancer care, this unit will make a big difference to cancer patients in the area."

Scott Cooke, General Manager of UK and Ireland at Bristol Myers Squibb, added, "We're really proud to have supported Hope for Tomorrow and James Paget by providing them with this funding. We recognise how



the mobile units are in delivering cancer treatment to areas that need it most. BMS remains dedicated to supporting the NHS in its COVID-19 recovery, and this mobile care unit will make a real difference to thousands of people's lives."

Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust also has a mobile cancer care unit, which provides treatment in Attleborough, Beccles, Dereham and Fakenham. The introduction of Jewel by James Paget means that the Norfolk and Suffolk populations now have access to the largest number of mobile cancer care treatment locations in the country.

The new vehicle was named Jewel, by Bristol Myers Squibb staff, in recognition of researcher Jewel Plumber Cobb PhD, who advanced the understanding of skin cancer and spearheaded the advancement of women and minorities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

It costs £212 a day to keep Jewel on the road - for more information or to donate online, visit <https://hopefortomorrow.org.uk/donate/>

Down the Garden Path

Elizabeth Myhill

I thought I would try and explain a little about F1 when it applies to many of our bedding, vegetable and ornamental plants and why saving seeds from F1 plants is not rewarding or advisable. F1 is displayed sometimes on the seed packets, or on the plant label and it simply means the process of increasing and improving the number of plants of a particular species or cultivar.

Somewhere, in laboratories, there are hundreds of little (or larger) scientists all busy working away at trying to improve many of our range of bedding and vegetable plants. Producing healthy F1 hybrids requires the use of parent plants that descend from pure lines which consistently self-pollinate to produce one or more desired traits. Creating pure lines for an F1 hybrid can take as much as 7 or 8 years! After horticulturists establish two pure lines and cross-pollinate them, the female plants will bear F1 hybrid seeds/plants.

The reason horticulturalists go to all this trouble is to produce hybrid seed/plants that will have benefits for gardeners. Generally speaking, these plants exhibit "hybrid vigor". They may have higher seedling survival rates, may develop earlier flowers, may produce more colours and



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Once again we are heading towards the winter and most of us don't like the night's drawing in and the shorter days. It is a time for hibernation and regeneration to gather our strength for the winter and year ahead. Coming to our Monday morning exercise group can help banish any blues you may feel and start your day and week. It's not just our group that does that but any activity or means of getting you out can help meet people and be in the fresh air, then when you get home again you feel as if you have done something with your day.

Maintenance of muscle mass and movement is vital over the wintertime. If you would like to join our group then please contact Sallyann and let her know. We are open on Mondays 10.00am for a 10.15 start am till 11.00am.

At Belton the November dates are planned for Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. During December we are running classes on the 5th and 12th being the last session before Christmas. This is when we will have our end of year get together.

If you miss Monday's class or you want two sessions a week! Sallyann has taken over Rachael Lacys class at Age- Connected, Acorn Centre Regent Road. Great Yarmouth on Fridays mornings at 10 / 10.15 am start. Cost is £5.00. You can turn up and pay on the door. There is normally a membership at this centre, but it has been waived temporarily. The Friday classes will run every Friday in school term and the last session will be Friday 16th 2022.

If you would like Sallyann to work with you on a Personal trainer basis! Maybe you have an operation pending or you have had an operation recently and need help to do gentle exercise. Sallyann can visit you at home or you can meet her at a private studio near Tesco Great Yarmouth. Sallyann is a specialist instructor and can legally work with older people and those who have health conditions. She has specialist qualifications for Cancer and Pulmonary rehabilitation and has 12 years of experience; 7years were for ECCH as an Exercise Referral instructor. Sallyann also has a Nordic Walking instructor qualification and poles available should you want to learn to Nordic Walk privately.

If you would like to know more about any of the above, then please contact Sallyann. Times & dates are correct at the time of writing this article. Sallyann@up4fitness can be found by email up4fitness@gmail.com Text or ring on Mobile 07599044806 or Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Belton Judo club latest update for November

We have some great news to share with everyone this month! Our assistant coach, Ryan King, went to a Competitive Dan grading at the weekend and successfully beat 5 fighters by ippon who were all older and heavier (3 in a line-up, one after the other without any rest) to gain his BLACK BELT. This achievement is all the more amazing considering he is only 16 years of age and over 20 kilograms lighter than one of his opponents! Our Judo club will now benefit by having a second black belt coach with considerable National and International experience with the ability to mentor any of our members wishing to progress further.



We believe that the continuing success of our Judo club, DOMINIC KING JUDO & MMA ACADEMY, is mainly down to the fact that each and every member feels SPECIAL! From the moment they walk through the door, everyone is welcomed and put at ease. From day one each member is made to feel important and included and Dominic will never forget a name. The majority of our members are happy to come along to train and have fun but each individual is free to choose to grade and/or compete.

A good example of our members choosing their own levels is a 75 year old lady going for her black belt, who started at the age of 70. After bringing her grandson to our club, she thought that she would like to give Judo a try but as she had been refused entry to other clubs because of her age, she expected the same response from Dominic. When she asked if she could join, after checking that she was in good general health, she was delighted when Dominic said he was happy for her to join. She often says it was the best decision she ever made and continues to look younger and fitter each year.

This coming year, we are hoping to recruit many new members. We are currently offering club t-shirts, hoodies and judo suits to existing members who encourage their friends to join too. We have spaces for any beginners who wish to join and the first two sessions are FREE OF CHARGE. Our youngest member is currently 4 years old, but we usually judge each child on their maturity as opposed to their age. At the other end of the scale there is no age limit – if you believe you are fit enough then give it a go! (as seen in the example above). We train at Belton on Tuesday evenings, but if this isn't convenient, we have sessions at various venues throughout the week.

TIMETABLE: TUESDAY: BELTON NEW RD (NR31 9JW)
 4.45pm-5.30pm - Judo for younger children (fundamentals/fun)
 5.30pm-6.30pm - Judo for older children and adults (technique/theory/randori)
 Anyone wanting further details of any future sessions can contact Dominic on 07977 432756 or email on dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk or contact him via Instagram, Facebook or WhatsApp



1st Belton Scout Group

We would be grateful to receive book donations for our sales.
 They can either be dropped at 6 Station Road North, Belton or telephone 01493 780965

Beavers

The Beavers have had a very busy September with 6 beavers starting their link to cubs. We also have had 6 new beavers join us. We had an indoor sleepover with a theme of food. The beavers made fruit kababs and made bread rolls from scratch. The Beavers told us of their memories of the Queen in a reflection.



We have tried to use the outdoors in September. The beavers have collected wood so they could cook a sausage on the stick and done a scavenger hunt finding things in Autumn. We dug up the onions we planned at the beginning summer as only 3 survived the summer and a discussion was held re drought conditions and what might grow better.

There is 1 space 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 have started the term learning and respecting the Queen and her unfortunate passing. The Cubs did some work on what the Queen was to

Scouting and reaffirming their promise to the King. We then spent 3 weeks looking at team building activities based around the Wiltshire trophy (this is a District run activity which tests basis Scouting skills). These included cub scouting skills such as map reading, knots, scouting history and tracking.

We have invested 5 Beavers into Cubs after their 4 weeks moving up and will soon be sending 1 to Scouts followed by 3 more soon.

We competed in the Wiltshire Trophy placing 4th and have held our sixer and seconder day forming 4 sixers in the process. The Cubs all did great and now know new skills such as how to run grand howl at the start of the meeting and how to raise and lower the flag. They also now know what is expected of them as a sixer and seconder. If you have a young person between 8 to 10 years old both boys and girls who would like to come and join the fun, please contact Peter (Akela) 07900 494344 or email peterclarke222.pc@gmail.com for more information. We play games, learn about the world, learn scouting skills like pioneering and building fires as well as camps and much more.



Scouts

The Scouts started the term with an overnight cake with homemade pizza and flap jacks. They discussed some of the things they would like to do this term. Then it rained and rained in the morning so all the canvas had to dry in the HQ which took nearly a week, but we still had some fun. They had a night of games and have had a go at problems solving and had an evening making pancakes.



They had a reflection and shared their memories of the Queen.

There are places at Scouts (10 years to 14 years) please contact Gov below. Would you be interested in helping to support the Scout section, you don't need to help every week just when every 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 or email john.clarke33@btinternet.com

Group: Scout Group AGM

The Scout Group celebrated their scouting year at our AGM. We have a new chairperson and out treasurer agreed to remain. Lucy was presented with 5-year service award. Andrew and Kelly were presented with 10-year service award. Congratulations to Peter (Akela) who was presented with a medal of merit for service to Scouts by Bear Grylls "Chief Scout". Everything was presented by Michelle our district commissioner.

Paper Collection next on Saturday 5th November 2022 please have your paper outside property by 8am (please note the change in start time this will be permanent) in Belton ready for collection, or can be dropped at 6 Station Rd North, Belton any time. We also collect leaflets, cardboard boxes, any clean cardboard. December's collection Saturday December 3rd 2022

Coffee Morning at the JGI, Station Rd South, Belton, Saturday 5th November 2022 10am to 11.30am, we have been invited to bring along our Bri-a-brac sale.

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Ormiston Venture Academy supports Macmillan Cancer Support with coffee and cake sale



Ormiston Venture Academy, which is part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), welcomed their community for an exciting bake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. During the day, hundreds of cakes were made and brought into the academy for a bake

sale which took place during break time. The event had been organised by the Union of Venture Students, who decided that because this was a cause close to their hearts, they wanted to raise awareness of the outstanding work and support the charity offers. The academy also opened up for those in the community to join staff members and students at the end of the day for coffee and cake in the Learning Resource Centre, where they were treated to some of the finest cakes available – including extra special home baked brownies. Everyone at Ormiston Venture Academy is incredibly grateful to all of the students and their families who donated cakes for the event and were very proud to raise over a hundred pounds that will go towards supporting an important cause.



Ian McNally, Assistant Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"It was fantastic to see our students, staff and community join together for such an incredible charity that means so much to so many. The effort and commitment our community has gone to providing and baking cakes is tremendous, and we thank them dearly."



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EN awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag

Staff and students at East Norfolk Sixth Form College have earned an international accreditation, recognising their amazing work in making their college more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow students.



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The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics of Energy, Waste, Healthy Living.

Activities included implementing new recycling bins across site, taking parts in the beach litter clean up, attending a sustainability conference with other schools sharing best practice around sustainability in education. In addition, all curriculum areas integrated a sustainable topic into their lessons during the academic year.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. The students should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet."

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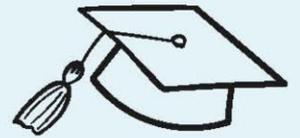
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Trustees

We hope all groups who use the Hall will find the reduction in hire fees a help. We try to keep costs down as much as we can and through tight control over our energy costs we felt we could do this for the coming 12 months.

Also all health and safety notices at the Hall have been updated including the evacuation procedure if ever it was required. We know several groups keep a record of who attends each week but it is an essential item if ever a roll call was necessary.

We ask again for volunteers to join the Trustees and help with the running of the Hall on a day to day bases. Contact any Trustee for more details.

There will be a Saturday coffee morning on November 5th between 10am and noon with the Scouts stall and hopefully some craft items.

Wednesday Morning Drop In

Recently in conjunction with DIAL we had a visit from an Anglian Water representative from which many who attended have got a reduction in their water charges. A representative from DIAL comes in every 2nd Wednesday of the month. If we can help in other ways come along and discuss problems and we will do what we can to help. We are at the Hall every Wednesday morning between 10.30am and noon. For more details contact Sue on 780822



The next evening is on Friday November 25th and then the Christmas Quiz Night on Friday December 23rd. Come and support us and have a great evening. Starts

at 7.30pm, £5 per team up to 4. Great fun with great prizes.

WARM SPACE AT JGI

We are pleased to join with the Parish Council to provide a "Warm Space" for the community at the JGI. This will be on a Saturday between 9.30am and 3.30pm from November 26th. Times might change when more understanding of the need is known. This will be a warm hall for anyone who finds heating difficult at home and would like a few hours in true warmth. Seating and tables to work on will be available. There will be hot drinks and biscuits available. You can also bring your own food if you are staying over the lunch period. These could be heated in a microwave if required. Remember Wifi is available in the the hall as well as a large collection of books to read and some games to play. People can bring their children and own entertainment as long as it is not noisy and hence disturb others. Headphones with online games or music to listen to would be essential.

This is a new venture working with the Parish Council and the format could change with time. Anyone who feels they can give a bit of time to help will be made very welcome. Please contact any Trustee for further information.

If this venture is supported in the community and shown to be needed between the start date and Christmas it will continue over the winter period into next year.

Watch this space for future up dates in the next Village Voice

WARM SPACE AVAILABLE WITH BELTON CRAFTERS

The Belton Crafters meet at the hall every Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30. We are offering part of the hall for anyone to come along for warmth and a cup of tea/coffee, hot chocolate and a biscuit at the same time as our crafter's gathering. Bring a book or a game or a tablet with headphones as Wifi is available in the hall. You don't need to join in with our crafting. Just come along for company or peace (although peace can't be guaranteed!).

Linda

Contacts for Clubs and Groups at the JGI

To book the JGI Hall call Geoff or Shelia Evenden on 01493 298164

MONDAY

10.15 – 11.45 am	Yoga	Julie	780121
2.00 – 16.00 pm	Short Mat Bowls	Mike	07754 503666
7.30 – 9.30 pm	Bingo	Toni	780748
		Hazel	781916

TUESDAY

10.30 – 12.30	Belton Crafters	Linda	07721 599559
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Over 60's	Ann	780443
		Rose	780784
6.45 – 8.30 pm	Belton Guides	Louise	07826 919517

WEDNESDAY

10.30 – 12.00 am	Drop-In	Sue	780822
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Art	Jan	488683
5.00 – 9.00 pm	Slimming World	Debra	07551 975800

THURSDAY

10.30 – 12.00 am	Line Dancing	Jane	07788 408801
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Bookworms	Hayley	07804 608369
7.00 – 9.00 pm	Belton Crafters	Linda	07721 599559

FRIDAY

10.30 – 12.00 am	Line Dancing	Jane	07788 408801
2.00 – 4.00 pm	Belton Ladies	Lin	782224
(Every third Friday of each month)			
2.00 – 3.49pm	Camera Club (First Friday of each month)		
7.30 – 9.00 pm	Belton Singers	Mick	07795 422420
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Greater Anglia's latest figures for performance as at 30/9/2022 looks good with punctuality averaging 91.5%. An office of 'Rail and Road' report on national rail performance for April-June, 2022 showed that Greater Anglia achieved some of the best performances under the new "On Time" measure, which records performance at every single station served by a train, not just its destination. The "On Time" figures show that 87.4% of Greater Anglia trains arrived "On Time" during this period, up 0.9% on the same period last year. They also improved reliability with fewer cancellations, down by 1.5% on the previous year. Nationally only the Elizabeth Line recorded better punctuality than Greater Anglia and only Chiltern Railways did better for reliability. Greater Anglia state that they are fully focused on keeping up these high levels of performance.

With regards to industrial action on the railway, at the time of writing no strike dates have been identified for November, but if the dispute is not settled there is likely to be further days of industrial action. It is important to remember that Greater Anglia are only able to operate 10% of services on strike days and these will be concentrated on the Norwich/Colchester to London, Southend to London and Stansted Airport to London services, but for an extremely limited service and for reduced hours compared to normal.

There will be no services on local lines between Norwich and Cambridge/Stansted Airport, Sheringham, Lowestoft and Gt. Yarmouth or between Ipswich and Cambridge, Peterborough, Felixstowe and Lowestoft. There will be no rail replacement buses on strike days. Passengers who have bought tickets for use on strike days can use them on trains either the day before or two days after the strike day, or they can change their tickets to a different date or get a refund. For more information go to www.greateranglia.co.uk

There are some changes afoot to the local First Eastern Counties bus fleet which means we shall see the last ALX 400 buses in corporate livery withdrawn (the last Volvo President has already gone) in their place we are

expecting 9 refurbished Volvo Geminis ex 'Go Ahead' but acquired from Ensign buses in Essex. Also on our local streets for a temporary period are 3 ex 'Ipswich Reds' double-deckers. This is all very good but it would be nice to see some brand new buses in our area.

Passengers by now have become acquainted with the revised bus times (published in October Issue of Village Voice) and introduced by First Eastern Counties as a result of the numerous roadworks and closure of Gorleston High Street. First Eastern Counties state that the revised timetable is temporary and will be in place for 2 months. ENTUA will be monitoring this situation in the hope that the timetables will return to normal once the roadworks in Gorleston High Road and those connected to the third river crossing is complete.

Talking to some local residents recently it appears that some bus services here and there are being missed out. If you experience a cancelled bus it would be useful for us to have the details so we can register the number of occasions with First Eastern Counties.

ENTUA are still working with First Eastern Counties and Norfolk County Council on a solution for a bus link between Belton and Lynn Grove Academy and Millwood Surgery and our next meeting is planned for the end of October. Nothing moves fast in these situations and we are mindful that the Council and operators are keen to safeguard existing services before setting up new services. However Norfolk County Council were awarded £49 million by the Government to use for their bus improvement programme and we are hopeful that some of this finance can be used to fund some of the proposals we have put forward.

ENTUA always welcomes new members, all we ask is for a minimum annual donation of £5.00 to help us cover the cost 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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Sunday 6th November 2022

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Morning Celebration – Café Style

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton IN CHURCH and on-line on Amazon Chime & Facebook Live

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday Service with Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Evening Remembrance Service

3.30pm St Peter & St Paul Church

Evening Worship Celebration

6.30pm All Saints Church Belton

Sunday 20th November

Holy Communion

9.30am St Peter & St Paul Church

Morning Celebration

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Messy Muddy Church – Preparing for Advent

4-5.30pm in The Rectory Garden and the stables, including a Campfire

Sunday 27th November – Advent Sunday

Morning Prayer

9.30am St Peter & St Paul Burgh Castle

Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Sunday 4th December 2022 – Advent 2

Holy Communion

9.30am St Peter & St Paul Church

Morning Celebration – Café Style

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

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