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From the Editor's Desk

Professor Regi Alexander

As 2022 draws to a close, my warm wishes in advance for a very happy Christmas. I wanted to highlight three key points in this brief note. Firstly, as many of you know your Village Voice is put together and distributed by volunteers and that pool does need replenishing and refreshing from time to time. The board is keen for three more people to join us and please consider if you could be one of those (see page 17). At the end of a year that has been financially challenging for this magazine, as much as it has been for many of you, we are still pleased to be able to issue a call for small grant applications from local clubs and organisations to help support your activities (see page 20). Finally, responding to several requests, the deadline for the Jubilee 2022 Village Voice Writing Competition is being extended to 31 January 2023 and I shall look forward to reading even more of your entries (see page 20).

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Letters to the EDITOR

Is our money well spent?

During November the grass areas were cut again around Belton but many of the footpaths were left covered in grass which with rain made them a hazard rather than a safe walk way. Very little effort is required to leave the paths clear. Perhaps it is not in the contract to leave things tidy?



Also it is amazing just how many signs are used to undertake some road works? As seen in this photo in Station Road there were 5 within 20 metres on the North side and 7 signs on the South side of the works plus traffic lights. These have been in place in excess of two weeks at time of writing. There seem to be no control on contractors who dig the road up to keep the disruption to a minimum.



Any other comments from readers would be welcomed.
Bill Richmond

Dear Editor,

I wonder if there would be much support for the installation of a bench or two in the riverside area? Now we are heading into winter and the ground is wet and muddy there is nowhere to sit and admire our view over the marshes from our waterside footpath. After walking to the river, I'd like to stop, look and listen to what's happening in the wild, for a while, but without a bench to sit, relax and recover on, the return home comes too soon. I'd like to stop for a while. The circular walk around Belton, back to Burgh Castle passes two pubs, or three if the Queen's Head is on your route, which is marvellous, but now that the footpath is reopened after extensive works to restore the moorings, it seems a shame that no benches were put in there, or elsewhere along our riverside for villagers and tourists to enjoy. Perhaps we could find out who'd support the idea and how we go about installing one or two. Look how many there are on Gorleston promenade. Let's have some here, too.

Best regards, Charles Shelbourne, Marian, Butt Lane





Refuse/Recycling Collections over Christmas and New Year

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	REVISED COLLECTION DAY
Monday 26th Dec	Saturday 24th Dec
Tuesday 27th Dec	Wednesday 28th Dec
Wednesday 28th Dec	Thursday 29th Dec
Thursday 29th Dec	Friday 30th Dec
Friday 30th Dec	Saturday 31st Dec
2023	
Monday 2nd Jan	Tuesday 3rd Jan
Tuesday 3rd Jan	Wednesday 4th Jan
Wednesday 4th Jan	Thursday 5th Jan
Thursday 5th Jan	Friday 6th Jan
Friday 6th Jan	Saturday 7th Jan

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Your Parish Council Reports

Belton with Browston Parish Council



This month's meeting of Belton with Browston Parish Council was held on November 1st with eleven Parish Councillors present along with Borough Councillor Adrian Myers, one member of the public and the Parish Clerk Kate Rudock, Ken Botwright chaired the meeting.

In planning matters members agreed to object to a change of use from private to public use for the swimming pool at The Pastures, Cherry Lane, Browston, this is the third time that the council has objected to similar proposals for the same property. It was agreed not to object to the felling of some trees at Belton Rectory as these had been found to be in 'heavy decline' when inspected.

The New Road Centre 'Warm Hub' had not been used at the time of the meeting as the weather had been very mild for the time of year. Borough Councillor Myers reported that further funding to support certain residents in financial difficulties was available from the Brough Council although it had to be claimed by November 13th.

Members agreed to run the parishes 'Citizen of the Year' award again, on similar lines as previously with a closing date of January 31st. (see separate article).

Members discussed funding of the council for 2023/24 and agreed an increase of 22% is needed in the precept (the amount paid for by village residents as part of their Council Tax). This is needed due to

generally increasing costs and a huge increase in heating costs at the New Road Centre as the current supply contract had expired as added to the general price increases that everyone is suffering for fuel.

There was no good news from Paul Sellick, the County highways engineer, on all outstanding issues. He cited lack of funding as the reason for no action taking place, especially the request for a mini-roundabout at Belton Cross Roads which would cost in the region of £1 million, Back Lane (between Belton and Fritton), here he said that further clearance and opening up of the 'soft road' could encourage traffic use which would detract from the pedestrian/trails use. There was also, amongst other items, no chance of white lines being installed at Rectory Corner, Belton as the relatively strict government criteria had to be adhered to. Mr Sellick also detailed the frequency of drain clearances which depending on the type of roads are scheduled for either every one, two or three years.

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesday December 6th (7.30pm), details from the Parish Clerk, Kate Rudock on 01493 602960 or email beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk. At the meeting it was decided that due to the New Year holiday the January meeting will be delayed one week to Tuesday January 10th 2023.



Belton with Browston Parish Council are inviting nominations for the Citizen of the Year 2022 award which will be presented in the Spring of next year.

To make a nomination send the person's name and address together with the specific details of your nomination. This can be for help and assistance to an individual or with a group or organisation based in the Parish, to Kate Rudock, Parish Clerk, Belton with Browston Parish Council, 56 Victoria Road, Gorleston, Gt. Yarmouth, NR31 6EF, e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk by Tuesday January 31st 2023.

As previously there will be one award and as well as being open to residents of Belton with Browston it will be available to non-residents of the parish provided the work for which that person is nominated is within the Parish. Anybody who has received an award covering the previous two years will not be eligible this time round. Nominations can be for more than one person for the same service/good deed. (Parish Councillors cannot be nominated for the award).



Do you want a really Christmassy moment as the big day approaches Since the internet and online shopping the town has lost its Christmas vibe. Those walk abouts in town with its busy bustling last-minute shopping has all finished now, so make a date to come along to the Belton singers Christmas festival of Songs and Carols, from A white Christmas, Frosty The Snowman, to Jingle Bells. Mince pies, and hot drinks can all be found at All Saints Church, Belton on Thursday the 22nd of December at 7:30pm.

We will be singing and entertaining all the villagers completely free of charge, for "a heart-warming fun and a Christmassy vibe".

We will be accompanied by a family of musicians on the piano, flute and violin to give an authentic sound. This will be our third Christmas sing along and I believe we're growing stronger and more professional with our increased numbers, when our emphasis is on fun.

As before you can sing along especially to the chorus, or just enjoy.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, on Thursday the 22 December, dress is strictly fun, and mingle with friends and family during the break, yes make it a family outing Mum, Dad and Granny too with kids galore.

Mick Greystone

Burgh Castle Parish Council

The November meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 14th of the month when all seven Parish Councillors were present plus Borough Councillor Adrian Myers, the Parish Clerk and two members of the public, Brian Swan was in the chair.

There were concerns from a resident that the rubbish dumped on land adjoining Back Lane which was reported earlier in the year had not been cleared, there had been one skip on site but nothing else since inspectors visited.

Borough Councillor Myers reported that his and Councillor Cameron's ward budgets are £1000.00 each for the current year, this can be applied for by local groups and organisations but precepting authorities such as the Parish Council can no longer apply.

There were no updates on any outstanding highways matters, the Parish Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Engineer and County Councillor Carl Smith to ask why the improvement and tidying works on the grassed area between the village sign and adjacent layby have not been undertaken as funds were handed over by the Parish Council at the start of 2022.

Members discussed the Parish Precept for the year from April 2023, the amount that residents pay to the Parish Council as part of their Council Tax. With limited communication and issues with The Norfolk Archaeological trust over car parking fees it was agreed to remove their annual donation of £200 and with a few more careful cuts the figure for the new year will only be a few pence above the current years average of £23.24 based on a band 'D' property. Members did agree to safeguard from current reserves £1000 each for any possible parish council election costs in the future and for burial ground expenses as a considerable fund needs to be built up in the long term for when maintenance costs exceed burial income.

There was only one planning decision, members were pleased to hear that the Borough Council had agreed with their view that the conversion of former piggeries to residential at Breydon View on Market Road as not a suitable development. With one abstention members agreed that their previous objections still held for the proposed new property at The Nursery (next to Oak View) on Mill Road where the applicant has now taken the Borough Councils refusal of planning permission to appeal. Borough Councillor Myers will chase up the decision for retrospective planning permission for the dog run area on land at the High Road end of Mill Road, the Borough Council are delaying a decision as certain information is still awaited from the applicants.

Members did confirm comments made to the Borough Council on planning applications received just after the last meeting which had been sent in to meet the Boroughs legal deadline They included their objections to the Breydon View piggery conversion to three dwellings reported above, objections to conversion of the garage/store behind 6 Coronation Terrace to a holiday let, and objections due to being forward of the building line and restricting existing parking space for an extension at 4 Louis Dhal Road. There were no objections to either small changes to the development at the former Post Office site on Butt Lane or for work on telephone masts at Hollies Farm on High Road.

The next Council meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Monday December 12th (7.30pm) for full details contact the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock, e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com. or use the new telephone number of 07899 846148.

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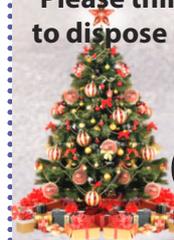
With Christmas in mind Kate will be along on 16th December with a Tombola for MacMillan Cancer relief.

Please come along to support us, even if all you want to do is have a seat in the warm for a couple of hours, everyone is welcome. Refreshments are available and for those who wish to an enjoyable browse of our stalls, proceeds go to the maintenance of both the Church and Village Hall. Please think of us when you have unwanted goods to dispose of, we can collect or arrange a convenient time for you to drop off.

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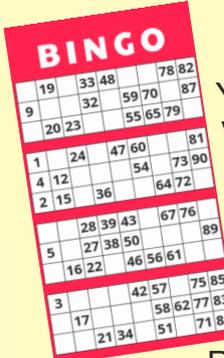
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Types of Allergies in Cats & Dogs

By Katey Aldred
MSc, FdSc, RVN, APDT (01204), CBATI, PPG



New pet owners must understand that caring for a pet comes with challenges. Sometimes your pet may become sick or ill; unlike humans, they cannot tell us what is wrong.

Pets also sometimes suffer from allergies, which can stem from multiple sources. An allergy occurs when there is exposure to a foreign substance. A few different types of allergies can occur in cats and dogs.

Some questions you might ask yourself if you're concerned about allergies may be:

*What types of allergies do cats and dogs suffer from?
Why do some pets have allergies while others don't?
How do I treat my dog or cat suffering from allergies?*

Here are the answers to some of those questions. It

will help you be more equipped and understand what to expect and how to help combat allergies in your pet.

TYPES OF ALLERGIES IN DOGS AND CATS

There are essentially three types of allergies that can cause your dog or cat to feel uncomfortable. Those three allergies are:

- Food allergies
- Atopic dermatitis (skin allergy)
- Flea Bite allergies

Other seasonal allergies in dogs exist, but these are the three primary types that your dog or cat can suffer from, causing irritability.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Food allergies are specific to an ingredient or item found in your pet's food. Beef is a food that dogs, or cats can be allergic to. Other allergens include wheat, corn, chicken, lamb, or pork. Usually, a dog or cat will only be allergic to one or two foods.

Changing your dog or cat's pet food brand doesn't always solve the problem. Since the issue is a specific ingredient, just changing the brand isn't helpful. For example, if your pet is allergic to soy, you must look for a brand that doesn't contain or is manufactured in a soy-free plant.

Veterinarians diagnose food allergies, usually after multiple tests. Your vet may need your pet to go through a series of foods and eliminate a particular ingredient for a while. The vet will usually have you, the pet owner, perform this testing at home with strict food limitations, to discover what is causing the reaction.

SKIN ALLERGIES

Atopic dermatitis is an itchy skin disease in dogs and cats. This can occur due to inhalation or skin contact

with an allergen. When an animal encounters certain environmental substances like pollen, grass, dust, or something they are sensitive to, this irritates the skin. Your dog or cat will react by biting or scratching frequently.

You might also witness your pet shaking its head vigorously if the skin inside the ears becomes infected. Pets can also lick a lot in the area that came into contact with the allergen. The licking most likely occurs due to your dog or cat itching so hard that it breaks the skin, which can worsen the infection.

WHY SOME PETS HAVE ALLERGIES AND OTHERS DON'T

Skin allergies can be genetic, with some breeds or species having a predisposition to allergies. The history for specific breeds that are more predisposed to allergies includes Dalmatians, Boxers, Boston Terriers, Labrador Retrievers, Lhasa Apso, and Scottish Terriers. Environmental factors may also play a role in pets contracting atopic dermatitis, among other allergies.

Some dogs or cats may contract an infection when parasites or viruses attack their bodies, especially if it happens when their immune systems aren't built up (like with puppies) or developed completely. Animals who are sometimes more frequently exposed to allergens can build up their immunity, in the same manner, making them less likely to be sensitive to it.

FIND OUT MORE

Flea bite allergies, acute allergic reactions, how to treat or prevent allergies and helping your pet with allergies.

To find out more head over to the blog to read the rest of the article: <https://www.kateyaldred.co.uk/types-of-allergies-in-cats-dogs/>



1st Belton Scout Group

We would be grateful of any books / Bric-a-brac for sales they can either be dropped at
6 Station Road North, Belton or telephone 01493 780965

The Scout Group joined together everyone at All Saints Church, Belton for Remembrance Sunday service which was a wonderful thing to do after a 2-year gap.

Beavers

The Beavers have had a last evening outside before it gets too dark as winter arrives having a go at catapults. While waiting for a go some of the beavers started



their personal challenge.

The Beavers have completed their experiment badge watching raisins float then sink in a jug of water, did a pigment experiment using blotting paper and felt pens, made a rainbow out of skittles,

looked at different items that would sink and swim in water.

We have welcomed Alice, Miller, Aaron, Guy and Oscar, congratulations for being invested as Beavers.

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 this month have been working on their Great indoors badge. This has involved doing several things, yes you guessed indoors. The Cubs have made puppets and given a show to their parents at the end of a

meeting one night in October, this was coupled with an Indoor camp fire and sketch show.

As part of the Great Indoors badge the Cubs have played games from different places in the world, and some observational games. The Cubs then discussed how they could play it better next time.

We have spent time this month practicing for the Wiltshire Trophy a Cub Scouting skills competition involving practicing knots and knowing what they are used for in everyday life, map skills, learning about Scouting history and team work challenge. The 6 Cubs (Alfie, Alfie, Harry, Sam, Jessica and Dylan) that competed in the competition were placed 4th, behaved exemplary and did their best, but more importantly had fun and learnt some new skills.

The last meeting of the month was dedicated to the subject of homelessness. The Cubs were asked to make several choices between 2 things and some were asked why they made these decisions. The Cubs were then given a cup and asked to write 4 things they want in their house. We then made a shelter with cups and put pressure on them (designed to be the pressure of having to make a tough decision). The Cub's shelter was very strong but gave way after 5 x 1 litre tubs of water with a little help from Rikki.

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 have made small apple pies from scratch,



thanks to Cathy and Arthur who gave Brown Beaver the apples. They had a demonstration on how to peel the apples and a safety talk about using the knives for slicing the apples. The Scouts just managed to get them cooked in time to take home.

Over two weeks the scouts worked in small groups made their own rap advertising the scout section. It was then recorded so it can be shared with the scouts' parents.

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

The Bric-a-brac sale at the JGI coffee morning on 5th November we were lucky enough to make £49.21p many thanks for everyone who supported us.

Paper Collection next on Saturday 3rd December 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.

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A Word from your Local MP and Councillor



ADRIAN MYERS Borough Councillor

Boom and bust was a phrase used by the Labour party when the then chancellor Gordon Brown set out his fiscal policy. He boldly stated, "NO MORE". He then told

companies to "take a pension break" which years later led to "black holes" in pensions. He announced implementing a "Light Touch" with regards to the banking industry which led to about 100Billion pounds of taxpayer's money being used to bail them out and we all know about the gold he sold. That government left nothing in the nation's treasury.

Along came Cameron and Gideon Osborn. Osborn, in particular, did not simply want to get the nation debt down, he wanted to eradicate it and put it into surplus. To achieve this, we had years of austerity which meant either no or below inflation wage rises for public sector workers and cuts in public spending "investments in schools and infrastructure etc"

We now have the phrase "an economic crisis". Which basically amounts to the same things as what happened under both the Labour and Conservative parties in the 80s up to 2010.

I will take you back prior to the Blair government when Mrs Thatcher was elected because it has direct relevance to what this country is experiencing today.

On coming to power, the Conservatives "Under M. Thatcher" followed a policy of Monetarism, seeking to control the money supply "today's equivalent is called quantitative easing where the Bank of England simply prints money" in order to control inflation. This involved higher interest rates and higher taxes. This did reduce inflation to 5% by 1983, it was at 14% in 1979, but at the cost of a deep recession and unemployment rising to over 3 million. In 1981 she was urged to reverse that policy which led to the famous phrase "the lady is not for turning"

So, 43 years later what has changed? Clearly very little. Successive governments have singularly failed to implement policies that bring long term stability to the country's finances. They have failed to put money aside for a rainy day, they have failed to create a sustainably growing economy, and above all they have failed to protect both the taxpayers and the vulnerable from their abject incompetence. The Bank of England must also take some responsibility because of their quantitative easing and low interest rates, money was freely available, they should have started putting rates up a few years ago, they chose not to and now they are playing catch up with high rate rises over a much shorter time frame.

What will the chancellor try to achieve in his autumn budget?

The deficit is the difference between government revenue and spending, usually measured over a single financial year. Debt is the total amount owed by the Government which has accumulated over the years. Debt is therefore a much larger sum of money.

He will introduce policies that will reduce the deficit "cuts" and reduce the debt "tax rises", although this is a bit over simplified, it is basically what he will try to achieve.

The gross domestic product of the UK in 2021 was £2.2 trillion. GDP is measured in the following way.

The Output Method (all value added by each producer),

The Income Method (all income generated)

The Expenditure Method (all spending).

Clearly very little of this money "trickles down" to the bottom, and the more that is taken at the top, the less the trickle becomes until it dries up altogether.

Written before the Autumn statement.

Adrian Myers Lothingland ward.

BRANDON LEWIS MP writes



Nothing is ever certain in politics. A decade ago, who would have predicted that we would have left the European Union, experienced a Donald Trump presidency, witness a Russian-led war on our continent and see five Prime Ministers serve in Downing Street.

That's why during ten years as a departmental minister, and then within the Cabinet, I never took that privileged position for granted. I used that time to argue and lobby for Great Yarmouth at the very heart of a government. Something previous MPs never had the opportunity to do.

After a month of life on the parliamentary backbenches, I continue to use my contacts within government on behalf of constituents. However, now I have the freedom to follow a different path of representing the constituency. I've used this to ask numerous questions in Parliament on a range of issues either affecting Great Yarmouth or of particular interest to constituents.

I've tackled the Home Secretary on the use of tourism hotels in our town to house asylum seekers. It's inappropriate to place people at the heart of communities like these while their claims are assessed. I support the council's legal action to block further use. And I've questioned the massive cost to the taxpayer of using these hotels.

Following complaints about the inappropriate use of fireworks, and then the terrifying incident on a bus in Gorleston, I've asked about the effectiveness of existing laws restricting their sale and use. Hundreds of constituents responded to my online survey with their views, which I will use to inform further debate on this issue.

Other issues I've raised include the need to urgently increase access to dental services in the Great Yarmouth area. And what support the government will continue to provide, using Levelling Up funding, for coastal constituencies like Great Yarmouth.



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This is located, according to the old OS maps on the site of the old Manor House. On the Award Map of 1819 the property was shown as belonging to the Lady of the Manor, Lydia Baret. On the Tithe Map of 1843 this property is marked as area 146, labelled as 'Cottage & Garden', owned by Lydia Baret and occupied by 'John Moore & England'. John Moore and John England and their families, were both listed here in the 1841 census as Agricultural Labourers and the building(s) was not a public house at that time but two separate dwellings.



After Lydia Baret died in 1845 the manor passed to her executors. One of these was Richard Ferrier, who was part of the Ferrier brewing family. It was under his ownership that it became a Beer House. The first publican / beer-seller here, recorded in the 1851 census at Entry 15, The Street, is listed Thomas Cutting, Queen's Head Beer House. The 1855 White's and 1858 Kelly's directories, and the 1861 Census also list Thomas Cutting at the Beer House. He was also sometimes listed as a Farrier and a Butcher as well as a publican.

In 1869 in an Abstract of Award made following the directions of the will of Richard Ferrier we have the following: 'In Burgh Castle; The Queens Head with Stable, Garden, 4A OR 7P of Marsh lands in the occupation of Henry Burgess at a rent of £15-10-0 per annum. Freehold. Land Tax of £0-0-0.' The executors of his will included William Richard Ferrier, Charlotte Ferrier and William Killet.

The 1869 Kelly's directory lists Henry Burgess as the Beer retailer and as a carpenter.



The 1871 census returns are not entirely clear and list at Entry 49, High Road (building not named) George Neslin, 28, Publican, and at Entry 60, High Road (building not named) Henry Burgess, 32, carpenter. The 1875 Kelly's directory lists Henry Burgess.

The 1881 Census lists Queens Head - Henry Burgess, 39, Carpenter, and the 1883 Kelly's directory gives Henry Burgess: Beer retailer and Carpenter.

In 1883 an auction was held at the Star Hotel in Yarmouth selling 29 lots from the estate of the late Richard Ferrier. One of the lots was 'LOT 26. The 'Queens Head', A freehold beerhouse in the occupation of Mr Henry Burgess, situate in Burgh Castle, having a piece of land in front, and containing

in Basement cellerage. On the ground floor - Smoking Room, Private Sitting Room, Parlour, Kitchen, Washhouse, in which is a pump of water, Dairy, Coal-closet, Closet, Stable and Coachhouse. First floor - Large Sitting Room, 3 Bedrooms, and a Box Room. Attached is a very productive Garden, planted with thriving young Fruit Trees and Bushes.' Also in Burgh Castle was Lot 27. 'Two Freehold Grazing Marshes, occupied by Henry Burgess, abutting on the Glebe Land, the Marsh Road and the property of S W Spelman and E Stannard Esquires, containing 4 Acres, more or less.' All 29 lots were sold to Steward, Patterson and Co.

In 1884 the pub was conveyed to Steward & Patterson from George Lucas, William James Steward, John Baker and Jane Ferrier.

1885 White's and 1888 Kelly's directories again list Henry Burgess as Beer House and carpenter, while the 1891 Census at Entry 33, lists at the Queens Head Mary Burgess, age 52. Beer House Keeper. (she was the widow of Henry). The 1892, 1896, 1900 and 1908 directories and the 1901 census also list Mary Burgess.

The 1911/12 directory lists Henry Bush here with 'private apartments', and the 1916, 1922, and 1925 directories also list Henry Bush.

1929 and 1934 Kelly's directories list William Squires.

The 1936 Kelly's directory lists James Crockford while in the 1937 Kelly's directory James Byrne is listed as the proprietor.

The 1938, 1948, 1955 and 1957 Kelly's directories list Arthur Rumbold.

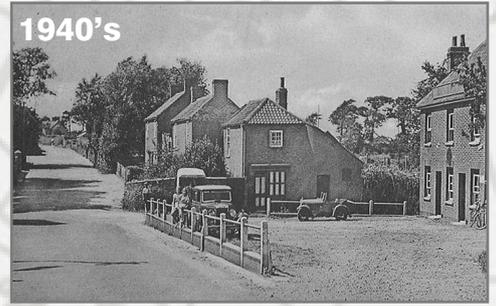
Dot & Ron Symonds are listed in 1966 to 1973. Tony Steward, son in law to Mr & Mrs Symonds took over later.

The pub was bought by Tapestry Taverns in about 2000 and later by David James who is the current owner.

LICENSEES:

JAMES CROW age 30	**1841
THOMAS CUTTING & butcher & farrier, age 42 in 1851 (died Q1 1898 age given as 89)	1851 - 1861
HENRY BURGESS carpenter, age 32 in 1871 died Q4 1887 age 48	*1869 - 1887
MARY BURGESS age 51 in 1891 - widow (Mary Burgess, widow, age 57 in 1901 ?)	1887 - 1906+
HENRY H BUSH	1912 - 1925
WILLIAM SQUIRES	1928 - 1931
ARTHUR E RUMBOLD	1955
DOT & RONALD JOHN SYMONDS	1966 - 1976
ANTHONY FREDERICK STEWARD	23.01.1976
DAVID JAMES	18.12.2001 - 2016

Our thanks go to Mr & Mrs Symonds (son & daughter-in-law of the publican Ronald Symonds 1966-76) whose help in loaning the book 'Burgh Castle Remembered' by Sheila Hutchinson and the printing block of 1870 made this article possible



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ALL SAINTS BELTON

Rev Rosie Writes



Christmas is coming ... I wonder how many of you are counting the days off on your Advent calendar or candle, looking forward to the big day. Or is your focus on just what you can afford this Christmas, with money tight and the cost of food and gifts ever increasing. You may, of course, not be looking forward to Christmas for various reasons. If that's the case, you may wish to skip the next paragraph!

I love Christmas! I love the celebration of the Christmas trees we have in our homes, and all the decorations that bring light and festive fun. I love the food we eat as part of our celebrations, but I especially love the joyful coming together, singing Christmas carols that happens in the run-up to the big day. And, of course, I love the peaceful anticipation of Christmas Eve as I set out for church, at a time when I am usually fast asleep!, and the meeting of others who do the same and the celebration of our Holy Communion service. Then I get to be the first person to wish everyone a Happy Christmas on Christmas morning as the clock moves past midnight, and to spend the day with my family and church family – even if it is by video link that I can share time with my son and daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren in Malawi.

Christmas is the season when someone will ask me questions, like ...

- ♥ What's the big deal about the baby in the manger?
- ♥ Why is it that we remember the birth of a baby some 2022+ years ago?
- ♥ What has the birth of Jesus got to do with me?

I might also get asked why Christmas has to be so expensive or extravagant. And I have to agree that it seems to become more and more so. Is it really necessary?

Perhaps a simpler Christmas is what we all need. Yes, let's celebrate, but let's not go over the top with the amount of food and drink that we buy, which we seem too often to go to waste, or spend more than we can afford on presents. Is this year, the year when we can cut back and focus less on the "got to have" and enjoy the people we can share Christmas with.

For me, Christmas is about Jesus Christ. It's about the baby born to a couple in circumstances that were not perfect, in a place that had not been prepared for the birth, but which proved good enough and is the centre of our remembering the nativity scene, with animals around and the baby laying in the manger.

Christmas is not all about presents - although I love to give and receive presents. For me, it's about the presence of Christ. He is always for me and in me. Jesus calls himself Immanuel, which mean's God with us. In the hassles we face; the challenges of the economy that knock or flatten us; the anxiety we feel - Christ is with us and Christ is for us.

Christmas – the birth of Jesus - shows us something of what God looks like. God, who was prepared to enter our world not like a human, but as a human, in the vulnerability of a baby. The Bible tells us that The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Not like a human but as a human! Jesus experienced all that life threw at him when he walked the earth; joy, pain, frustration, sorrow, hassle and frustration. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates;

Remembrance Sunday at All Saints Church, Belton

On a bright and warm autumn morning on Sunday 13th November there was a great Remembrance Service held in Belton Church. It was the first time since the lockdown period that the Belton 1st Scouts attended and trooped their flags up the aisle to hand over to Rosie for safe keeping during the service. There was a large congregation, with many who had some connection with the forces during the past years. A poppy was laid on the altar for each of the men from the Village who had given their lives during either WW1 or WW2. After the last post was played a two-minute silence was observed at 11am. The theme of the Remembrance Service was to understand that through all horrible conflicts God's connection with us cannot be broken. This was demonstrated in a fun way with the cubs and a tug of war with one of their leaders. Rosie made a lovely reference to the large poppy "Tommy" that hangs on the west wall of the Church made from thousands of crocheted wool poppies made by ladies from the Church and Village.




Celebrate Christmas with us ...

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 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Burgh Castle

Christmas Day: Sunday 25th December
 10.30am Family Communion at All Saints, Belton*

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Jesus, born in Bethlehem, came to enable me to take my place at the table. Max Lucado, a Christian writer, puts it like this:

*Because of Bethlehem, I have a Saviour in heaven.
 Christmas begins what Easter celebrates.
 The child in the cradle became the King on the cross.
 The heart-shaping promises of Christmas.
 Long after the guests have left and the carol-singers have gone home and the lights have come down, these promises endure.
 Perhaps you could use some Christmas, this Christmas?*

Christmas is an invitation ...

Just think about the key people in the Christmas story.

- ♥ Joseph and Mary – they accepted their predicament and got on with it (Joseph, after asking many questions, Mary in her trusting way). What is your response?
- ♥ The shepherds were invited to find Jesus, the Saviour of the world, in an unexpected place. Are you prepared to find Jesus in the unexpected places in our world?
- ♥ Or are you more like the Innkeeper who missed out because he couldn't make room for Mary and Joseph and Jesus in his life at that time?

Because of Bethlehem. Because of Jesus. We can have hope. He is there for each one of us, if we will let him. He is the gift, so precious, so extravagant, just for you and me. His invitation to us is to accept and receive from him. Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us. Not just at Christmas, but all the time.

Rev Rosie Bunn

As usual, we have been meeting on Tuesdays, at All Saints Church, between 10.00am - midday for coffee, cake & conversation. We will have our last meeting for 2022 on Tuesday 20th December. Returning on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

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It is easy to sign up to the service, which simply asks for some information on your dog, including their likes and dislikes, as well as your dog's medical history and your vet details. It also asks for you to confirm who you would like as your Dog Guardian. This should be someone you trust, like a friend, family member, solicitor, neighbour or vet, who can sign over ownership of your dog to Dogs Trust on your behalf, should you become seriously ill or pass away.

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With a combination of Covid and cost of living crisis affecting us all so many people are finding themselves in the difficult and heart breaking position of having to hand their beautiful pets into rescues as they can no longer afford to keep them. With rescues already struggling they are really in desperate need of supplies to get them through the winter months when the bills are at their highest,

The trio of animal loving ladies have set up an Amazon wish list which will be sent out directly. Any other donation no matter how large or small is greatly appreciated and can be dropped off of any of the mentioned premises.

Jessica said " I know people probably think I'm crazy always taking in scraggy old rescue dogs and talking to them more than humans and it's another year that I am asking for your help, but please if you can help in any small way the animals will be so very grateful."

Jodie said, "Last year was a huge success we managed to support two local charities, CARE in Gorleston and FAITH animal rescue in Hickling and this year we are going to aim even bigger and add in another local rescue called LIB DOG rescue in Lowestoft, so please help us to help support them."

Helen said, "I am so happy to be involved this year and as a groomer I enjoy pampering pooches so to think of animals going without really upsets me. I'm really hoping with the three of us working together we can really make a difference to some lovely local charities.

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Isn't the time going quickly! Last month for Halloween we dressed up in orange and black just to be a bit different! I realise many people like myself do not celebrate Halloween, however it made a change. The photos below were taken by Sallyann. The next time we can dress up will be at Christmas on our last session Monday 12th December 2022 at 10.15am. Our Christmas session will start from 11.15am and coffee and cake will be provided. During 2022 we have still been collecting stamps to send to RNIB, but as we have not raised any funds for other charity's, Sallyann has asked members to donate food or



Christmassy items to 'The Belton Pantry' based at Belton church. We reopen on Monday 9th January 2023 for 5 weeks until half term which will be Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023.

On a lighter note, Sallyann is a member of the Belton Singers and they are holding a Christmas Carol concert at the All Saint Church on the evening of Thursday 22nd December. Keep a look out for further details. Sallyann would love to see past and present members of the Belton Monday group on the concert evening if you can make it.

If you miss Monday's class or you want two sessions a week! Sallyann also has a class at Age- Connected, Acorn Centre Regent Road. Great Yarmouth on Friday 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.

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 13 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 and 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 07599 044806 or Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Belton Judo Club

It's coming up to that time of the year again when everyone is preparing for Christmas (unless of course you're a top level Judo fighter in which case, you'll be preparing for the British Championships in December!) Our last training session before Christmas is Friday 16th December and the first day back after Christmas will be Thursday 5th January 2023. We are hoping to fit in a Fun Day during the week before Christmas which obviously allow parents a few hours without the children! This has proved very popular in the past so we will keep everyone informed if we can get it set up.



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)

WEDNESDAY: GREAT YARMOUTH MARTIAL ARTS VENUE (Upstairs 34 North Quay NR30 1JE)

5.15pm-6pm - Judo for younger children (fundamentals/fun)

6pm-7pm - Judo for older children and adults (technique/randori)

7pm-8pm - (Theory/groundwork randori - personal choice)

THURSDAY: BUNGAY CHAUCER DOJO (NR35 1EB)

7.30pm-9.30pm - MMA for older children and adults (12 years+)

FRIDAY: EAST ANGLIAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE, 163 BRIDGE ROAD, OULTON BROAD, NR33 9JX

6.15pm-7pm - Judo for younger children (fundamentals/fun)

7pm-8pm - Judo for older children and adults (technique/theory/randori)

8pm-9.30pm - MMA for older children and adults (12 years+).

(Junior MMA for 8 to 15 year old to follow in the New Year (Mondays and Thursdays 5pm to 6pm)

If you have any concerns about taking your child to judo, you may wish to consider this; UNESCO (world children's organisation) and the International Olympic Committee believes our sport is best suited for children and is the most complete for promoting friendship and mutual respect.

Lastly, you can find DOMINIC KING JUDO & MMA ACADEMY on Facebook and Instagram, which will give you further information, training videos and general club news. Dominic also has a YouTube channel titled WORLD CLASS HAPPINESS, which is a spin-off from his book of the same name (available on Amazon) and well worth a look. You can subscribe in order to get regular positive messages to help with your mental health.

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



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Careers Afternoon at Ormiston Venture Academy

Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston dedicated a whole afternoon (and evening) to careers-based education in order for students to consider their futures in more depth.

Mr McNally – Assistant Principal and careers lead, organised a strategic approach to careers education across the whole academy for the afternoon, where all students in years 7-10 took part in a range of activities focused on their pathways and futures.

Students discovered new and varied jobs, learnt about Further Education, apprenticeships, and Higher Education pathways. Students in year 9 discovered the value of volunteering whilst the year 10s explored the concepts social justice and global citizenship.

Students in year 11 visited East Norfolk Sixth Form College for the afternoon and had a session led by staff at



the 6th Form.

Students and their parents/carers had the opportunity to meet with their child's Personalised Learning tutor later in the evening as part of their

Academic Review Day process - where their career choices could be explored further on an individual basis. Students and parents were also able to research options by wondering through the Careers Fair in the corridors and the Learning Resource Centre at the Academy during the evening. Exhibitors from local Further Education and Higher Education providers were present alongside local employers and apprenticeship teams.

The Academy was recognised for its commitment to careers



education, information, advice and guidance last year, achieving the Careers Mark Award, and works closely with Beacon East who provide a level 6 qualified careers advisor.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally commented that:

"The fair represented an opportunity to hear from expert professionals and discuss career pathways in real detail

after initially identifying educational choices, pathways and potential careers earlier in the day. Events such as these demonstrate the impartiality of our careers programme, and links directly to the Gatsby Benchmarks – I would like to thank all the exhibitors who gave up their time to be part of this crucial event for our students."



MOORLANDS TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS DAY



On Friday, 21st October, students at Moorlands attended the first "Moorlands Times Tables Rockstars Day". Raising the profile of Mathematics in the school is a key priority at

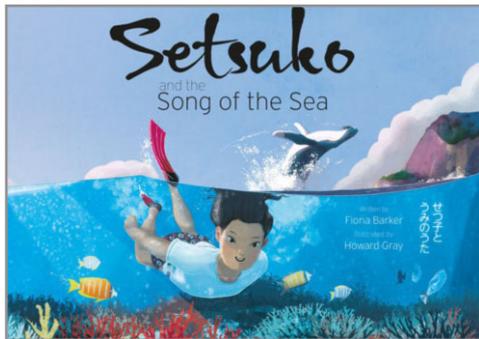
maths games and activities, along with plenty of times

tables questions. At the Rockstar assembly, awards were given out for various competitions such as fastest in the school, most coins in 14 days and biggest improvement since using the program. There was rock music and even a live, one-minute competition featuring the three fastest times tables rock stars in the school!

To be a Times Tables Rockstar, a student must be able to answer any times tables question in three seconds or less. Since September, Moorlands has gone from 18 Rockstars and now has over 50 in the school!



We are thrilled with this progress and look forward to more students joining the ranks as the year goes on.



Moorlands currently, and times tables are proven to be a great way to increase a child's confidence in mathematics. TT Rockstars is a carefully sequenced way of learning times tables, using both paper practice and a variety of online games. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 16,000 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide.

Using the online and paper version of Times Tables Rockstars, students have been busy learning their tables both at home and at school. Alongside this, there have been leader boards, certificates and accolades at school. Rockstar Day was a great day to celebrate our successes so far as a school and both students and staff enjoyed dressing up as their favourite Rockstars. The day included a wide variety of



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MALCOLM'S EPIC TRAIN TOUR OF EUROPE

Malcolm Metcalf, the former nature writer for 'Village Voice' is known for his travels. After a serious illness as a teenager when he was bedridden for many months he vowed to travel, and 50 years ago hitchhiked to Australia. After many trips in the intervening years including regular visits to America, visits to many other countries and a trip round England on his bus pass he has vowed at the age of 88 to take on one last major rail trip to raise funds for the Priscilla Bacon Hospice at Norwich.

He set out on September 30th (brought forward a day at the last minute by rail strikes) to travel for 22 days on 17 trains through 8 European countries (France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Austria and Germany) covering several thousand miles.

On October 8th he sent the following report to 'Village Voice'.

I have had many adventures, so far on my epic trip. On October 7th on a train in the city of Graz Austria, there was an accident on a train ahead and we had to wait 3 hours sitting on the train before we could start. This resulted in missing my connection to my next destination so I ended up in the city of Ljubljana in Slovenia. I have had to change my itinerary several times, with many problems connecting with trains to where I intended to go. However, everything is a challenge for me and I have been surprised and delighted where I have ended up meeting many people who have all helped me and making more friends in the process.

So far, I have had superb weather, the attached photo taken in the lovely town of Kindberg. My object was to take 17 trains on this trip, to date I have travelled on 27. My longest journey was to Hungary (Budapest), a country I had not intended to visit on my original itinerary. My journey to Bulgaria had to be cancelled because of train restrictions. I am now relaxing in Salzburg for a few days before another long train ride to Milan, Italy.



Best Wishes Malcolm Metcalf.

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Basic computer skills are required and you will have a dedicated email address for your operation. Bring your unique skills to us and make this magazine even better than it is now.

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

To find out more or have an informal chat about joining the team please contact:

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JGI Trustees

Well once more this is our last communication in the Village Voice before Christmas. We thank all groups who have used the hall during this year. It is your use that makes this a great Village Hall. We hope the warmth factor has improved as we have supplied far better roof insulation over the past weeks.

We are still appealing for some new blood to come aboard the Trustees to assist with the day to day running of the hall. The present active Trustees have been involved for many years now and it is essential that they can hand over to new Trustees in the near future. Please consider offering your help. As have been said before the tasks are not arduous and great satisfaction can be achieved from providing a first-class Village Hall facility. Contact any Trustee for further information. Make it a New Year gift to our community.



Wednesday Morning Drop-In

When you read this it will be just over three weeks to Christmas. We will be holding the Drop-In mornings on both Wednesdays either side of Christmas so we will look forward to see all our regulars plus anyone else who would like a coffee/tea and cake and a chat. It is also a great way to have good warmth on a Wednesday morning with a group of friendly people. Turn your heating down low but not off and come along.

We meet from 10.30am until noon every Wednesday of the year and plan to do so as long as we can. We thank all who help on a Wednesday morning and make it a great meeting place. Come along and find out what happens. We will always try to help anyone with problems with a laptop or I-pad and mobile phone problems.

A DIAL representative generally comes in on the second Wednesday of each month with free advice on money and allowances, so if that is where you need confidential help they can provide it. Call Sue on 780822 for further details.



Saturday Morning Coffee Morning

On the morning of 5th November there was a wonderful coffee morning at the JGI which was well attended by familiar faces but we would love to see as well, some new faces when we hold the next one. We had the Belton Scouts with their Toy sales table, Linda Davis with Needle



Craft items and plant table plus a great raffle organised by "The Over 60's Club" from which they raised £147. Ian Walker came along as area representative of the Poppy Appeal to unveil the new hat for the Post Box outside the JGI. It is in keeping with

the time of year of the Poppy Appeal so pop along and have a look at it.

Many thanks to all the ladies who helped in the kitchen with tea/coffee and especial thanks to Shelia for some wonderful cake and scones.



JULIE'S YOGA TO AUDIO C.D.

Our yoga Christmas lunch will be held at The Conservative Club in Gorleston on Wednesday 14th Dec meeting at 12.30pm.

Our last yoga session for 2022 will be Monday 12th December and recommence January 2nd 2023.

A huge thankyou to everyone who has kindly put their pennies into the East Coast Pet collection tin. A total of £90 has been collected this year. Thankyou so much for supporting this worthy charity.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.



Christmas Quiz night

On Friday 23rd December there will be a fun Quiz Nite with great prizes and a raffle.

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you are in with a chance of winning. Coffee and cake at half time. Start time 7.30pm. Get a team together and we look forward to seeing you on the night.



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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
(Except last Friday in month)			
7.30 – 9.30 pm	Quiz Nite	Bill	780822
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ENTUA officers have met recently with Alan Neville of Greater Anglia. Alan has 42 years experience in the rail industry and is the Manager responsible for customer service, amongst other things.

With the new 'Elizabeth Line' now operating across London we asked if it were possible to stop more Norwich to London Liverpool Street trains at Stratford, which enables easier access to the Elizabeth Line than at Liverpool Street. In actual fact, every other train that leaves Norwich on the half-hour does call at Stratford, or alternatively all but one of the ex-Norwich trains calls at Colchester and all Colchester trains stop at Stratford.

We asked for the re-instatement of the 0846 service from Great Yarmouth to Norwich as the last 0917 service is often full with standing passengers, particularly on Mondays and Fridays. There are no plans to re-introduce this service at present, but the matter is being kept under review.

ENTUA asked for 4-car trains on the Norwich to Great Yarmouth service during the summer months, 4-car trains will be diagrammed, but obviously this could change subject to breakdowns etc.

Commuter travellers have returned to 70% of pre-Covid levels and overall passenger numbers are at 80% of pre-Covid levels. The most recent figures show that Greater Anglia's performance overall is at 90%. Apparently only 12% of rail tickets purchased are from station booking offices. The majority of ticket sales are either from on-line outlets, ticket machines or on-board trains. If a passenger has difficulty using a ticket machine there is a 'Help' button which will connect through to a Ticket Operator at Norwich Station. Most rail stations have ticket machines, except seldom used stations, eg Brundall Gardens, Berney Arms.

It is proposed to have a bus link from Vauxhall Station from next summer and we have asked Greater Anglia if they will include this information in their on-train screens and recorded messages and Alan sees no reason why this cannot be done.

Business plans are currently being drawn up for additional direct trains to operate between Norwich and Great Yarmouth on Mondays and Fridays and Saturdays during the summer of 2023.

At the National Rail Awards 2022, Greater Anglia was awarded 'Passenger Operator of the Year'. The awarding panel said "It stands out as having achieved the greatest transformation in the round over the last year or two and represents a greater achievement because of its relative scale and complexity". Greater Anglia Head of Corporate Affairs, Jonathan Denby said "Judges were impressed not just with the new trains, but all the other improvements to performance, customer service and ticketing, along with high standards of safety performance and employee engagement, plus a real impact with stakeholders and local communities"

Well done Greater Anglia.

Although the RMT union has suspended its strikes while negotiations are held at National level, the train drivers union ASLEF have called a strike for Saturday 26th November, 2022 which means there will be no local services and only a limited service between Norwich and London Liverpool Street. For more details go to www.greateranglia.co.uk

The sewerage works on Gorleston High Road are likely to overrun by a couple of weeks, but should be open by the time you read this article. When Gorleston High Street eventually re-opens to traffic, buses will still be adhering to the temporary timetable until the roadworks on the quay on Southtown Road are completed. This is likely to run into the first quarter of 2023. ENTUA have had discussions with First Eastern Counties and Norfolk County Council regarding Belton students attending Lynn Grove Academy. There are currently 91 children on Lynn Grove Academy roll that have Belton addresses. All agreed that something needs to be done and a number of options were considered. First Eastern Counties are not keen to commit to any changes while the temporary timetables are in force, so to be realistic whatever solution is agreed they will not come into force until Easter 2023. Once all the roadworks in the Gorleston and Southtown areas are complete, and bus services return to their normal timetables, First Eastern Counties will undertake a major review of its Great Yarmouth bus services.

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

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Jubilee 2022: The Village Voice Writing Competition

Many of you have submitted entries for the 2022 Writing Competition. Following several requests, the Village Voice board has decided to extend the deadline for entries to 31 January 2023. This applies to all the categories: children 8 years and below, 9-11 years, 12-18 years, and adults 19 years and above. Please submit your entries to beltonvveditor@gmail.com. The plan is to have an award ceremony as part of a literary festival planned for Belton in the spring of 2023. More details about it soon.

VILLAGE VOICE GRANTS

The Village Voice is inviting local groups, clubs and organisations to apply for a small grant (usually around £200) to help run or support their activity. These grants are made possible by the efficient running of the Village Voice and enables us to give back to the community the surpluses made from advertising in the magazine. Applications are available from Suzanne Craig on beltonvsect@gmail.com All applications should be in before 31 January 2023.

BELTON PICKERS

Cleaning up our village

Thank you to all those who joined myself and the Belton Pickers on the 30th October for our spooky clean up.

I had lots of new helpers join and we reached an incredible 37.8kg... sadly a majority of this was from New Road, where rubbish is being thrown out of car windows!

It saddened me to see so many bottles pushed into bushes and behind walls around residential roads where every house has a bin.

More hands will make light work to keep our village clean... if you have any rubbish please put it in the



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