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From the Editor's Desk

Professor Regi Alexander

I am grateful to Bryan Diggory who not only lays out the content every month with characteristic efficiency, but also shows an uncanny ability to source striking images for the magazine's front cover. These images have a local significance and this month's picture of a 19th century potato digger in Fritton is no exception. Hope you enjoy reading this, the March 2023 issue of your Village Voice. It features news about the local elections due on May 4, 2023. Please note the new requirements around voter identification and do complete those formalities in good time (page 1). These elections matter because they decide, at least to some extent, the shape of policies that cater to our local priorities and do remember to vote. Talking of local priorities, thank you to the very many of you who have sent in, either by post or on-line, your views about the neighbourhood plan. There is still time and if you haven't done so, please do respond as soon as possible. The detachable forms were in the February 2023 issue of your Village Voice. Finally, a note about editing this magazine. By June 2023, I will complete 7 years in this position and do think it is time now for new blood to take over, time for renewal and rejuvenation. If you think you are the person who can do that, please do get in touch (see page 2). As a volunteer, this is one of the more rewarding things that you will ever do. That has certainly been my experience

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As well as elections for all Great Yarmouth Borough Councillors there will be elections on May 4th for local Parish Councils, all members of Bradwell, Burgh Castle, Belton with Browston and Fritton with St. Olaves Councils are up for election on the same day.

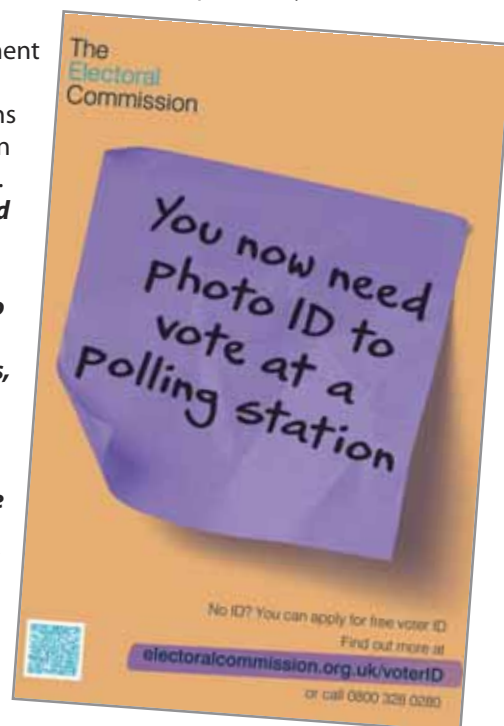
CANDIDATES - Nomination forms are now available online and paper copies can also be sent out if required by the Electoral Services Manager at GYBC (telephone 01493 846327). Completed nomination papers are to be taken to the Town Hall between Monday 27th March, and no later than Thursday 4th April. Any papers submitted after this date will not be accepted. Nomination papers must be delivered in person by the

candidate, proposer or seconder. An appointment must be made with a member of the elections team so the nomination papers can be checked.

VOTERS - Also new and very important from these elections voters will now be required to show photo ID when voting at any elections, passport, driver's license, bus passes are amongst the list of documents that will be accepted. For those without these types of ID a verification certificate can be applied for online for information call

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electoralcommiission.org.uk/voterID. Residents must be registered to vote by Monday 17th April.



ROADWORKS

Beccles Road in Belton will be closed for one day on March 6th (Rectory Corner to Belton X Roads) to enable Anglian Water to repair a manhole.



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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 February 7th with nine Parish Councillors present along with Borough Councillor Adrian Myers, Tracy Cameron, a Borough & Parish Councillor was also present and the Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, Ken Botwright chaired the meeting.



In Planning the following applications have been approved by the Borough Council, Dove Cottage, Station Road South (Listed building works), Pipistrelle Barn, Beccles Road, Belton (single story building for pool and gym) and 3 Amhurst Gardens (garage extension and porch alterations). There were no objections from councillors for the following:

- 1 Beccles Road, Belton (Demolition of garden room/construction of annex), Borrowdale, Sandy Lane, Belton (replace brick garage with timber), Ashmar House, Farman Close (works to tree with TPO). With regard to a change of use from residential domestic to a residential institution at 14 Broome Gardens, this was considered as not suitable for the village with insufficient parking as a further reason. There was one further application for land south of Manor Farm Cottage at Browston a request for outline permission for three properties with relocation of stables. This was objected to as outside the development area and being in a Tertiary settlement with a long list of further reasons why it should not be approved. The parish council's comments against sites submitted

to the Borough Council by landowners for possible future development during the lifetime of the extended Boroughwide Local Plan were agreed

At the New Road Centre comments are awaited from the Football Foundation on proposals to convert two of the changing rooms into a second, smaller meeting room whilst a new gas contract was agreed, quotations for weed killer application will be obtained before the possibility of in-house training for the caretaker is taken further. The Council will look at other events and ways of commemorating the Kings coronation, rather than an event at New Road, the planting of trees or a commemorative bench purchase will be considered.

The chairman reported on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan for the three local parishes including Belton and urged people to return the questionnaires either on line or from paper copies in Village Voice February edition.

Parish Councillors are now the trustees of the Belton Poor's lands Charity after the resignation of the previous trustees, separate meetings will be held for this fund.

The next meetings of the Council take place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesdays March 7th and April 4th with the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday May 9th and Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday May 16th all commencing at 7.30pm, details from the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock on 01493 602960 or email beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk.

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Burgh Castle Parish Council



All seven members of the Parish Council plus Borough Councillor Adrian Myers, two members of the public and the Parish Clerk attended the February 13th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Brian Swan was in the chair.

Members were unanimously against the plans to alter two journeys on the Service 5 bus, in school term time from March 13th the two mid-afternoon trips will run the opposite way round the village and miss out Mill Road to terminate in Belton with no return trips to Gorleston and Great Yarmouth. The Chairman had already written to ENTUA and Norfolk County Council on the matter and Councillor Myers agreed to take up the issue, everyone felt that a separate service should be provided for Lynn Grove High School without depleting the parishes services.

Several planning responses had gone in earlier including no objections to alterations at Burghwell House on Market Road and further amendments to the former Post Office site development, there had been a raft of reasons to object to proposals to

change the newly built garage behind 6 Coronation Terrace into a residential family annexe, the council had previously objected to the original building. Members present were against the size of the proposed 5 bedroomed house planned as a replacement to the bungalow known as The Lodge at Church Farm. Whilst it was difficult to object to plans for conversions of agricultural buildings to residential at two sites on Market Road (behind Burghwell lodge three dwellings and to the rear of Breydon View two dwellings) safety aspects of access to and from both sites were raised. Generally, there was agreement to proposals for new storage bays at Welcome Pit although one councillor was against. During this last discussion it was reported that the site owners were awaiting contractors to start on the entrance improvements and that it was that company (Folkes) who had provided the new speed warning sign nearby as part of their recent planning permission (the unit is currently out of action as it had been supplied faulty by the manufacturers).

There are a large number of sites in the village submitted by land owners/developers as possible locations for future building, both residential and

mixed, councillors decided to generally object with specific extra reasons for some locations, the chairman pointed out that the Borough Council had yet to decide on which of these specific sites would be included in the period to 2041 but overall in the Borough more sites had been submitted than would be needed.

The works to tidy up the grassed area by the village sign should be started by Norfolk County Council on March 13th. members agreed to write to Norfolk Archaeological Trust to express their concerns over the continued flooding of the car park entrance, several councillor's had received complaints about the situation. It was agreed to write to Norfolk County Council to complain that a lot of edging strips are missing from the riverside boardwalk whilst some of the others have warped out of line.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at the Village Hall on Monday March 13th (7.30pm) For details contact Kate Ruddock, the Parish Clerk, on 07948 705218, e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com. Please note that both the April and May meetings, the latter to include the Annual Parish Meeting, will be on the third Monday of the month due to Easter and the Kings coronation being on our usual meeting dates.

Defib at Burgh Castle in New prominent position

I have donated a new cabinet for the Village Hall defibrillator, now it's finally been moved to the front. The other cabinet hadn't weathered well being around the back. I wanted it on the front from the beginning, also so did Jean and John Braine who donated it. Then someone dialled 999 a few months ago and they couldn't find it, hence why it was even more important to get it moved, so it can be seen from the road. Also it wastes vital minutes going around the back to access it, if you aren't quick. Especially now the Queen's Head no longer have their defibrillator outside, this is the only public access 24/7 defibrillator in this part of Burgh Castle.

Jayne Biggs



Burgh Castle Church Restoration Fund BURNS NIGHT

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BRANDON LEWIS

MP writes

It's unusual to have a piece of news that everyone seems to be talking about. But for the best part of a week the World War Two bomb, unearthed during the construction of the Third River crossing, was the talk of the town. And it even provided a small snippet for the news bulletins after it detonated somewhat unexpectedly.

"It went off with an almighty bang!" That's how someone close to the site described it to me moments after the explosion. It certainly was an almighty bang as some heard it in the Belton and Fritton areas, although I didn't hear a thing whilst I was out walking my dog in the north of the constituency.

I visited the site the following week and was surprised at the limited extent of damage. That is a testament to the professionalism of the armed services team that took all measures to protect lives and property. They worked alongside our local police team and civil authorities to coordinate the emergency response. This response included road closures, the evacuation from properties within the exclusion zone, and the setting up of a centre to provide facilities for evacuated residents. I want to thank all of those that contributed to this amazing effort.

Without this level of expertise, and detailed co-ordination, things could have been very different. That's why I've joined fellow Norfolk MPs to lobby the Home Secretary to rethink plans to cut funding to the county's Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR). It was established in 2006, with others across the country, as a response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In an emergency they are designed to provide a critical response to vital, nationally important, infrastructure sites and centres of urban population. The Norfolk service is at risk following a Home Office decision to reduce funding by more than £800,000.

The specialist urban and research teams are about more than responding to acts of terror. They are there to provide back-up during any large-scale emergency whatever the nature. If the communities in and around Great Yarmouth experienced catastrophic coastal inundation or flooding, we would rely on the USAR to save lives and homes. They would respond to major road or rail accidents. Any delayed response, because teams had to travel from further afield, would risk lives and exacerbate any knock-on disruption that impacts on residents, business and damages our local economy. They would have been on standby to respond if the detonation of the riverside bomb had had a different catastrophic outcome.

What might be, to officials, a convenient short-term savings creates an unnecessary vulnerability for our area. And in the longer-term that would have much greater financial costs. I am hoping the Home Secretary will look at this and order an urgent rethink.

ADRIAN MYERS

Borough Councillor



There are changes to the way in which you will be able to vote in the upcoming elections. The main changes for this year are photo ID, proxy voting, accompanied voting and certified accreditation voting. I do not propose to go into detail in this post but suffice to say all the relevant changes will be widely advertised by GYBC but if any resident is unsure how the changes will affect them, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or email.

The local neighbourhood plan is now starting to take shape. There has, so far, been a great response to both the online form and the paper one in last month's Village Voice. Already certain themes are starting to come through. The closing date for completed forms is the 28th of February. If you have not yet done so, please take the time to fill it out. It will only take about 20 minutes but will affect the future of your village for the next 20 years.

Earlier this month, I supported a resident who was in private rented accommodation and was facing eviction. I liaised between the resident and the landlord. I am pleased to say that the outcome was positive, and the resident has been given considerably more time to find alternative suitable accommodation.

I am once again communicating with NCC about a designated bus service for students who live in the village and attend Lynne Grove school. The adaptation of the No. 5 bus service to accommodate the students is to my mind something of a fudge and needs to be sorted out properly. I will keep you updated.

Adrian Myers Independent Borough Councillor
Lothingland Ward.



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Some of the Beavers have started Personal challenge, while some of the others tried tying shoe laces, tying reef knots and had a go at mini darts and mini bowls. They have designed a moveable model on paper ready to build it after half term using recycling materials.

We have welcomed Harrison and Guy who have been invested at Beavers. If you have a young person 6 years or about to be 6 years and are interested in Beavers, please contact Brown Beaver (Jane) 07975 533572

Cubs

The cubs have had their usual non-stop month. The month started by what they did with their Christmas holidays, including how many sprouts they ate during Christmas dinner, this varied from zero (the over-whelming choice) to many more. We have created our personal challenges for that challenge badge where we do an activity where they have a range of things such as tidying, school work, helping mum. They have to rate them in order and then from the bottom 4 things they then decide on what their personal challenge should be. They then take this home and try their best in accordance with their cub promise. This is then reviewed at cubs.

We had a visit from Rotarian Robert Lovick to discuss public speaking and how we could get better at this in a group at cubs. Robert will be coming along again to do some more work with the cubs. We have completed some problem solving and team building challenges as part of the our skills challenge and have also looked at how we use Google



maps and the What 3 words app as part of the community maps section of the Our World Challenge.

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 discussed what items they could do as part of their personal challenge. Their idea's ranged from cleaning and tidying their bedroom to helping looking after their sisters. The leader challenge is to help at the Group Jumble Sale in March. They had a visit from the Rotary club member who helps people with public speaking and tried some exercises.

We have welcomed 2 Cubs moved up to Scouts. 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, 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

Paper Collection next on Saturday 4th March 2023 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 Road North, Belton any time. We also collect leaflets, cardboard boxes, any clean cardboard. Please note we are unable to take card from commercial premises. March collection Saturday 1st April 2023.

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

Date for your diary Bric-a-brac sale at JGI coffee morning on Saturday 4th March 2023 10am to 11am. Jumble/Bric-a-brac/Toy Sale Saturday 18th March 2023 at the JGI 10am. Wanted material adult aprons for Scouts when they are cooking to protect their clothing.



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ALL SAINTS BELTON

Rev Rosie Writes . . .



Taking a walk around The Rectory garden is a delight at this time of year. There are swathes of snowdrops like a white carpet in parts of the garden. In other places there are purple crocuses showing their colours in the grass, and primroses beginning to bloom. In some parts of the garden there is a patchwork of white, purple and yellow where the snowdrops and crocuses are joined with the daffodils as they begin to burst forth in glorious yellow. And in a hidden part, where the daffodils grow through long grass and weeds, they are standing tall as yellow sentinels and swaying gently in the wind. I know I am very fortunate to enjoy such beauty, and I am thankful to Tim who cleared all the leaves under the trees so that the signs of spring are more visible.

What is it that makes these flowers give such pleasure? I remember my Mum used to come in from the garden all excited to report to my Nanny the sight of the first snowdrop, crocus or daffodil. For me it is the hope of Spring; longer and warmer days and the end of the dark and cold longer nights. It is also a reminder that out of what appears to be death, life returns. The bulbs, which appear to die off each year, are back once again. I have flowers in the garden that I have received in pots in previous years that I've planted and they return year on year to give more pleasure.

Later this month it will be Mothers Day (or Mothering Sunday) however you choose to remember it.

My Mum passed away some years ago but it is always a delight to visit her grave with a pot of bulbs and see the flowers from previous years brightening that little piece of earth. I am thankful for my Mum and all she meant to me and did for me, but also thankful to God that she is in a much better place and like the bulbs, appearing to be dead, but bursting forth in resurrection life; which is the Christian hope.



The whole of March is taken up with Lent, which began on February 22nd this year. For those of us who mark this Lenten time of year, it is a time to have a look at the way in which our life is flourishing (or not) and to consider when needs to be done to enable our lives to flourish and be fruitful; it is a time of clearing the ground and planting new seeds, if I continue with the gardening analogy.

For some it will mean spending less time watching TV or on social media, but instead finding space to read a Christian book, or the Bible. Others might choose to take on something positive, such as 40 acts of kindness, or set aside the money they might usually spend on sweets/chocolate to go towards a charity supporting people in need, such as Ukraine or the Turkey & Syria Earthquake appeal. In the past, Lent was kicked off by Shrove Tuesday when all the rich foods were eaten up, and then not eaten until Easter Day some 45 days later. Lent was a time for fasting and preparation in readiness to celebrate Easter Day. Hot cross buns were enjoyed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday was a real fest day. Nowadays, hot cross buns and Cadburys cream Easter eggs are available all year round.

Whatever we believe, and however we choose to travel through Lent, I would recommend this time as a perfect opportunity to think about some of those big questions of life; to reassess where you are and how you are travelling. For Christians, it is a time to reconsider how faithful and obedient we are as followers of Jesus, to bring to God our failures and wrong life-choices, and to receive the forgiveness and encouragement that God so longs to give; and his help to live lives that bless our friends and neighbours. Seeing a life well-lived is just like discovering a patch of spring flowers vibrant in colour and standing firm and growing despite the odds.

As a church we at All Saints Belton have been talking about what might be arranged as a celebration of the coronation of King Charles III.

The coronation itself is taking place on the Saturday morning. It is suggested that various social events might happen on the Sunday and then the Monday be used for Community activities such a litter picks, working on improving a community area, etc. I wonder what Belton and Burgh Castle would like to do?

It is likely that the church will organise a Coronation Tea on the Saturday or Sunday afternoon. If you are reading this and would like to help, either with set up & tear down, or catering or entertainment, please could you get in touch with me (Rev Rosie Bunn 01493 780210, rosie@rosiebunn.co.uk) or Paula Durrant (paulamguard@gmail.com)

Thank you.





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Once again I am called to write my monthly piece for the Village voice. It comes round too quickly. We are having a half term break at present and the weather is good in comparison to the usual winter weather we can get. The dark nights are slowly drawing out and spring is around the corner. When we can all bloom again.

Members attending the Monday morning exercise group have continued to rise into the New Year. The aim of group is to meet on a Monday morning and move! Move those stiff joints and take part in a group activity where each person can do each activity depending on their own flexibility & mobility. This helps motivate us for the rest of the week.

Classes will continue to run every week from Monday 20th February till Monday 3rd April 2023, when we break for Easter.

A couple of past & present members have been poorly recently and we all wish them well in there recovery.

We will continue to send food donations to The Pantry at Belton church once a month and to save Stamps for the RNIB to be sent off annually. Thank you to all who have donated to these worth charities.

If you would like to know more about the classes or any of the above please contact Sallyann, by email up4fitness@gmail.com Text or ring on Mobile 07599 044806.

Belton Judo club latest update for March

Numbers at all our Judo sessions are continuing to increase, especially at Belton and the new kids MMA sessions and adult beginner MMA sessions at Oulton Broad and Bungay are making good progress. Anyone interested in trying something different, please don't hesitate to contact Dominic, full timetable and contact details are shown below. Sessions are suitable for all levels but if just training to keep fit is your thing, that is fine. An example of this is the fact we have new members entering development events for complete beginners and we have National and International fighter Ryan King who is a member of the British squad and a coach at our club attending competitions and training camps all over Europe so we can accommodate all levels at our Judo club.



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 76 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. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are no longer able to use our Wednesday venue so we are currently looking for a new venue but in the meantime we are able to accommodate our Wednesday group at any of our other venues. Present timetable is listed below:

TIMETABLE:
MONDAY: EAST ANGLIAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE, 163 BRIDGE ROAD, OULTON BROAD, NR33 9JX
 5.00pm-6.00pm – MMA for children (6-15 years)
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: CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW VENUE
THURSDAY: EAST ANGLIAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE, 163 BRIDGE ROAD, OULTON BROAD, NR33 9JX
 5.00pm-6.00pm – MMA for children (6-15 years)
THURSDAY: BUNGAY CHAUCER DOJO (NR35 1EB)
 7.30pm-9.30pm - MMA for older children and adults (12 years +)
 8.00pm-9.30pm – MMA beginners course for adults (in progress)
FRIDAY: EAST ANGLIAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE, 163 BRIDGE ROAD, OULTON BROAD, NR33 9JX
 6.15pm-7pm - Judo for younger children (fundamentals/fun)
 7.00pm-8pm - Judo for older children and adults (technique/theory/randori)
 8.00pm-9.30pm - MMA for older children and adults (12 years+).
 8.00pm-9.30pm – MMA beginners course for adults (in progress)

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.

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NORMAL BUS TIMETABLES RESUMED

We have been advised by First Eastern Counties that the temporary timetables in place since 12th September, 2022 will cease from 11th March, 2023 and from 12th March, 2023 normal timetables will be resumed.

BUS SERVICE FOR BELTON STUDENTS TO LYNN GROVE ACADEMY

For a number of years ENTUA has been highlighting the need for a bus service for Belton students attending



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Lynn Grove Academy on behalf of the parents of the Belton students. Currently there are 91 students attending this Academy from Belton and while there has been an early morning 6B leaving Belton at 0735 (Bracon Road) which drops off at the Millwood Surgery stop, there has been no return service in the afternoons.

First Eastern Counties and Norfolk County Council have put forward a proposal that will see a Service 5 calling at the bus stop near Lynn Grove at 1412 and 1517 travelling via Burgh Castle Queens Head and due to arrive in Belton Bracon Road at 1430 and 1535. These buses will not travel completely around Belton as the timings do not permit. After calling at the Kings Head, it travels along New Road TURNING RIGHT into Bracon Road where there is a bus stop, it will then turn right into Station Road North then St. Johns Road and Waveney Drive where it will terminate.

These afternoon times for Service 5 are in place for school days only. On non-school days and Saturdays Service 5 will only operate around Burgh Castle. (A separate timetable exists for Sundays and Public Holidays).

This is being done to accommodate the needs of the Belton students at the request of the parents, but will, of course, have an adverse effect for Burgh Castle

passengers who will have no return bus to Great Yarmouth between 1317 and 1637 (Queens Head timing). There will also be no Service 5 connection for Cherry Tree Holiday Centre between these times.

The Service 5 alterations will take effect from Monday 13th March, 2023. So from this date students travelling to Lynn Grove Academy should use the 6B departing Bracon Road at 0735 (Waveney Drive 0740) and alight at the stop adjacent to Millwood Surgery in Bradwell – the Academy is a short walk from here.

For return journeys in the afternoons Service 5 picks up in Burgh Road between Claydon Grove and Wren Drive at 1412 and 1517 calling at Burgh Castle Queens Head at 1423 and 1528, then Burgh Castle Louis Dahl at 1425 and 1530 arriving at Belton Bracon Road at 1430 and 1535 then via Station Road North, St. Johns Road arriving at Waveney Drive at 1433 and 1538 where it terminates. (NB Timings do not allow these buses to go around the whole of Belton as they have to get back to Market Gates to take up their next duty).

So now it is up to you, a solution has been put in place for a bus linking Lynn Grove from Belton in both directions. This has been done at the expense of Service 5 users on other parts of its route. Remember the old adage 'Use it or lose it'. It will be kept under review, so if you really need this service make sure it is used.

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Ormiston Venture Academy operates an

alumni programme which enables students to share successes and continue to be positive role models within the academy. Any former student who wants support is urged to get in touch, fitting the motto "once a Venture student, always a Venture student".

Principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham said:

"It was a real pleasure to see our Class of 2022 formally graduate as Venture Alumni. We are so proud of them and the exciting futures they are embarking on – they've all

grown into such exceptional young adults."

Dave Richards, Vice Principal of Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"The Class of 2022 will be remembered as wonderful year group who achieved incredible results both academically and in terms of their own personal development despite the disruption to their education over their final years. We are so proud of them and it was fantastic to be able to celebrate their success with them one last time".

Former Head Girl, Mollie Speed who

spoke on behalf of the class of 2022 thanked parents, students and finally staff her address saying:

"I would like to thank all the staff here at Venture, over the last five years they have worked tirelessly to ensure that we were able find our own pathways and not only make the Venture community proud but to be proud of ourselves through all the hard times. As we all make our way along our own journeys, I'm sure that each one of us will always remember words of support and encouragement from staff here at venture, I certainly will."



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Archiving all past Editions of VV

Over the past months all editions of the Village Voice have been electronically archived with the British Library. This is to meet the requirements of publications such as ours.

Thanks go to students at East Norfolk College over the past 18 months for their help in scanning copies before we went digital.

The first edition of the VV was in April 2000 was by Malcolm Scott and was just four pages and in Mono colour. This has grown over the years and has been up to 32 pages many months but has now averaged out to 24 pages each month.

It is interesting to read past copies as many news items are all but repeated. That's an indication how the big wheel goes around.

If anyone would like to see any specific month's copy then I would be willing to send them the pdf file for them to read. Contact beltonvvgraphic@gmail.com

JGI Trustees

The JGI trustees held one of their regular meetings in February with all present plus Faye Green who is the holding Trustee of the Green family.

All aspects of running the hall were discussed from maintenance to hiring's. As well as being pleases with the support from groups who use the hall it was agreed that more could be done to promote the hall functions and parties at weekends.

It was also agreed that the Monthly Saturday Coffee Morning would be tried again from March 4th to find out if they will be supported and if so will continue.

If you would be interested in joining the Trustees then please contact anyone of us for information. It would be great to have some younger blood to come aboard so that this wonderful community facility will continue to be available for many years to come.

Wednesday Morning Drop In

This community morning is still going strong after 18 years with Bill and I at the reins for the last 13 years. We are a friendly gathering with lots of chat and exchange of information. We have visits from DIAL, Norfolk Police and others to give all present valuable information. We would like to have inputs from Parish Councillors about how they help our community but they do not seem willing to attend even for a short time.

If you have not been along then give us a try as Spring approaches. You will be made very welcome.

Our thanks go to all who have helped out during our absence over the past few weeks. Please contact me on 780822 if you require any further information.

Fancy a new sport?



One that is both fun relaxing and gentle on the body. That sport is indoor short mat bowls. It takes place at the John Green Institute and is organised and run by Mike and Dot Howard. I found Mike to be a gentle soul and a pleasure to talk to. I visited the venue and stayed for about 30 minutes and was treated to an atmosphere of fun, great comradery with plenty of cheers and banter. Mike supplies the background music which when I visited was a bit of Country and Western

Most participants have, in one way or another, some form of ailment. Thus, this type of activity allows for exercise without putting a strain on those ailments. Tea and biscuits are available during the session which is for 2 hours starting at 2pm ending at 4pm every Monday. It costs £2.50 for each player per week. Any surplus money that has built up is used for a pre-Christmas luncheon. Players of all abilities take part and although the idea is to win your match, it is played as much for pleasure as anything else. Mike set up this activity after suggesting it to a few people and the response was terrific, 4 years later it is still going strong with 18 regular players. Up to 16 players can play at any one time. It is a great place for people to meet, keep warm and have fun.

If this is something that you feel you would like to do, please call Mike on 07754 503666 to arrange a visit. If you do not have any woods, Mike will do his best to provide you with some.

Adrian Myers Chair Village Voice.

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
7.00 – 9.00 pm	Belton Crafters	Linda	07721 599559

FRIDAY

10.30 – 12.00 am	Line Dancing	Jane	07788 408801
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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7.30 – 9.30 pm	Quiz Nite	Bill	780822
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Dates for your Diary



Saturday 4th March

8.30-10am - Lent Breakfast (2) at The Rectory

Sunday 5th March – Lent 2

Holy Communion & APCM
9.30am St Peter & St Paul Church

Morning Celebration – Café style

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Friday 10th March

10am – 12 noon Women's Bible Chat

Saturday 11th March

8.30-10am - Lent Breakfast (3) at The Rectory

Sunday 12th March – Lent 3

Morning Prayer

9.30am St Peter & St Paul Church

Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Evening Celebration

6.30pm All Saints Church Belton
Theme: "Why Forgiveness?"
Speaker: Rev Rosie Bunn

Tuesday 14th March

Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints Church, Belton
(Coffee available from 10am onward)

Saturday 18th March

8.30-10am - Lent Breakfast (4) at The Rectory

Sunday 19th March – Mothers Day – Lent 4

Holy Communion

9.30am St Peter & St Paul Church

Morning Celebration

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Messy Muddy Church

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

Saturday 25th March

8.30-10am - Lent Breakfast (5) at The Rectory

Sunday 26th March – Lent 5

Morning Prayer

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul Burgh Castle

Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

Saturday 1st April

8.30-10am - Lent Breakfast (6) at The Rectory

Sunday 2nd April 2022 – Palm Sunday Holy Communion

9.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Burgh Castle

Morning Celebration

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton



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