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## From the Editor's Desk

Professor Regi Alexander

### Calling for a new editor & it is urgent now:

In June 2016, I took over from the formidable Brian Swan as editor of your Village Voice. This issue is my 84th, completing 7 years in the post. As I indicated a couple of months ago, it is now time for me to hand over to someone else and for the magazine to have a new chapter of renewal and growth. Funded by advertising and produced and distributed by volunteers, your Village Voice needs one of you to put yourself forward for the editor's position. There is plenty of talent out there for that task and while all of us think we are too busy for any additional work, allow me to reassure you that this is one volunteering task that you will enjoy doing. Please contact me on beltonvveditor@gmail.com to express your interest and help to keep this magazine going.

## ROADWORKS

**BURGH CASTLE** – Butt Lane (near the Former Post Office development site) will be closed between **May 15th** and **18th** for works by Essex and Suffolk Water.

**BELTON** – Beccles Road (near The Rectory & Beech Farm) will be closed between **May 16th** and **23rd** for a new electrical connection.



## MAY REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Monday Bank Holidays in May, here are changes to your refuse collections for the month.

### Bank Holiday Monday May 8th.

All collections will be one day late for the week, Mondays rounds on Tuesday with the Friday rounds collected on Saturday May 13th.



### Bank Holiday Monday May 29th.

Again all one day late, Mondays rounds collected on the 30th with the Friday rounds collected on Saturday June 3rd.

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*"It is with the greatest sadness that I write to announce the passing of my dear wife, June Tuttle, after a long battle with vascular dementia. June would wish me to put on record her deep love and affection for Belton, a village she adopted after moving here some 45 years ago as my wife. Her association went further back though, as her printing business was involved in the production and distribution of the Belton and Burgh Castle Parish News, forerunner of the Village Voice. Among her many contributions, she was one of the prime movers in organising the public meeting that resulted in the provision of the foot and cycle path along New Road. Additionally, she organised a clean-up of the bridge and park area during the mid 1980s, and even spent some time as a 'lunch lady' and volunteer at Waveney First School and Breydon Middle School. Many members of the village would recognise her from walking our old dog, Bert, through the lovely paths that lead down to Burgh Castle fort. She truly loved her life and being in Belton, and on her behalf I thank the residents of Belton, Burgh Castle, and surrounding areas for many wonderful memories. Her family, including daughters Sandra and Mary, son John, and 3 grandchildren, miss her dearly.*

*Donations, if you wish, can be made to Alzheimer's Society, British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK via the website <https://junetuttle.muchloved.com> David Tuttle, Orwell Crescent"*



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### Cover Picture:

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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 April 4th with ten Parish Councillors present along with Borough

Councillor Adrian Myers, two members of the public and the Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, Ken Botwright chaired the meeting.

In planning there were no objections to plans for a swimming pool and gym at Pipistrelle Barn, Hall Farm, Beccles Road, Belton but a request will be made that it only be used for residents use with no holiday B&B, or Air B&B use. The following applications have been approved by the Borough Council - 9 St. James Crescent (demolition of conservatory and construct a new side extension) and Ashmar House, Farman Close, (removal of lower stump of tree covered by a TPO). The Borough have refused permission to convert and extend the existing garage at Brentwood on St. Johns Road and construct a new garage and the applicant has withdrawn the application at 14 Broom Gardens for a change of use from residential to a residential institution.

The Parish Council has obtained a quotation from a local contractor to clear Back Lane at Belton of undergrowth, the lane has been subject to a lack of maintenance by Norfolk County Council who have now agreed to pay for the work to be undertaken.



## ELECTIONS 2023

There will be an Election on Thursday May 4th for two seats on the Lothingland Ward of Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

Candidates are as follows:-

Graham Carpenter	(C)
Euan Duffield	(L)
Ivan Murray-Smith	(C)
Adrian Myers	(Ind) (Retiring member)
Chris Williamson	(L)

Polling stations will be open between 7am and 10pm, remember that for personal voters photo identity is now required to be produced when voting, every voter has a maximum of two votes.

There are no Parish Council elections in the area as insufficient candidates came forward for the available seats by the time nominations closed, all councils can fill outstanding seats by co-option details from the Parish clerks on the e-mails Below.

**Belton with Browston** – 6 candidates for 13 seats :- K Barber, K Botwright, M Greenacre, N Light, D Mills and J Riseborough. Contact details for co-option information [Beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk), – First meeting of new Council Tuesday May 16th (7.30pm).

**Burgh Castle** – 6 candidates for 7 seats :- P Carter, M Greenacre, W Griffiths, R Grimmer, J Hogg and B Swan. Contact details [Burghcastleclerk@gmail.com](mailto:Burghcastleclerk@gmail.com), – The new Council meets for the first time on Monday May 15th (7.45pm following the Annual parish Meeting).

**Fritton with St Olaves** – 7 candidates for 10 seats :- S Bellaby, R Betts, J Burton, R Dunn, C Richards, J Stephens and P Storey. Contact details [Frittonstolaves.clerk@outlook.com](mailto:Frittonstolaves.clerk@outlook.com), – First meeting of new council Thursday May 18th (7.30pm).

## Notice and agenda Belton with Browston Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 9th May 2023 - 7.30pm at the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre

An opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors, to hear what has been happening during the past year and plans for the coming year, to find out about groups and opportunities within your villages, and to express your ideas and/or concerns about the Parish

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** The Parish Council Chairman to welcome all to the meeting, and apologies will be noted.
- 2. MINUTES** To approve the minutes from the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting.
- 3. ANNUAL REPORT** By the Parish Council Chairman.
- 4. VILLAGE VOICE** Annual Report.
- 5. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS** Reports from village organisations will be presented, to include the New Road Sport & Leisure Centre report by Parish Councillor Light, and Belton Poorlands Report by the Parish Council Chairman. (Could those reporting please send a copy of the report to the Parish Clerk)
- 6. OPEN FORUM** Questions will be taken, discussed and Community Resolutions made.

Signed by the Parish Clerk: Kate Ruddock  
Telephone: 01493 602960 email: [beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk)

Electric vehicle charging points were discussed, if installed at the New Road Centre, the Parish Council would not have to pay for installation or maintenance but would not receive any income therefore it was agreed to submit an expression of non-committal interest at this stage and to seek further information.

Councillor Myers reported that no new play equipment is scheduled for the Bell Lane site, however white lines on the multi play area will be remarked, the seating will be repainted along with the cradle swings and two flat swings will be altered to cradle swings. Councillor Light reported that the set of goal posts donated by Bohemians F.C will be installed on Bell Lane in the near future.

Photos of various road surfaces in need of repair have been sent to Norfolk County Highways including New Road, Councillor Staff stated that he had been contacted by a resident about the terrible condition of the New road surface..

The Defibrillator at the New Road Centre is now on the outside fence (by the main entrance) and is therefore available 24/7 whilst the possibility of midweek fund raising car boot sales at that location is being investigated by the Parish Council.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – The Belton and Browston Annual Parish Meeting, when local groups have the opportunity to report on the year and the Citizen Of The Year award is presented takes place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesday May 9th (7.30pm) all local residents are invited to attend.

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – This is on Tuesday May 16th, also at the New Road Centre at 7.30pm when as well as usual business appointments to council positions are made for the coming year. Following on from the recent elections, this is later than usual as it needs to be after the elections to a specific timescale. Details of both meetings are available from the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock on 01493 602960 or email [beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk).



# Burgh Castle Parish Council



There were six members of the Parish Council plus Borough Councillor Adrian Myers, one member of the public and the Parish Clerk at the April 17th meeting of Burgh Castle Parish Council, Brian Swan was in the chair.

In planning updated documents for the use of the recently built building behind 6 Coronation Terrace as residential for a family member did not alter the Council's view that it was totally against this building when constructed and did not approve of its use for residential purposes. Regarding a request for part of the garage at Greenancre on Marsh Lane as a residential annexe members asked for conditions to include its use for a family member related to the owners of the main property to be applied, they also agreed to ask if any agricultural tenancy restrictions apply to the use of the property as a whole. The Broads Authority have approved demolition of The Lodge at Church Farm (Church Road) and its replacement with a two storey house with garage while the Borough Council have refused prior approval permission for agricultural buildings to be converted into two residential properties at Breydon View on Market Road.

There had only been a basic reply from the County Council Highways Engineer saying he was awaiting contractors comments over the Parish Council's complaints about the quality of workmanship on the recent verge works near the village sign. There has been no reply from The Norfolk Archaeological trust over the continued flooding at the Roman Fort car park entrance while councillors have been made aware of at least three members of the public being charged £100 for parking discrepancies at the site in recent weeks, concerns have been

raised over the efficiency of the parking machine, members agreed to display notices in the village stating that the Parish Council has no responsibility for this site, it is managed by Norfolk Archaeological trust for English Heritage.

Members agreed to ask the Borough Council to undertake a litter pick in High Road, Mill Road and Butt Lane and to ask the Brownies if they would be able to do one on Back Lane as they had discussed this with Councillor Greenacre last year and members felt that this is a safer location for them.

The Chairman advised that he had been in touch with ENTUA who are waiting official user figures from First Bus over the lack of take up of the reversed afternoon service 5 busses by pupils of Lynn Grove High School, parents had said that the service was needed by 90 children in Belton, in the first three weeks none were seen using the first trip with the second run, in Burgh Castle about 3.30pm only seeming to have a maximum of three Belton pupils on any one day. Also, on busses members agreed to add the Parish Council's name to a letter being put together by Postwick Parish Council to go to the Norfolk County Council to request the reinstatement of the Postwick Park and Ride service as soon as possible.

In May there are two meetings in one evening again a week late, due to the bank holiday they will be on Monday May 15th, the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.30pm followed at approximately 7.45pm by the Annual Parish Council Meeting both at the Village Hall on Church Road. For details contact Kate Ruddock, the Parish Clerk, on 07948705218, e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com.

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# Fritton with St. Olaves Parish Council



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## Pooch Corner



### DOGS THAT BARK AT THE DOOR

By Clinical Animal Behaviourist Katey Aldred MSc, RVN, ABTC-CAB

#### Does your Dog bark at the door?

This is a very common issue for many dog loving households. Barking at the door means that a dog is trying to create distance between them (or their house) and whoever it is at the door. This is their first warning that they might escalate their behaviour further if the intruder does not back off. This might be triggered when hearing a car door close, footsteps outside, seeing someone approaching through a window, on hearing the letter box, doorbell or knocking. It is also common for this behaviour to occur when the dog is in their own garden with people walking past. For some dog owners it is not an issue but for most it is. In some cases, the barking will turn into behaviour we do not like to see resulting in bites. A classic victim of this is delivery people as they are unknown to the dog and have a job to do so walk directly up to the house.

#### Did you know you could end up in Prison for 5 years?

In 2020 a high court judge ruled that dog owners could face up to five years in prison if their dog attacked a postal worker. This was the result of a Royal Mail worker being bitten by a dog with no history of aggression but clearly reacted to the door. The worker unfortunately lost the top of a finger whilst delivering a letter as the dog grabbed and bit down onto their fingers. A prison sentence is also possible if a dog were to bite any person. If a dog is deemed out of control without biting a prison sentence can still be imposed. Controlling dogs in public includes private places such as your own home or garden under legislation. A dog can be classed as out of control even if someone is only worried that a dog might injure them or potentially their animal.

#### 5 Ways to prevent barking at the door

Here are some ways you can prevent or help with barking at the door. If you are already experiencing aggression on top of the barking, you would benefit from professional guidance.

**1) Ask visitors to call ahead:** whilst you are trying to get over the door issues ask visitors to call ahead of their arrival. Let them know you are training your dog and ask them to avoid ringing the doorbell.

**2) Teach an alternative behaviour:** teach your dog when they hear the door to go onto their bed, for a good example of this. If your dog already reacts to the doorbell a good tip is to change the sound of the bell and start from scratch.

**3) Knocking means nothing:** teach your dog that when they hear knocking it doesn't mean they need to charge at the door to anticipate a visitor.

**4) Avoid vigilance:** if your dog likes sitting and watching out of windows or pacing the perimeter of the garden fence this needs to be interrupted. This is your cue that your dog is going to bark at someone, and they need to be redirected to another activity OR prevented from having access to these areas.

**5) Get a post box:** if your dog already has an issue with postal workers, get a post box so they don't hear the letter box going every day. This keeps everyone safe including your dog. These are just the basic outlines, read more about helping with this issue on the blog. These techniques can also be applied in young dogs to prevent issues from beginning <https://www.kateyaldred.co.uk/barking-at-the-door/>

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## ADRIAN MYERS

Borough Councillor

Dear residents.

We are now in Purdah. This is a pre-election period where certain restrictions are put on the media regarding elections. What this means regarding my article in the Village Voice is as follows. Village Voice cannot allow articles that make references to individual politicians, continue third party blogs or articles of a political nature (like mine), show any preference for a political party, allow any politician to make statements that could be seen as electioneering or on controversial matters, publicise proactive events involving candidates unless it is to advertise a hustings event in which all candidates are invited.

Consequently, I cannot make any statements as to my activities within the villages over the last few weeks. Given that, I would say, that in this election, you have two votes in the Lothingland ward which will be represented by two elected borough council candidates. Voter I.D. is required and a list of acceptable I.D.s can be found at the council's website. This comes under elections Act 2022: Voter ID requirements.

Adrian Myers

Independent Borough Councillor  
Lothingland Ward.



## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFITS 2023 -24

**Changes to benefits if you're working age**  
If you haven't yet reached State Pension age, or you're a couple and one of you is yet to reach State Pension age, you might be entitled to benefits for working-age people.

**Changes to Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**  
The weekly rates for both the care and mobility components have increased.

**Changes to Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**  
This has increased to £84.80 per week if you're single and £133.30 per week if you're a couple.

**Changes to Income Support**  
This has increased to £84.80 per week if you're single and £133.30 per week if you're a couple.

**Changes to Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)**  
This has increased to £84.80 per week if you're single and £133.30 per week if you're a couple.

**Changes to Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**  
The daily living component has increased to £68.10 for the standard rate and £101.75 for the enhanced rate.  
The mobility component has increased to £26.90 for the standard rate and £71.00 for the enhanced rate.

**Changes to Universal Credit**  
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# 1st Belton Scout Group

## Beavers

The Beavers finished the term with a Saturday morning at Wellington Bowl, playing ten pin bowling for the morning. At the last meeting the Beavers made sandwiches either cheese, ham or jam after being tested re hand washing singing happy birthday twice while washing their hands. Everyone at the end of the evening were presented with a certificate for their handwashing. Congratulations to Eloise, Annabelle, Fletcher and



## Cubs

The cubs spent the end of the month just before Easter, pulling together everything, they had learned over the past 4 weeks. This was about how we speak in a group, how to play games correctly to get the most out of them, leading a team and how in different teams we can be part of in life.

Mao as part of her young leader training put together a most enjoyable meeting celebrating the lemon and the town on Menton. We made lemonade and tasted it, played a game called L'escargot, and learnt a little bit about the town of Menton. One amazing fact was that the town on the cote d'azur has 321 days of sunshine a year.

The cubs have earned a number of badges this term and we look forward to getting the better weather here so we can get outside after the Easter break. 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 completed the term with a fun evening at the

climbing wall at the Marina Centre Great Yarmouth. There are 16 different walls to climb. After a safety talk the scouts had great fun climbing the different walls watched by 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

Paper Collection next on Saturday 13th May 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.

## June collection on Saturday 10th June

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George for being presented with their Bronze Chief Scout Awards. Brown Beaver noted that she had presented over the years both of Georges siblings awards as well.

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## ALL SAINTS BELTON

### Rev Rosie writes . . .



It is not long now until King Charles III is crowned in Westminster Abbey, watched by hundreds of people in the church and by millions of people on television on Saturday 6th May. Yet, it is less than a year since we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years on the throne of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Sunday 5th June. Now, on Sunday 7th May we shall be doing it all again to mark the coronation of King Charles III, which will take place on the Saturday.

Tickets for the Right Royal Celebrations of King Charles' Coronation – the Afternoon Tea in The Rectory Garden are now on sale from Binkys, the Church and the Rectory, Burgh Castle Village Hall Tea Rooms and Bill Richmond of the JGI. Thanks to the generosity of the Village Voice grant and a donation from the trustees of the JGI, prices for this amazing event have been kept low: £3 for adults or children and £9 for a family ticket (for a maximum of 2 adults plus children). Let's hope the weather is better than last year and the sun shines on us!

So, will you be watching the Coronation on TV? I hope to do just that, preparations for the following day allowing. I've been reading about the symbolism involved in the church service, as King Charles is anointed, crowned and enthroned, and acknowledged as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Just as the late Queen undertook preparation for her coronation; reading bible passages and reflections prepared for her by the Archbishop of Canterbury, so Charles will undertake the same kind of preparation. It is all very similar to a priest preparing for ordination.

I am looking forward to discovering what music the King has chosen for his coronation, and to praying with the Archbishop, the King and all those present for the King's reign; that God will help the King and Queen in all they undertake on behalf of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Much of the service will be as it has been since 973 and the coronation of King Edgar in Bath, but in English now, rather than Latin.

Young@Heart wish to thank the Village Voice for their recent grant. The money will go towards activities for members in the coming months.

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Sue Angell



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Olive oil pressed from olives grown on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem will be used to anoint the King. When his mother was anointed, a significant part of the coronation, she wore a plain white dress as a sign of humility and in recognition of her need for God's help in carrying out her duties as Queen. Kings in the Old Testament (before Jesus) were anointed with

olive oil with God's approval; Jesus' name of the Christ also means "anointed one". I believe the significant part of the coronation is when Charles is anointed, blessed and consecrated, although for many it will be when the crown is placed on his head. The King is also handed the orb – a gold globe with a cross on the top – and a sceptre, which has a cross on top too. Both are symbols of power and authority; the orb showing that the whole world is under the power of Christ's authority and the sceptre stands for earthly authority in the service of God.

The King will also be handed a Bible. At our late Queen's Coronation she was told that the Bible was more valuable than anything this world affords. The symbols and words, linked in with the music, clearly and deliberately connect the coronation with Christian themes and stories in the Bible. No doubt this will be a spectacular occasion; we do pomp and ceremony so well in the UK.

King Charles has had a long wait to become King due to his Mother's strength and good health; time to consider the important aspects of what a King should be. For me, his best example and the person to imitate would be King Jesus, who had all the power and authority and yet was prepared to serve the people around him, caring for them and transforming their lives. My prayer is that King Charles will enjoy his day and then continue to work for the good of the people and the good of the planet, in every way that is open to him.

## Right Royal Celebrations

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## AFTERNOON TEA



**Main issues and concerns raised**

- ✳ Generally, although residents are not supportive of large scale residential development, they would welcome more affordable or small-scale housing to help meet community needs, such as for younger people wanting to get on the housing ladder or to meet needs such as downsizing.
- ✳ Concern was raised about future housing development taking place on Grade 1 or 2 agricultural land. There were also concerns that new development would mean a loss of countryside, natural habitats, village identity or will impact on landscape and increase traffic / road safety issues.
- ✳ Should there be future development smaller 2 or 3 bed homes were most supported. Small sites of 10-25 homes on brownfield land was preferable.
- ✳ Residents currently or likely to be looking for housing in the next 5-10 years were predominantly interested in smaller unit housing, either alone or as a couple. The cost of purchasing a property, finding the money to acquire a deposit for housing or the costs of private rent are key concerns for those looking. Some individuals on the waiting list for social housing reported long waiting times.
- ✳ The design of any new housing is important, there's support for ensuring new housing is in-keeping with existing development and for it to incorporate low carbon design/energy efficient measures.
- ✳ There were mixed views on allocating land for renewable energy generation. Solar energy generation was the preferred choice, subject to it not being intrusive within the landscape, and incorporating boundary treatments such as

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# Parish Plan Survey

trees and hedgerows.

- ✳ A number of residents who are currently in employment and living in the NPA either work from home or travel outside of the NPA doing various miles (between 0-200 miles) to travel to their employment. The most popular option for getting to work was via private vehicle.
- ✳ Retaining the current rural character of the parishes is important to residents including the need to retain a gap between the villages so they do not lose their individual identities.
- ✳ There is strong support for protecting the rural environment, its tranquillity, important woodlands/wetlands, and views of the Broads, marshlands and other beauty spots. Many areas were suggested for identification as local green spaces and important local views.
- ✳ Access into the countryside is important, people would like to see more footpaths and routes into the countryside.
- ✳ Most respondents raised concerns that they did not want to see the area over developed or lose its rural identity. Concerns were raised about the strain development places on community infrastructure/services, the poor quality of new housing and traffic issues.
- ✳ In the next 10 years residents said they would like the area as safe, rural, tranquil, friendly, attractive and unchanged.
- ✳ If any employment land comes forward residents would like to see this used for a medical centre, rural enterprises, shop or retail.

- ✳ Most respondents did not want to see further mineral extraction in the NPA and reported issues on noise, vibration, and the maintenance of the roads.

- ✳ Most respondents were in favour of Lothingland having a recycling centre to alleviate the current traffic congestion

issues.

- ✳ Most respondents were not keen to see further expansion of tourism areas and reported concerns relating to traffic.
- ✳ Most respondents said they would like to see a bus service to Millwood Surgery.
- ✳ Traffic and speeding is a common concern. Many respondents suggested the need for additional speed cameras and traffic calming measures, street lighting and safer footpaths/cycle paths.
- ✳ Concerns were raised around parking, particularly outside schools at pick up / drop off times which results in parking on pavements, junctions, and outside residential dwellings.
- ✳ Retaining existing local services and facilities is important and there is some support for new amenities. This includes a GP surgery, dentist, open spaces, post office and general shop. Some of the lowest options were secondary school, sports facilities, community centre and public house. Encouragement of more facilities and activities to be introduced in the villages for all age groups was also noted including clubs for children.
- ✳ Residents stated that they were satisfied with the current public transport but would like to see an improvement to frequency, better links to schools and other areas.

*Ken Botwright Chair Belton with Browston Parish Council*



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# Down the Garden Path

Elizabeth Myhill

There's more than one way to add vertical colour to your garden. Tall plants make an obvious choice, but so do hanging baskets. Whether you've got an expensive patio or tiny apartment balcony, a hanging basket gets plants off the ground, to eye level or higher, and can add a burst of color where flower beds and patio containers can't.

Already-planted hanging baskets are easy to find in any garden centre, but so are the materials needed to plant up your own. Here's an easy guide to creating your own hanging basket, plus tips for long-term care.

## Your supplies:

- \* A basket - There are many options, from wood to plastic to wire frames. Larger baskets allow for more types of plants and plastic types tend to hold more moisture, but many people prefer the aesthetic appeal of wood, wicker and wire baskets.
- \* A liner - Most do-it-yourself basket planters have a wire frame with some sort of liner, like coco fibre, compressed sphagnum peat or sheet moss. Most liners are sold separately.
- \* The compost - We always recommend using a good quality compost for baskets and containers. Clover Tub & Basket we find best and contains all the nutrients needed.
- \* The plants - The most basic rule to remember is don't mix sun-loving and shade-loving plants in the same basket. You can look for a combination of mounding plants for the centre and trailing

plants for the edge. Within these two categories, you can look for interesting or colourful foliage or plants that have striking blooms. How many plants you actually put in the basket depends on a few factors. For a small 10-in. (25-cm) basket, three to four plants may do. But with a large, deep 16-in. (40-cm) moss basket, you could use as many as 10 plants - especially if you plant in holes along the sides and bottom.

If you're using a wire basket that didn't come pre-lined, line it with moss, coco fibre or other liner. If you plan on planting in the sides of the basket, you'll need to cut small slits in the lining at the compost level. wrap the plant with a paper towel and push it through the hole from the inside out.

Fill the basket with compost until it's about two-thirds full. Plant at the top and sides, filling the rest of the basket with compost mix so that it covers the root balls of the plants. Water thoroughly.

## Care Tips:

- \* Most hanging baskets need daily watering during the warm Summer months. You can improve water retention by placing an additional poly liner or plastic saucer in the base of the basket, on top of the moss or fibre liner.
- \* In addition to water, plants also need adequate nutrition. If your soil doesn't have fertilizer included, add a pellet form of slow-release fertilizer to the top of the basket after it's planted. You can also add fertiliser to the water daily or weekly. As always, please follow the directions on the label of every fertiliser.
- \* Depending on the plants you choose, you'll probably have to do a little routine maintenance to your basket to encourage continuous blooming. Deadheading or removing spent blooms will make your basket look better and allow the plants to grow and bloom longer



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### Belton Judo club latest update for May

Now that spring has sprung with the weather improving all the time, the numbers at all our venues are continuing to increase. People feel much more inclined to turn out after school/work when the nights are lighter and the weather better. DOMINIC KING JUDO & MMA ACADEMY also run other activities during school holidays such as the Easter fun and games day which was a huge success and enjoyed by one and all.



Next one already booked for Wednesday 31st May, be first to get your name down and book a place. In other news, Ryan King, our assistant coach and International fighter, has been selected as a nominated training partner for our GB senior team going to the World Championships in Doha, Qatar. He will be attending a gruelling four day camp designed to stretch our GB team to their limits.

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 train 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)

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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.

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### Great Yarmouth Stroke Club

A thank you to Chris for entertaining the group with his singing. Thank you to Reece with all bets on the horse racing.

Easter party theme "Mad Hatter" Easter

quiz and Easter bingo. Grace judged the hats with the winners being Stuart, Ellen and Marg.



Sam Clark brought every member and volunteer an Easter egg. Thank you so much, how kind is that.

Birthdays Tom, Maureen, Stuart.

Contact Sue Casey 01493 781846.

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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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### Extension of £2.00 maximum single fare period

As mentioned in the April ENTUA article the £2.00 maximum single bus fare period has been extended to 30th June, 2023. This represents extremely good value for money, particularly if you travel a longer distance e.g. £4.00 if you travel to Norwich and back. The Government are supporting this via the DfT to assist passengers during this period of cost of living crisis and to encourage greater bus use back to pre-pandemic levels. All of the Norfolk Bus operators are taking part in the scheme.

### £14.7m funding will bring 70 zero emission buses to Norwich

You may be aware through local media outlets that Norfolk County Council and First Eastern Counties have received confirmation of an extra £11.4 million funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) which will mean a total of 70 zero emission buses will be arriving in Norwich next year. This, in addition to the £3.3 million confirmed in March, 2022 bringing the total funding to £14.7 million for the County's bus network. Piers Marlow, Managing Director at First East of England said – "This additional funding will allow us to electrify our five most frequent cross-city routes, accounting for nearly 2/3rds of all our bus journeys operating through Castle Meadow. This significant joint investment will provide a benefit for our passengers whilst contributing toward improving the air quality in the City. It will also see one of our two Norwich Depots (Roundtree Way depot) fully converted to operate an entirely zero emission fleet, with the installation of associated charging infrastructure and removal of all diesel related equipment".

"We continue to work closely with Norfolk County Council and other stakeholders to deliver improvements to bus services across our networks, and progress the decarbonisation of our bus fleets across the region".

There will be 55 double-deckers and 15 single-decker zero emission buses on the following routes:-

Pink line	- routes 11/12	} Double deckers
Red line	- routes 23/24	
Orange line	- routes 21/22	
Blue line	- routes 25/26	} Single deckers
Green line	- routes 14/15	

The switch from conventional diesel engine buses to electric would reduce CO2 emissions by more than 80,000 tonnes – which is equivalent to taking around 4700 small petrol cars off the road. It will also save 32 tonnes of NO and PM2.5 every year. These are the fine particles and other exhaust gases known to reduce air quality and harm peoples' health.

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### ENTUA meeting with Norfolk County Council

We met with officers at Norfolk County Council to discuss what we felt are gaps in the provision of bus services in the Gt. Yarmouth area. ENTUA has been concerned that while allocations of the Bus Service Improvement Programme funds have been allocated for service improvements in Norwich and parts of North East Norfolk, only one allocation has been made for services in the Great Yarmouth area. This is Service 7 which operates 4 times each way Mon-Fri between Great Yarmouth to Norwich via Caister, Filby, Fleggburgh, Acle, Thorpe and Railway Station.

Other areas we have been campaigning for are:-

1. A year round service to the Town's railway station
2. A regular bus service to Gapton Hall retail park, and
3. A service linking Belton to Bradwell and Bradwell direct to the James Paget Hospital.

On the Gapton Hall retail park issue, Norfolk County Council are awaiting the opening of the 'Herring Bridge' to see what effect this has on traffic congestion at Gapton Hall roundabout. With regards to the station, they are undertaking a feasibility study to see if it is possible for either the X1/X11 buses to stop outside the station or for a bus interchange on North Quay (where the current second-hand car lot is situated). With regards to a service linking Belton to Bradwell to allow access to Doctors' surgeries, Norfolk County Council have taken away our suggestions and will discuss these with First Eastern Counties. To be honest we were disappointed that nothing more positive came from the meeting, bearing in mind we lodged our wish list with Norfolk County Council in 2021.

Just a reminder to Belton students using Service 5 to get home from Lynn Grove Academy, that this service is using Burgh Road again and not the diversionary route via Beccles Road to Mallard Way.

### East Anglia Transport Museum - 'Cost of Living Day'

In recognition of the hard times many families are facing, the East Anglia Transport Museum will be offering half-price entry to the Museum and offsite bus services alongside all the usual museum attractions on Sunday 21st May, 2023 from 11am-5pm. There is no on-site parking at this event – a free 'Park & Ride' service will operate from the Co-op Food Store, Ashburnham Way, Carlton Colville. For more information go to: [eatransportmuseum.co.uk](http://eatransportmuseum.co.uk)

ENTUA always welcomes new members, all we ask is for a minimum £5.00 per annum donation which helps us cover the cost of printing and postage of our very informative quarterly newsletter, plus the hiring of venues for public meetings. To join please write to ENTUA, 18 Wensum Way, Belton. NR31 9NY  
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You'll then enjoy further courses at two other venues before returning to one to conclude with entertainment and a prize raffle.

The Feast is this year being kindly supported by the Tombstone Brewery and Saloon Bar at George Street in Great Yarmouth and by Tesco at Caister.

**To book for the event please contact James Paget Hospital Charity Manager Maxine Taylor on 01493 453348 or email [Maxine.Taylor@jpaget.nhs.uk](mailto:Maxine.Taylor@jpaget.nhs.uk)**

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# Local NEWS in Brief

## JOIN US FOR A GREEN DAY IN SOMERLEYTON VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 13th MAY 11.00 – 16.00

You are invited to our Green Day to learn how to encourage wildlife in your garden, reduce waste, recycle more, discover local footpaths, save water, compost your waste and much more to make your lives greener and more sustainable.

Children will be able to take part in quizzes, enjoy craft activities, learn about hedgehog houses and how to encourage wildlife and have the opportunity to win toys made from re-cycled materials.

Somerleyton School, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Essex and Suffolk Water and WildEast will be bringing their expertise and information on their projects. Learn about our very special mission in Somerleyton to encourage swifts to nest at the School and St. Mary's Church. For gardeners there will be composting advice and offers, plant sales and seed swaps and no day would be complete without teas, coffee and cake. We look forward to seeing you!

This event is sponsored by Essex and Suffolk Water and hosted by Somerleyton, Ashby and Herringfleet Parish Council at Somerleyton Village Hall, The Street, Somerleyton NR32 5QB



On 6 May 1682, a warship carrying the future King of England and Scotland ran aground in heavy seas off the coast of Great Yarmouth. Within an hour the vessel sank, causing many lives to be lost, and for over 300 years, the wreck and its contents lay buried on the seabed.

Artefacts from HMS Gloucester are on display for the first time (Image: WikiCommons/Norfolk Museum Services)  
A flask that may have held a future king's urine will be among the artefacts on display when the extraordinary haul of a long-lost shipwreck is exhibited in Norwich.

## Easter Day Sunday 9th April 6.00am Sunrise Service at Burgh Castle Fort



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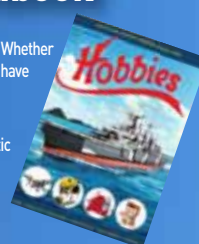
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## JGI Trustees

The decorating of the hall is progressing well and by the time you read this it should all be complete and the hall back to normal activity again.

The first of what is hoped to be monthly Saturday Coffee Mornings will be on Saturday May 13th and then on the second Saturday of each month.

If you or any group would like to have a display or sales table on those mornings then please contact either Bill on 07950039455 or Geoff and Shelia on 07984443808.

We are all very sad that Joan Gowen, our Chairman's wife, passed away on Thursday 6th April. Although it might not have been obvious, she did a lot behind the scenes for the JGI.

She will be greatly missed and our love and thoughts are with Roger and the family.



## Wednesday Morning Drop In

It has been a busy month during April. On the first Wednesday we had a visit from the Parish Council Vice Chairman, Nigel Light and many had an interesting conversation with him about many topics. We hope other Parish Councillors will also pay us a visit during the year.

We also had a visit from the Community Health Nurses from the James Paget Hospital. All found it a valuable visit with many having their blood pressure taken with advice and other questions answered. They are returning at the beginning of May to give all who are eligible and would like it a Spring Covid Booster vaccination. This will save time and effort rather than having to travel to their doctors or other vaccination centres.

Come along and see what else happens, you will be made welcome. Call Sue on 780822 for further information.

## Yoga at JGI

There will be NO class on the 1st and 29th May but there will be a class on the 8th May

Julie



## JGI Coffee Morning

The first of what we hope will be a regular Coffee Morning on the second Saturday each month will take place on Saturday May 13th between 10 and 11.30am.

There will be a raffle by the Over 60's Club and a fun quiz for all. If you would like to hold a raffle to booster your clubs funds at a future Saturday Coffee morning then please call Bill on 07950039455 or if you meet at the JGI put your name on the list at the JGI.

**A Date to Note** --- On Saturday 8th July coffee morning the Camera Club are going to have a display of photographs of various topics but many will be around the local area over the past 20 years.

## Camera Club

The next meeting will be on Friday May 5th at 2pm at the JGI. If you would like to learn more about how to get the best from your camera then come and join us for a friendly gathering. We will help you to understand the settings on the camera and you will be able to join us on our ventures to gain experience. Call Bill on 07950039455 for more information



The May Quiz will be on Friday 26th May at 7.30pm. Great prizes and great fun. £5 per table up to 4 people

## 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

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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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### Friday 12th May

10am - 12 noon Women's Bible Chat

### Saturday 13th May

8.30-10am - Burgh Castle Breakfast at the Rectory

### Sunday 14th May

#### 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

### Sunday 21st May

#### 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

### Tuesday 23rd May

#### The Bible Course (8)

7-9pm All Saints Church

### Sunday 28th May - Pentecost

#### Morning Prayer

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul Burgh Castle

#### Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

### Sunday 4th June 2023 - Trinity Sunday

#### Holy Communion

9.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Burgh Castle

#### Morning Celebration - Café Style

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

### Tuesday 2nd May

#### Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints Church, Belton  
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### Sunday 7th May

#### Holy Communion

9.30am St Peter & St Paul Church

#### Morning Celebration - Café style

10.30am All Saints Church, Belton

### Sunday 7th May

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