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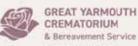
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A word from the Editor Adrian Myers

n Thursday the 16th of November the Village Voice Community Fete committee met. At that meeting we discussed various ideas concerning the fete. One idea that came to the fore was that we should hold various events in the arena involving children and adults. Those events could be as simple as a sack race or even a three legged race. We discussed some ideas but we decided to go away and think of some events that we could stage. If any of our readers would like to make suggestions for such events, then please email me at the Village Voice editor email address. Updates for the event are posted on our Face Book page as well.

> Finally I would just like to wish everyone involved with putting this magazine together a



ROADWORKS DECEMBER ROADWORKS



Roadworks in Burgh Castle in December are on High Road which will be closed at the corner by Crows Farm on Monday/Tuesday

December 18th and 19th to allow for total resurfacing of the corner and as soon as this is finished within the 2 days the same contractors will move on to some very short closures on Market Road and also Mill Road (near the Market Road junction) to enable various small patchings to take. During these two days there will be a restricted bus service to Burgh Castle with most of the village not served.



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MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Locally the Norfolk Mobile Library rounds are as follows :

Belton Wednesdays, December 27th and and January 24th then and every 4 weeks Moorlands Primary Academy 3.20-3.50pm. Outside 7 Station Road South 3.55-4.10pm Amhurst Gardens 4.15-4.35pm. St. Roberts way 4.40-4.55pm.

Fritton No service.

St Olaves Wednesdays, December 27th and January 24th and then every 4 weeks stopping on Priory Close between 12.45 and 1.00pm.

Burgh Castle – No service

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Refuse/Recycling Collections over Christmas and New Year

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY		REVISED COLLECTION	
Monday	25th Dec	Saturday	23rd Dec
Tuesday	26th Dec	Wednesday	27th Dec
Wednesday	27th Dec	Thursday	28th Dec
Thursday	28th Dec	Friday	29th Dec
Friday	29th Dec	Saturday	30th Dec
2024			
Monday	1st Jan	Tuesday	2nd Jan
Tuesday	2nd Jan	Wednesday	3rd Jan
Wednesday	3rd Jan	Thursday	4th Jan
Thursday	4th Jan	Friday	5th Jan
Friday	5th Jan	Saturday	6th Jan
Garden Waste (Brown Bins) are NOT emptied over the Christmas period			

Your Parish Council Reports

Belton with Browston Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Parish Council was held on November 7th with eight Parish Councillors present along with Kate Ruddock (Parish Clerk), Borough Councillor Graham Carpenter and two members of the public, David Mills chaired the meeting.

Several points were raised in the public section one was the possibility of closing off the entrance to The Tavern from Rosedale Gardens, the Chairman stated this is private land and has a covenant saying that it is only for owners use, however due to it being a walkway for many years closing it off may not now be possible. There is a blocked drain behind properties on Fern Gardens which GYBC, NCC and Anglian Water will not take responsibility for, can the Parish Council determine responsibility. There was a request to stop parking on verges, Councillor Greenacre stated there might be an opportunity for a bylaw to prevent this.

Members agreed to approve the New Road Field as an open space in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan and dates in December for the public consultation on the document that has been produced were noted (see centre pages of this Village Voice).

Councillor Cox had requested that the possibility of a roundabout at Belton Cross Roads be discussed again however Borough Councillor Carpenter stated that these cost in the region of £1m each and cannot be afforded by the County Council, however with action being needed it was agreed to ask Councillor Carpenter and County Councillor Carl Annison to push for a speed limit on this road all the way to Fritton.

In planning the following comments to the Borough Council were agreed – 67 Rosedale Gardens (Dropped kerb) no objections. 12 Ranworth Close (Retain single story side extension, replacement garage raised roof) no objections. 1 Beech Farm Barns, Beccles Road (Raise crown of Ash tree) no objections. Wedgewood, Sandy Lane, Belton (Reduce oak tree by 3.5 meters) no objections. Farewell Hales, Stepshort, Belton (use of existing rear building as 2 bed bungalow) objections- insufficient space for bungalow, no parking space and a shared driveway would result. 11 St James Crescent (Side extension to garage) no objections.

The applicant for 3 number four-bedroom properties on land south of Manor Farm, Browston Lane, Browston has given notice that he is appealing against the Borough Councils refusal. The Borough have approved Woodlands Rise, Browston Lane (removal of conservatory erection of single-story extension and wood burner chimney) but have refused at 55 Station Road South, Belton a request to remove roof and replace with one with a higher pitch to facilitate accommodation in the roof space. Sport England have again objected to car boot sales on the New Road Centre site, the Borough Council have suggested a new application with management plan for the sales and a map showing clearly that the sales will not go on to areas used as football pitches be submitted.

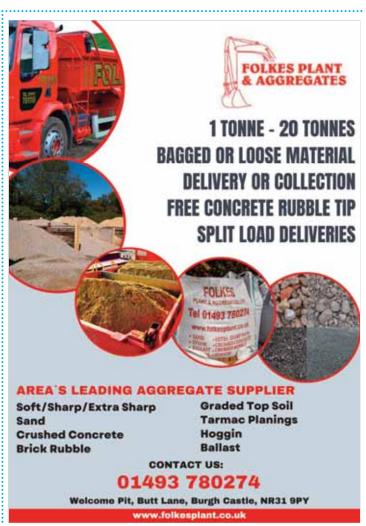
Members agreed to a resident creating a flower bed on Dashwood Close but with the condition that if he cannot maintain it in the future, he returns it to grass, permission from the Borough Council will be required. There will be a 'Citizen of the Year' award again this year, applications now being accepted (see separate item in this VV). With ample parking, disabled access and toilets and a bus service outside members agreed to suggest the New Road Centre as an alternative polling station to the Borough Council in response to the current boroughwide review of these facilities.

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place at the New Road Sport and Leisure Centre on Tuesday December 5th at the new start time of 7.00pm details from the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock on 01493 602960 or e-mail beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk. There are still three vacancies on the Council that can be filled by co-option, full information from the Clerk on the contact details above. Please note that the January meeting will be one week later than normal on Tuesday January 9th to avoid the holiday period.

Please register your support for the Village Voice Community Fete

to be held on Saturday 20th July 2024 at Moorlands School Playing Field Advertisers and Contributors are welcome to come and set up stalls Free of Charge For more details please contact Adrian Myers 07824 313792

adrianmyers247@gmail.com



Burgh Castle Parish Council



ix members of the Parish Council plus County Councillor Carl Smith, one member of the public and the Parish Clerk attended the November 13th Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall, Brian Swan was in the chair.

Members were concerned about parking on the roadside now that posts are outside the Roman Fort and County Councillor Smith said he might be able to get yellow lines on that area, he will also try to get thicker, longer lasting posts around the village sign. It was confirmed that the long-awaited resurfacing of High Road by Crows Farm will take place on December 18th and 19th when there will also be some patching on Market Road. County Councillor Smith will also investigate a blocked drainage pipe from High Road towards the marshes which is believed to have been a contributary cause of the recent flooding and he will try to find responsibility for a drainage chamber on the corner of Mill Road, again a flooding problem area.

In planning members were against The Old Farmhouse at Hall Farm on Lords Lane being used as short term supported accommodation by Norfolk and Waveney Mind both on grounds of the rural and isolated location and this use of a listed building.

Burgh Castle Tea Room & Bargain Stall (Village Hall, Church Road) We will break for Christmas and the New Year on 15th December and re-open mid February, weather permitting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us over the year, the funds raised keep our Village Hall and Church open for all to enjoy. The Christmas MacMillan fund raiser will be on 7th and 8th December, a Tombola which Kate is busy organizing. Christmas Stock will be half price from 7th December come along for a real bargain. We are always looking for stock to sell, you can drop off to us any Thursday or Friday or we can collect locally during our closed period. For more information 01493 780126 mgreenacre532@gmail.com Merry Christmas & A Happy and Prosperous New Year **Margaret Greenacre BURGH CASTLE VILLAGE HALL** & PLAYING FIELD Church Road, Burgh Castle, NR31 9QQ Available for hire Reasonable rates Long term lets available New Heating & Lighting in both rooms For details please contact:



or M Grey 01493 781747 or email mgreenacre532@gmail.com There were no objections to upgrade to a radio base mast at Hollies Farm on High Road, cutting back a tree at Oaklands on Butt Lane that is subject to a tree Preservation order or small alterations to plans at Burwell Lodge on Market Road. The Broads Authority have approved a side extension at Crows Farm and similarly the Borough Council for amended workshop plans at 5 Holly Terrace on Church Road whilst the applicant for conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellings at Breydon View on Market Road has taken the refusal of permission by the Borough Council to appeal.

Members were very pleased with the alterations to the Burial Ground shrub beds by Darren Roches and repairs to the John Green memorial seat arranged by the family. At the Roman Fort site Norfolk Archaeological trust have indicated that they are looking for funding to resolve the entrance flooding and the Parish Council will advise the Trust of maintenance issues that concern them including hedges needing cutting including on Church Road and Butt Lane, the missing information boards in the shelter that have been left in the church for several years awaiting collection and the condition of the steps in the south west corner of the site leading down to the river.

The Chairman reported on ongoing issues with the Councils banking due to mistakes by Barclays Bank and it was agreed to take future banking to Lloyds Bank because of this.

Councillors were not satisfied with the reply from Norfolk County Council over the loss of afternoon buses in term time to part of the village to facilitate a service to Lynn Grove High School and the chairman will compose a further reply the council officer concerned.

The dates of the public consultation meetings of the draft of the three villages neighbourhood plan were noted (see centre pages) of this Village Voice) councillors and agreed to contribute to any overspend from the grants received for postage and advertising although the Clerk said this would be a very low figure when shared between the parish, Belton with Browston and Fritton and St. Olaves councils.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday December 11th commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall on Church Road, for details contact Kate Ruddock, the Parish Clerk, on 07948705218, e-mail burghcastleclerk@gmail.com.

The Parish Council is still seeking somebody to take over planting and maintenance of the Flower beds at the Village sign, if you would like more information please contact the Chairman, Brian Swan on 01493 780776 or e-mail bcswan50@qmail.com.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride 2023

Paul Nicholls again rode to local and not so local churches on behalf of Burgh Castle Parish Church in this year's event held in September, he raised the magnificent sum of £2393, plus approximately a further £400 to come from Gift Aid (as a tax refund). This is a record!



This is split 50/50 between the village Church and the Trust, a grant making body from where Burgh Castle Church has had grants in the past and hope to do again in the future.

Sincere thanks to Paul and all those who so generously supported him.

Well done Paul. **Maureen Grey, Parish Co-ordinator**

Fritton with St.Olaves Parish Council

The November meeting of the Council took place on the 16th and will be reported on in our January edition, the next Council meeting will be in January 2024, at Fritton Village Hall, the date will be confirmed in the next Village Voice, To contact the Council the Parish Clerk is Kate Ruddock, 07899 846148, e-mail her at fritton.stolayes.clerk@outlook.com.

Fritton Bingo



Please join us at **Fritton Village Hall** on **Friday December 15th** for our Christmas bingo event starting at 7.15pm. Including a raffle with lots of prizes to be won.

A very Happy Christmas to all.

Please note due to the weather and poor attendance in the past two years there will be no bingo in January. Hopefully resume in February. Roy

ST. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY EVENING

Ring craft dog training (training for shows): Contact Emily Bircham – Tel: 01502 569243

TUESDAY EVENING

Pooch Paws Dog Training Club (Obedience, clicker training, fun/tricks & more): Contact Katey Aldred - 07841 040171 www.poochpaws.co.uk

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Middle Eastern Dance: Contact River Scent 07854 407419 www.riverscent.com

THURSDAY EVENING

Saxon and Viking Re-enactment Society www.jormungandrreenactment.com/

SATURDAY MORNING

Pooch Paws Dog Training Club (Obedience, clicker training, fun/tricks & more): Contact Katey Aldred - 07841 040171 www.poochpaws.co.uk





A DOG'S SENSE OF SMELL: UNRAVELLING THE CANINE OLFACTORY MARVEL ROUGH

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

Dogs possess a superpower that leaves our human senses in the dust - an extraordinary sense of smell. If you've ever marvelled at your dog's ability to track a scent for miles, detect a hidden treat, or even sense your emotions, it's all thanks to their remarkable olfactory system. Let's dive into the science and wonder of a dog's sense of smell.

THE OLFACTORY ANATOMY

A dog's nose isn't just for sniffs; it's an intricate, high-tech instrument. Their olfactory system starts with the nostrils. Unlike humans, who breathe in and out through the same airway, dogs have a specialised fold of tissue in their nostrils that separates the two functions. This design allows dogs to inhale air through their nostrils for scent detection while expelling air through the slits in the side of their noses. This bifurcated airflow helps dogs maintain a constant scent stream and analyse smells more effectively. If you have ever seen your dog lift their nose up into the wind, take a breath in, then breath it back out, this is what they are doing.

The dog's nose is just the beginning. Inside the nose, there's a complex network of turbinate's, these are bony structures covered in specialised olfactory tissue. This tissue contains an astonishing number of olfactory receptors, also known as scent receptors. In fact, dogs have around 300 million scent receptors, while humans have a mere 5-6 million. This abundance of receptors allows them to detect odours at incredibly low concentrations, making their sense of smell tens of thousands of times more sensitive than ours.

SCENT PROCESSING IN THE BRAIN

Once a dog inhales a scent, the odorous molecules interact with their olfactory receptors, initiating a signal that travels to the olfactory bulb in the brain. This bulb serves as the initial processing centre for scent information. Unlike in humans, the dog's olfactory bulb is considerably larger in proportion to the brain, reflecting the importance of smell in their world.

From the olfactory bulb, the scent information is sent to other areas of the brain, including the limbic system and the amygdala. These regions are associated with emotions and memory. That's why your dog may react with joy when they catch a whiff of a familiar scent, such as their favourite treat, or favourite person!

The olfactory information also makes its way to the dog's primary olfactory cortex, where it's further analysed and processed. Dogs can distinguish between

various scents, identify the age and sex of the scent source, and even detect changes in scent concentration over time.

THE FACTS ABOUT A DOG'S SENSE OF SMELL

- ► Dogs can smell fear: it's not just a saying it's true! Dogs can sense when you're anxious or afraid, and they may react accordingly, either by becoming more protective or seeking to comfort you.
- Trained scent discrimination: working dogs, such as police dogs can be trained to discriminate between specific scent with remarkable precision. They can detect the smell of drugs or explosives, even when the odours are present.
- The wet nose effect: ever wonder why a dog's nose is often moist? The mucous on their nose helps capture scent particles and improves their olfactory ability.
- The Flehmen response: sometimes you may catch your dog curling back its lips and exposing its front teeth while sniffing something intensely. This is called the Flehmen response, and it helps draw more air over the scent-detecting organ in the roof of their mouth.

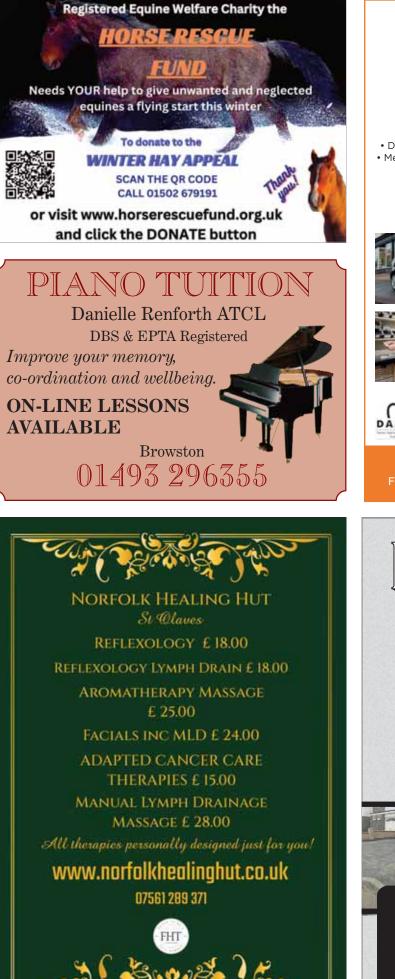
THE MARVEL OF A DOGS NOSE

A dog's sense of smell is nothing short of astonishing. It grants them the ability to perceive and interact with the world in a way that is far beyond our human capabilities. It's a superpower that allows them to excel in roles such as search and rescue, medical assistance, and emotional support. Understanding the intricacies of a dog's olfactory system helps us appreciate the profound bond between humans and their canine companions.

So, the next time your dog sniffs around in the back garden or wags their tail when you return home, remember that they're not just exploring their environment, they're engaging in a sensory adventure that's beyond our imagination. Their noses are, indeed, an extraordinary gift that makes them the remarkable animals that we love so much.

This is just an excerpt of a main article, we cover more on: dog breeds and their unique scents, communication through scent, scent memory, scent detection abilities and jobs in the blog.

Read the full article over on the website http://www.kateyaldred.co.uk/a-dogssense-of-smell/





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A word from your Local MP & Councillor





Last month we saw all the pomp and ceremony of a State Opening of Parliament, the first for the new King. It is likely to be the last before a General Election. The speech can be summarised in four short phrases or, as the political strategists would say, soundbites.

Grow the economy, keep people safe, strengthen so British interests.

All of those phrases are priorities, which are at the forefront of the conversations I have with residents across the Great Yarmouth constituency. In setting out the legislative agenda for the year ahead the Government has signalled that these are the priorities they will continue to pursue. This will bring benefits to people throughout Great Yarmouth.

First, the Government will grow the economy by introducing Bills that protect our energy security, secure the benefits of Brexit, and ensure we have the right framework for tech firms to compete and grow in the UK.

Second, a range of measures from protecting the health of young people and supporting private renters and landlords will strengthen our society.

Third, we will keep people safe by making sure the police have the powers they need, criminals get the punishment they deserve, and society is protected from terrorism. This includes the Sentencing Bill and the Criminal Justice Bill, giving the police more powers to keep us safe.

Fourth, we can promote Britain's national interests by backing our Armed Forces, supporting Ukraine and leading the way on the challenges of the future: climate change and Al.

I am particularly pleased to see the crime and justice measures

announced in the King's Speech, which will ensure the most serious criminals will receive the sentences they deserve. However, crime evolves as technology does, and the Government is giving police the tools they need to prevent new and complex crimes, such as digital-enabled crime, child sexual abuse, and child grooming.

I am surprised not to see a new Mental Health Bill for politicians to consider ahead of the General Election. This is an area that needs reform and has considerable support across the political divide. It is an issue that I know many constituents take an interest and I will watch carefully to see what action ministers take on this policy area.

There's an old political adage that when your opponents start attacking you personally, they've already lost the argument on policies. Whilst my local opponents spend their time designing amusing online attacks worthy of a sixth form common room, I'm getting on with the job of representing Great Yarmouth.

I am proud of my record as your Member of Parliament. The time commitment of my non-parliamentary roles is modest, and considerably less than when I was a government minister for 10 years. During that decade I always carried out my duty of representing our area with care and diligence. Along with my team I continue to deal with hundreds of constituent enquiries every week.

It's a commitment that has helped secure huge investments in Great Yarmouth. This includes government funding for the Third River Crossing, over £60 million to regenerate our town centre and much-needed A47 improvements. I'm looking forward to our new hospital being built, something I discussed with the new chairman during a visit to the James Paget this week. And I will continue to campaign on important local issues, such as fighting for better access to NHS dental treatment in the constituency. Along with Conservative councillors, I opposed the use of hotels in tourist areas to house asylum seekers whilst waiting for cases to be determined. This use of hotels has now been scrapped by the Home Office, with one of the first hotels to close in Great Yarmouth.

Graham

Carpenter

Borough Councillor

A little while ago a couple of residents reported to me that the bus shelters on Waveney Road, St. John's Road and Bracon

My commitment to our community continues undimmed.





Road need a real good clean. I understand from the Parish Council they will be cleaned relatively soon, if not already. You will have no doubt noticed the unusually heavy rainfall we've had this last month or two. This inevitably floods certain roads and I saw the usual spots did indeed flood. We as Councillors work hard to try and rectify defects with roads, drains and the like and would point out that we need to know when a problem occurs – otherwise we can't get on the case. I also appreciate that we would all like to have everything fixed quickly but that just can't happen as our County Highways team are always working flat out across the County. This weather has been particularly bad resulting in more of a delay than usual to fix some issues. So, at the risk of being trolled (more than usual!), I would ask that a little more patience might be needed whilst they get round to fixing some of the issues.

I would particularly like to know of any incidents/accidents you may know about or have seen on the A143 between the New Road roundabout through to Caldecott Hall, in particular the Beccles Road crossroads and Cherry Lane Garden Centre. I'm looking for hard evidence to put in measures to help reduce speeds on that stretch of road. It's potentially dangerous, not just in my book but several others as well.

Don't forget, if you have any complaints or comments etc., that you think I can help with then please give me a call. I accept phone calls, landline or mobile and email.

Aside from all the hustle and bustle of Councillor life - I'd like to finish by wishing each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best Wishes, Graham

Dear Residents,

Cllr. Graham Carpenter 01493 271010, 07766 736604, email: cllr.graham.carpenter@great-yarmouth.co.uk

Wellbeing through the winter months

ow the winter months are upon us and the darker nights have set in, it is more important than ever to take steps to improve your well-being.

Many people struggle with the winter blues and increased feelings of stress and isolation. A group of local ladies have come together to create some wellbeing workshops over in Gt. Yarmouth Vicarage Hub in Church Plain. The group led by Dawn Chrystal and Nicky Holmes from Belton, Ella from Gt.Yarmouth, Justine from Acle, and Carole Reeve from Gorleston are opening up more creative wellbeing groups and friendship sessions for those who are affected by stress and feelings of isolation.

The project was inspired by Dawn, who says she used to suffer really badly with increased anxiety and feelings of lethargy and lack of motivation throughout the winter months, and she knows what it feels like to feel trapped by such feelings.

For the last 25 years Dawn has helped people through one-to-one holistic therapies, with stress and feeling overwhelmed by the circumstances in their life, and it was through an everincreasing need for people to find help, that she realised that the underlying cause of a lot of the symptoms came from feeling isolated and not having someone to share with. Through this realisation, a new community venture Under One Umbrella was born.

We are really grateful to say our project, Under One Umbrella has been awarded some funding by The National Lottery Community Fund. The creative wellbeing sessions are open to anyone at any age, and are free or a small donation would be appreciated to help support this new project.

There are meditations, art for fun, singing, dance for joy, drumming, friendship groups, Reiki shares and sound baths, as well as access to natural therapies that can help and support you through the winter months.

More information and opportunities for you can be found through www.dawnchrystal.com

Nicky Holmes, who has recently joined the wellbeing team says, 'Before I joined Dawn's Friendship Group, to try some meditation and art I was housebound because of my limited sight and being my daughter's carer. Now, myself and my daughter have a community of friends who help and support us, and I have found a new sense of purpose because I can support them too.

I have learnt some new skills to help myself, and every day I feel uplifted by the new friends I have met through Dawn's project. I would recommend anyone who is feeling that they are not coping very well to contact Dawn and pop along to one of her fun activities.

For us it is a day out, and has opened up a whole new world of possibilities for us both. In Dawn's special space I can be myself, and everyone comes together to share and have some fun'.

Pop in for a free cuppa and discover a new experience for yourself. Dawn's number is 07936 546791.

Some Wellbeing tips for you.

- Anything you do for you will increase your feel-good chemicals. Whatever you are experiencing there is someone you can talk to. Pick up the phone and make that connection.
- When you wake up in the morning, smile, and take some time to count your blessings. Start with 5 things you are grateful for, and repeat this throughout the day.
- Start the day with a glass of water to rehydrate your body. Your body is often feeling more tired because it is dehydrated when you wake up. Increase your water intake through the day.
- Do some gentle breaths and repeat to yourself, 'Deep Inner Peace' many times, and throughout the day when you feel a bit deflated.

MEDITATION AND ART FOR FUN

Mondays 2 to 4pm. All welcome - Pay what you can.

First relax with a gentle intuitive group meditation, then create a piece of creative art. Every picture will tell a story. All materials are provided. Wear clothes to get messy in!



- Think about things and people that make you feel happy throughout the day.
- Set a small goal that you would like to achieve today.
- Take the time to sit and imagine you are already doing this. Your mind will produce similar happy hormones just thinking about the good experience. This will give you more energy and the motivation to get started.
- Nurture yourself through the task, and praise yourself for achieving what you set out to do.
- Put on some upbeat music and have a little dance and sing along with the music. Small bits of exercise will make a difference.
- Make the effort to go outside and breathe in the fresh air.
- If possible, go for a little walk.
- Pick up the phone, and ask somebody how they are feeling today.
- The Bach flower remedies Mustard, Gorse, Wild Rose, Walnut, Hornbeam and Scleranthus can help with your feelings of lethargy, winter blues and lack of motivation. Call Dawn to find out more.
- Be gentle on yourself, nurture and encourage yourself, and start to be more aware of what you are saying to yourself. Your words are very powerful, and can keep you in a state of disharmony if you keep repeating negative thoughts to yourself.
- If you feel stuck in a loop of negative thinking, take some time to write down what you are feeling. You can often see things more clearly when you see it written in front of you.
- Plan to learn something new. It doesn't have to be something big. Your brain produces good chemicals when you are learning a new experience.
- Plan a day out to connect with people who will lift up your spirits.
- Remember, you are important and everything you choose to do for you today will help to lift you up.

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Moorlands to be a School of Sanctuary

his year Moorlands are working towards become a recognised School of Sanctuary. This means we will be committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive culture for all students and families, including refugees and asylum seekers.



In order to achieve this, we have had several events this half term. In an assembly at the beginning of



November Mrs Larkin and Mr Biddle told the story of Omran, a 6-year-old Syrian refugee, and shared the items he took with him in his backpack when he fled his home. They then talked about what they might take with them if they were faced with a similar situation.

To follow this up we then had a non-uniform day to celebrate our School of Sanctuary work and asked the children and staff to bring in a bag containing five items that they would take with them if they had to leave home. This was a real success It was amazing to see how much thought the children had put into the items they had brought in and to hear them explain why they'd chosen each item.

Mrs Larkin, our School of Sanctuary lead, said "I'm so proud of the Moorlands pupils. They've shown fantastic empathy and a real understanding of children who are facing difficult situations. It is lovely to know how much they all care about other people."

We finished our Day of Sanctuary with a whole school assembly where the children brought their items to the hall. Some were then asked to share some of the items they had chosen and why they had selected them.

You can find out more about the School of Sanctuary initiative here: https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org





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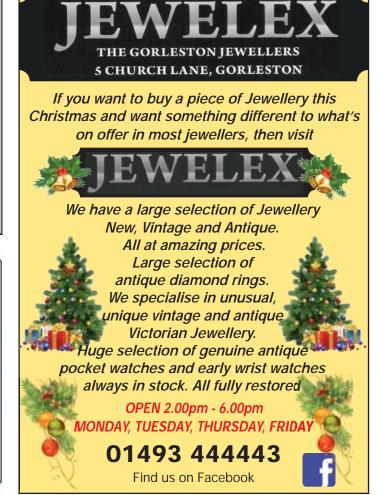
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Pre-submission (Regulation 14) Public Consultation of the Draft Belton with Browston, Burgh Castle, and Fritton with St Olaves Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2038

The consultation closes on 28th January 2024

Drop-In Public Consultations

The following venues are hosting drop-in sessions to enable the viewing of the draft plan / supporting documents and people will be available to field questions.

Address	Date	Time
Village Hall, Church Road, Burgh Castle NR31 9QF	Monday December 11th	1pm – 4pm
St Olaves Village Hall, Herringfleet Road, St Olaves NR31 9HJ	Tuesday December 12th	10am – 1pm
New Road Sports & Leisure Centre, New Road, Belton NR31 9JW	Friday December 15th	4pm – 8pm
Fritton Village Hall, Beccles Road, Fritton NR31 9HB	Saturday December 16th	11am – 2pm

If you cannot make the venue within your parish, you are welcome to attend any of the other venues.

The Plan and Documents can also be viewed on the following websites:

https://beltonwithbrowston.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/village-news/

https://burghcastle.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/local-news/

https://frittonwithstolavesparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/community-services/

A copy of the draft plan will be lodged at Belton, Burgh Castle, Fritton, and St Olaves Village Halls.

If you have any questions, representations or comments, please contact:

Kate Ruddock Parish Clerk for all 3 parishes beltonparish@yahoo.co.uk 01493 602960 Ken Botwright Chair, NP Steering Group kenbotwrightkenb08@outlook.com 01493 789978

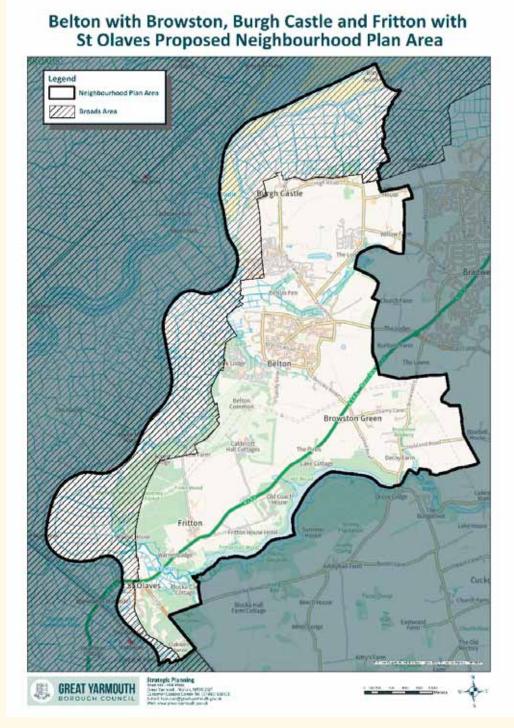
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These will go Live on December 1st 2023





Some Notable Points of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

- To ensure that there is a Strategic Gap between settlements e.g. between Belton/Burgh Castle and Bradwell, to prevent coalescence and urbanisation.
- New residential small-scale development should reflect local housing need and affordability, via Community-Led Development, whilst adhering to the Design Guidance and Codes incorporating low carbon design/energy efficient measures and the location's character.
- Biodiversity should be protected and enhanced.
- Local Green Spaces, as specified, will be protected from inappropriate development and retained for their environmental benefits and contribution to the area's character.
- Important Views, as specified, will be protected from inappropriate development and retained for their contribution to the area's character.
- Proposals which assist with the delivery of new or enhanced facilities to the benefit of the community will be supported.
- To protect and maintain existing, and encourage new, walking and cycling routes within the area.
- The area features numerous examples of heritage assets which significantly contribute to the area's overall character. New development must be sensitive to the local historic vernacular, in keeping with surrounding historic buildings and should not exceed the scale or massing of adjacent historic buildings.

ALL SAINTS BELTON

Rev Rosie writes

I wonder what you would wish to have for Christmas, if you could have anything?

Some of you will wish for better health: others for a loved one returned to you; still others a new car or a home of your own. If you have children or grandchildren you may already know what they want for Christmas as they will not have been shy about coming forward to tell you, especially now that the Christmas adverts are in full swing.

I wonder what would have been in the minds of Mary and Joseph, on that first Christmas morning? But of course, they wouldn't have thought about getting any Christmas gift as Jesus was their Christmas gift – the Christ who began all celebrations of Christmas.

If Mary and Joseph were asking for anything it would have been the safe arrival of their baby, and a secure place in which Mary could aive birth. Their concerns would have been whether they made it to Bethlehem in time - but God would have had that under control as his Old Testament Prophets had already told the Hebrew nation that in the Book of Micah.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2

Jesus was born at a time when the Romans were ruling over what is now Israel and Palestine; many of us will be familiar with the words "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world." which comes at the beginning of the account of Jesus' birth in Luke's gospel. Life really wasn't easy for the ordinary people of that time and place, and I sometimes wonder what Joseph & Mary's reaction might have been to the census decree. I'm sure they wouldn't have welcomed it when it involved a journey of around 100 miles at that later stage of Mary's pregnancy. But they didn't have a choice so they undertook the journey.

On that first Christmas morning, Mary and Joseph had visitors they had not expected or invited. Imagine having just had a baby and a load of shepherds turn up with a sheep or two.... But their invitation had been received from God's own messengers – the Angel and the Angel choir; a heavenly Father who was pleased to announce the birth of His

Son. And we read in the Bible that Mary pondered on that experience - treasured memories for a new mum, perhaps.

Later, after the arrival of the Magi, the wise men, Mary and Joseph up-sticks and run to Egypt, having been warned by a dream that King Herod was out to kill the baby Jesus.

When you think about Jesus, do you remember that he was born in a place that wasn't home and became a refugee quite soon afterwards, perhaps settling with Jewish settlers in that area. Seeing all that we have seen on the television recently about the Rapha Crossing out of Gaza, made me think again of their escape to Egypt. For Mary and Joseph it might not have been so controlled or crowded, but crossing the border into Egypt must have brought them some anxiety. For the people being allowed out of Gaza today it brings with it real concern for family left behind and the same concern as Mary & Joseph - what are we going to do now?

So as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, perhaps we might spare some thoughts for those caught up in the current conflict. They may not know much about who Jesus is, but he will know who they are.

So what would I ask for this Christmas? That there would be found a way to resolve the conflicts between Israel and Palestine and Russia and the Ukraine..... and that my son and his family might get home from Malawi in time for Christmas.

Rosie Bunn

The Christmas Eve Crib Service A special time for all the family Tuesday 24th December @ 4pm **All Saints Church, Belton**



Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, kings, animals or angels.



Celebrate Christmas with us.

Carol Services: Sunday 17th December

10.30am Candlelit Christmas Carol Celebration at All Sa 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at Burgh Castle

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th December 4pm Crib Service at All Saints, Belton 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Burgh Castle

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

New Year's Eve - Sunday 31st December

10.30am Family Communion Café-Style at All Sai All Saintz Belton and St Peter & St Paul Church, Burgh Castle



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Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Fair at All Saints, Belton 10am – 2pm Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Burgh Castle Morning Celebration – Café Church Advent - Preparing for Christmas 10.30am All Saints Church, Belton **Tuesday 5th December Traditional Holy Communion** 11am All Saints Church, Belton (Coffee available from 10am onward)

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th December Moorlands Primary Academy 9am - 3pm Christmas Workshops in Church Wednesday 6th December Holy Communion for Advent 10.30am Burgh House Saturday 9th December 8.30-10am – Burgh Castle Advent Breakfast at the Rectory Sunday 11th December 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 Friday 15th December **Christmas Concert**

Belton Singers 7pm for 7.30pm All Saints Church, Belton Sunday 17th December Carol Service 10.30am All Saints Church, Belton Messy Muddy Church - Christmas 4-5.30pm in The Rectory Garden and the stables, including a Campfire Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm St Peter & St Paul Church Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served after these events. Wednesday 20th December Carols at the Pub 7.30pm The Queen's Head, Burgh Castle Come and join in. It's a great night everyone welcome Saturday 23rd December Carols and Communion 10am Burgh House, Residential Care Home Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve **Crib Service** 4pm All Saints Church, Belton The Christmas story for children and all the family. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, kings, animals or angels. Midnight Communion 11.30am St Peter & St Paul, Burgh Castle (combined with Belton Church) Sunday 31st December -New Year's Eve Holy Communion 10.30am All Saints Church, Belton (combined with Burgh Castle Church)

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- **4)** To test drop a teaspoon of the mixture into a glass of iced water. This should drop to the bottom of the bowl in ribbons.
- 5) If so, remove from the heat. Scoop the mixture out, and form into a soft ball.
- 6) Leave to cool for 5mins. Place back into a bowl and beat in 2 tsps of vanilla flavour. Beat until matt and not shiny and thickens.
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UP4FITNESS & SALLYANN

Christmas & the New Year of 2024 are looming. Festive songs are creeping in everywhere as we gear up for the seasonal celebrations. There is only a few weeks to go before we finish on Monday 11th December 2023. We will be having our annual exercises & Christmas refreshments and maybe some singing to get us in the spirit.

Any unopened food donated to our Christmas session for us to enjoy with our drinks will be added to our weekly donations and given to 'The Pantry' at Belton Church.

Sallyann is still collecting used postage stamps so during Christmas when your most likely to get post, don't forget to hand them in to anyone who attends the group. Just remember to trim them about a centimetre around the stamp please.

During November and leading into December we have set ourselves a challenge to practise every day some exercises to improve our balance. These comprise of a set of 4 exercises completed daily with support of the kitchen or bathroom sink for safety and stability. It's hopeful that everyone who has practised will feel some benefit.

Our thoughts and prayers go to family & friends of members of the group who are no longer with us. They are joyfully spoken about and in our memories. Sallyann wishes everyone a Happy, Safe & Healthy Christmas & New Year and we look to return on Monday 8th January 2024 at our usual time of 10.15am. As we head into our 13 year at New Road let's make it the best vet!

Sallyann thanks everyone who she has worked with over the last year and for the support of the Parish Council, also to Kevin the caretaker who goes the extra mile to make sure we are ready on Monday mornings.

Please contact Sallyann on email or mobile, should you wish to know any information. emailup4fitness@gmail.com Mobile 07599044806

news update

It's been a busy month for our members at DOMINIC KING JUDO & MMA ACADEMY. During the half term week, we delivered yet another successful fun day, which was attended

by many of our younger members. We intend to organise the next one for the week leading up to Christmas.

At the beginning of November, we sent four of our members to compete in the Eastern Area Championships in Thetford and we managed to pick up three medals. Our most experienced competitor on the day, Holly Spall, won gold and not for the first time. Fthan Sanders won a well-deserved bronze medal against higher graded players, as did Chris Saunders who was competing for the first time.

Both did very well to win matches using some good judo. Another first-time competitor, Joseph Waller, came away without a medal but was in probably the toughest category of the competition, consisting of National and International level players.

Speaking of Internationals, our most competitive player, Ryan King, did not attend the Area Championships this year, as he was away at yet another training camp over in France at one of the biggest dojos in the world. On his

return, he spent a short time training with his dad and head coach Dominic King, before spending a further week away at Camberley Judo Club in Surrey, which is a full-time facility that has produced a good number of Olympians throughout the years. Ryan, along with the other full-timers spent their days training under Japanese coach, Masashi Ebinuma, who is three times World Champion and Olympic bronze medalist.

But it's not all just about winning gold medals at our club, as we believe that the ongoing success is due to our ability to make every single member feel SPECIAL! From the moment they walk through the door, everyone is welcomed and made to feel important. Dominic is an expert at helping beginners feel at ease and he will never forget a name.

Many of our members attend each week with the simple intention of keeping fit and having fun. However, we provide opportunities for them to grade and compete at every level and nobody is excluded.

We currently have a 77-year-old lady attending regular judo sessions each week. That may sound impressive, but you may be even more astonished to learn that she only took up the sport at 70 and hopes to achieve her black belt before the age of 80. She is currently a brown belt so is very much on schedule

This is currently a busy time for recruiting new members, so if you fancy giving Judo (or MMA) a go, don't hesitate to get in touch. We offer the FIRST 2 SESSIONS FREE to give everyone the chance to experience the club first, although we're very confident that you'll want to return.

We train at Belton on Tuesday evenings, but if this isn't convenient, we have sessions at various venues throughout the week

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)

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.

Anyone wanting fur ther details of any future sessions can contact Dominic on 07977 432756, email on dominic@fightingfitjudo.co.uk or contact him via Instagram, Facebook or WhatsApp

Great Yarmouth Stroke Club

Looking forward :-

With the Christmas Party coming up and the Christmas Meal a busy month.

Birthday's Maisie, Ray, Mary, Get well wishes to Sam, Ray. Missing you both.

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The Computer Science Department at Ormiston Venture Academy took 40 Year 10 and 5 year 9 students to The Centre of Computing History in Cambridge.

Students were divided into three groups to participate in 4 different activities throughout the day. One session included a lesson on the world's largest processor. This allowed students to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the FDE cycle, which has just been covered in the curriculum.



This session was particularly interesting, as it allowed our students to see the Fetch Decode Execute cycle in action. It was created By James Newman between 2014-2016 and holds the Guiness World Record for the largest processor. "Computers are quite opaque, looking at them it's impossible to see how they work. What I would like to do is get inside and see what's going on. Trouble is we can't shrink down small enough to walk inside a silicon chip. But we can go the other way; we can build the thing big enough that we can walk inside it. Not only that we can also put LEDs on everything so we can see the data moving and the logic



happening. It's going to be great" - James Newman

They were also introduced to early memory and shown how technology has reduced in size and cost but increased in capabilities.

Another session included a programming lesson, controlling external objects. This was called Pi Power and took place in the 80's style classroom. This was an opportunity for students to

show off their programming skills to make a remote-controlled buggy to be

Ormiston Venture Computer Science Visit the Centre of **Computing History**

programmed and move based on inputs from the code.

The third guided session was a tour around the amazing artefacts the museum as curated. This allowed the students to add some vital contextual information to the knowledge they have gained in the classroom. Specifically seeing how computers have developed over time. Students were shocked by how large old machines and technology were and

I believe this has given them a new appreciation for the devices we use every day. Students also had the opportunity to explore the games zone, where they were able to play a timeline of game evolution, playing original versions of favourites such as Tetris, Pacman, Sonic and Street Fighter.

Head of Computer Science and Trip leader, Lewis Riches said "The Visit to The Centre of Computing History embeds itself perfectly into our curriculum adding vital contextual information to support students existing knowledge. It is a place which we have enjoyed visiting in the past and plan to continue in the future for other

groups of students. All students had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! "

Students were amazing on the day and were enthusiastic in the sessions, asking questions and showing genuine interest into the subject of computing. This was really lovely to see.

"They day has been really fun, I found the Mega processor really interesting and was probably my favourite part of the day." -Ashnetha

"The Centre of Computing History all around was a really nice place to visit to understand how computers work and their history. I enjoyed seeing how they have evolved over time." - Diogo



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Beavers

The Beavers finished the end of the term by making ham and cheese muffins as part of their cooking badge, played circle teeth cleaning game.



The beavers had a go at making a moving object out of Lego, each was given 4 wheels and a bag full of Lego. They then saw how the they moved down the HQ hall.

We started the term with an evening full of fun. The beavers all took it in turn to have a go at magnet darts, mini bows and skittles keeping their scores to see if they can get a better score next time. Some of the Beavers started their Personal Challenges which they will do over the next 4 weeks and also helped to iron their Group scarf and work out how big the triangle should be at the back of the scarf.

Five of the beavers took part in the County File Ramble walking along Great Yarmouth Sea front





from the Pleasure Beach to Britannia Pier with Beavers from the rest of the district.

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 rounded started off this half term with a visit to Belton Church with Reverend Rosie Bunn, they learnt about the attire a reverend has to wear, what Christianity looks like and had a great look round the church as well as found the bell for the church tower. They found the green man in the church also learnt that it was the symbol of re birth and representing the cycle of new growth. The Cubs have jointly, at meetings, looked at their artist and photographer's badge. Learning about cameras and the way they work, how we look after them, the Cubs have also looked at drawing, decorating badges for our 50th next year and learnt the ability to draw something from a piece of writing that they hear.

If you have a young person between 8 to 10 years old both boys and girls who would like to come and join the fun, please contact Peter (Akela) 07900 494344 or email peterclarke222.pc@gmail.com for more



information. We play games, learn about the world, learn scouting skills like pioneering and building fires as well as camps and much more.

Scouts

The Scouts started this half term with a parent coming to do an evening on how to use saw's, axes and safety. The Scouts helped to cut up wood ready for use the next time we light a fire; it's been put away in our wood shed to keep it dry.

All the Scouts were given a bag of Lego contain 4 wheels and they need to build a moving object as part of a problem-solving project.

Looking forward the Scouts are going to make a Christmas tree out of cardboard ready for the district tree festival at Great Yarmouth Minster in December.

There are places at Scouts (10 years to 14 years) please contact Brown Beaver contact details above.

Group

Our thanks to All Saints Church Belton for making us very welcome for Remembrance Sunday Service. Our section flags were paraded. The young people along with the rest of the congregation helped by taking named poppies of those who have died in both world wars who lived in out village and placing them on a table as they were remembered.

We would be grateful of any books/ Bric-a-brac/ Toys we urgently need to re stock for sales. The items can either be dropped at 6 Station Rd North Belton or phone 01493 78096

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BELTON



On Sunday 12th November the remembrance service

was held at All Saints Church, Belton with representatives from the "Belton 1st Scouts. This included The Beavers, The Cubs and The Scouts together with their leaders. Each group brought their flag which was presented to Rev Rosie at the beginning of the service to place behind the altar.

At 11am a two minute silence was held after the last post had been played.

During the service each of the men from the village who had lost their lives in either world wars were remembered by placing their name with a poppy onto the altar by members of the congregation.

Belton Pantry Foodbank

Christmas Goodies wanted for Pantry deliveries at Christmas. Could you gift an item or two, or give a donation towards the cost of provisions?

Please Call 07359422742 or drop items off at Church – Tuesdays 9am-12noon OR anytime at The Rectory

As we journey toward Christmas and the end of the year, Y@H still has a fish and chip lunch and a pantomime to attend. (oh yes we have). Christmas can be joyous but it can also be tinged with sadness and loneliness. A difficult time for some of us. Our last meeting is on the 19th December. Our first meeting of 2024 is on the 9th January @ 10 -1200hrs in All Saints Church, Belton for coffee , cake & conversation . We, at Y@H, wish you a peaceful Christmas, which if you have young children, is probably asking a lot! Sue ANGELL

EWS scal



Belton with Browston Parish Council are inviting nominations for the Citizen of the Year 2023 award which will be presented in the Spring of TON PARISH COUNCIL next year.

To make a nomination send the persons name and address together

with the specific details of your nomination which 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 Wednesday January 31st 2024.

As previously there will be one award and as well as being open to residents of Belton with Browston it will 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).

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Calling for new topics for the Village Voice

A few years ago, our past editor Regi, introduced a cookery page which was a great success. We are sure there are many great cooks and bakers who read the VV and would ask them if they could submit some recipes that they could share with our readers.

These can be for any type of favorite meal or just a recipe for a cake, a sponge or say scones. If you can help with this please send them to beltonvvgraphic@gmail.com with a photo of the finished meal or cake if possible. If you don't have email then we will accept text to 07950 039455

Christmas is closing in on us and as the next edition will be the January one how about a few Christmas recipes that you used.

Thank you in advance for hopefully your submissions.

A NEW YEAR PRESENT

Many people who came to the Kate Daniels concert with Nils and other great musicians in the Spring of 2022 have asked me many times, "Can there be another concert?" which I thought was unlikely.

Well I am pleased to announce, with all things going well, there will be another concert with these great professionals, "Kate Daniels + Nils



and others" next April. Again it will be held in All Saints Church Belton. If you enjoyed it last time or missed it and would like to come to the Spring concert, please call me or text me with your interest so I can ensure you will get a ticket. I know they will sell out fast as we can only seat around 120 people.

Watch for further details in the Village Voice over the next 2 or 3 months.

Call or text 07950 039455 as soon as you can to reserve seats.

Book Review

We had a regular book review some time ago and restarted last month. I am sure there must be a lot of avid book readers in our community so please put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and give us a short revue. Sue started last month and gave us a great revue on a recent book she has read. Please send to beltonvvgraphic@gmail.com with a photo if possible or Text to 07950039455 or even WhatsApp.

As usual the Great Yarmouth

Lions Club Santa Sleigh will be visiting Belton, this year it

December 20th commencing

from The Tavern on Station Road South at 6.30pm.

will be on Wednesday

Santa's Sleigh - Belton

18th Dec - Starting at The Tavern at 6:30pm

> Please DONATE if you can by: Cash & Card

Follow the Santa **Tracker Each Night on** the Great Yarmouth **Lions Club Facebook**

ions Club

Donations in cash or by card will be taken for The Lions charities on the way round. The route from The Tavern will be Station Road South, Station Road North, on to **Bracon Road and New Road** to Waveney Drive then St **Johns Road to Station Road** Great Yarmouth North, turning back onto **Bracon Road to the Rectory** and then turning right to Route may be subject to change/cancelation due weather, finish at The Tavern.

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traffic, roadworks etc.



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Trustees

The Saturday Coffee morning held on November11th was well attended with the raffle hosted by the Belton Art Group. They made £160 on the morning. Also there was the sales table with the Belton Scouts that proved to be popular. Thanks to all for coming along and making it a great morning. Thanks again to Shelia for some wonderful cakes. The next Saturday Coffee morning will be our Christmas celebration and will on Saturday December 9th when the raffle will be hosted by "Rock Solid" youth group. who do great work for the youth in our area. Make a date in your diary for a great Christmas morning out with Coffee/Tea and cake at a price you cannot get anywhere else. The Trustees wish all our users and helpers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Contact any Trustee for further information.



at the JGI

The October guiz was with Simon and proved to be a really wonderful fun evening

with great prizes and a raffle. The Christmas Quiz on Friday 22nd December. There will be extra goodies available on the Christmas evening guiz. Make a date for a fun evening just before Christmas. Get a team of four with friends and come and test your knowledge on a wide variety of topics. Nothing very difficult just great fun. You could take an ideal prize home for Christmas. The January 2024 quiz is on Friday 26th.

Do you need Help or Advice

A "DIAL" representative who can advise and help anyone in need of financial advice or other matters is available at the JGI on the second Wednesday of the month between 10.30am and noon. This can be a private and confidential meeting in the rear room at the JGI with access to it by the side path. Also if you



are truly in need of food DIAL can also help and advise in these matters.

For this or an appointment with Sarah on that Wednesday morning at the JGI please call DIAL on 01493 856900

Wednesday Morning Drop In

We meet every Wednesday between 10.30am and noon for tea/coffee and cake and a lot of chat and exchange of information. If we can help with a problem with your laptop or mobile then come along with it and discuss the problem WiFi is available at the hall. It is also SCAM time of the year and we will try and warn you of any nasty scams that are occurring in our area. Our Christmas special morning will be on Wednesday 20th December. We will also be at the hall on the Wednesday after Christmas 27th December so come along for a change of scenery after the Christmas festivities.

Call Sue on 01493780822 for more information.

Belton Bowmen

Belton Bowmen Archery Club with the help of Village Voice grant purchased three new straw targets, the club had been saving as the targets had doubled in price over the years but with grant money added to our funds we were

able to buy them and are very grateful for Village Voice support. We are now saving for the other two of our five maybe for next summer.

Belton Bowmen meet every Monday at Moorlands primary

Academy Belton Entrance moorland way (right side gate if main gate is shut) Child/ family session 6-7pm Adult club 7-8.45 pm Come and have a go brighten up those dark winter nights.

The Belton Singers



The Belton Singers are pleased to announce their Christmas Concert which again will be hosted by our Rev Rosie Bunn at All Saints Church, Belton. As usual it's free to you all, with refreshments in the interval, and cake. Donations are very welcome and we'll

be sharing any proceeds 50/50 with the very needy food bank. Children welcome and hope you'll all sing along with some of the best known Carols as well.

This year it's on Thursday the 14th December. Doors open at 7pm for a warm up and the best seats for a 7.30 start.

Belton Crafty Groups



Many thanks to all who came to the JGI on Saturday 14th October. A grand total of £212.80 was raised and presented to someone from the Belton Food Pantry. The Belton Crafty Groups thank you all for your donations. Many thanks again,

New members are always welcome on either a Tuesday morning 10.30 till 12.30, or Thursday evening 7 till 9. First visit is free. You don't need to do a craft, just pop along for a chat and refreshments.



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	
<u>TUESDAY</u>				
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	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>				
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 F	riday of each mo	nth)	
7.30 – 9.00 pm	Belton Singers	Mick	07795 422420	
(Except last Friday in month)				
7.30 – 9.30 pm	Quiz Nite	Bill	780822	
(Last Friday of each month)				





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WANTED

Burgh Castle Village Hall sales stall. Tel. 01493 780126 (local collection Any Saleable items, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Games, Jigsaws unwanted gifts etc)

Wanted Jumble, Books, Bric-a-brac and toys Wanted for 1st Belton Scout Group, phone 01493 780965 or can be dropped off at 6 Station Road North Belton.

Book collector 01493 780739. Wanted to buy, large and small book collections.

FOR SALE

Gents Raleigh cycle with 26 inch wheels. In working order but needs some TLC. £15.Tel.07761710620 Bird Cage in excellent condition suitable for 2 Budgerigars £10, Welsh dresser free to collector. Call 01493780447 Morphy Richards Soup Maker. 1.6 litres ,1000 Watts. Very little used. £30. Tel.07761710620 Indoor plants for sale from 50p to £5. Spider, trailing, cactii, succulents etc.. Various sizes. Also a few outdoor plants from £1. Nigrescens, verbena, rosemary and a few others. Collect from Belton. Contact Linda on 077 21 599 559. Cream leather 3 Seater Settee and arm chair Good condition £250 ono. Call 07887521164

Bags of firewood/logs £6 per bag. To Collect -Mobile No. 07909984740.

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RAILWAY TICKET OFFICES

Greater Anglia along with most other train operators, had been proposing changes designed to improve customer service at stations, with staff coming out from behind the ticket office window into more flexible roles, which were intended to provide a better service and more assistance for customers.

However, in the light of the objections from Transport Focus and London TravelWatch, Greater Anglia's proposed closure of ticket offices, and those of all other train operators, will be withdrawn.

There was a tremendous response to the consultation exercise including ENTUA's submission with regard to Yarmouth Vauxhall Station.

Greater Anglia added: "We thank everybody who participated in the consultation process. We have listened to and responded to the feedback we have received. We will continue to focus on other ways in which we can keep on improving the customer experience for rail travellers across our region."

EAST ANGLIA TRANSPORT MUSEUM

The museum will be holding its Christmas "Ride the Lights 2023" event this year on the weekends of 2nd & 3rd, 9th & 10th, 16th & 17th December from 2 pm to 6 pm.

There is no need to book in advance and normal admission prices apply e.g. Adult = \pounds 10.00,

Senior = £9.00, Child (5-15) = £7.00, under 5s = free.

The Transport Museum is situated in Chapel Road, Carlton Colville, near Lowestoft, NR33 8BL.

Please visit the website for more Museum information – www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk

ENTUA's RAIL DOCUMENT

ENTUA has put together its aspirations for rail services from Gt. Yarmouth in the next 10 years and which was launched at Gt. Yarmouth's Vauxhall Station on 21st November, 2023.

Included in its Wish List are more services between Gt. Yarmouth and Norwich operating via Reedham, including a basic shelter, seating and light provision at Berney Arms and Buckenham Station.

Some services operating direct from Gt. Yarmouth to Stansted Airport (without having to change at Norwich)

Some services operating from Gt. Yarmouth to Peterborough (without having to change at Norwich) and in the summer months some East Midlands Railway trains operating through to Gt. Yarmouth from Liverpool Lime Street.

Summer services operated by Greater Anglia on Mons, Fris and Sats to operate from late May (Whitsun) until the end of September.

At least a 10 minute window for passengers from Gt. Yarmouth arriving at Norwich and the departure of their train to other destinations and vice versa for return journeys.

A revamp of Gt. Yarmouth Vauxhall Station to make it more customer friendly and environmentally secure.

Investigate the feasibility of installing electric car charging points at Gt. Yarmouth and intermediate stations to Norwich and review car park charges in line with demand and cost effectiveness.

We are feeding this information to Greater Anglia to consider in their planning over the next 10 years.

ENTUA Committee send its readers of these columns our very best wishes at Christmas and good health and happiness for the coming year.

ENTUA always welcomes new members, all we ask is a minimum £5.00 annual donation which helps us meet the costs of printing and 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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