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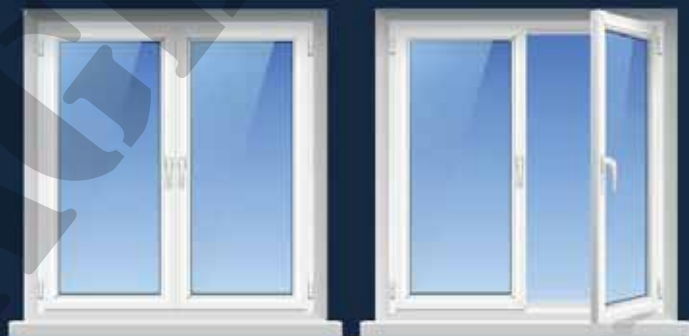
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A word from the Editor

Christina Baxter

September is here, and with it comes that unmistakable feeling of autumn setting in. I truly have a love for all seasons, each offering its own unique activities and atmosphere.

That said, autumn is definitely one of my favourites. There's something magical about the leaves starting to change, the nights growing cooler, and those crisp mornings that call for warm jumpers and cosy cups of tea. This summer has certainly flown by! I hope you all had a wonderful time.

Please don't hesitate to share your adventures with us, we love seeing what our community has been enjoying.

And once again, I'd like to call on our amazing community to help keep the Village Voice alive. We're still looking for more volunteers to help us keep this special magazine going strong. It really only takes a small amount of your time, and your contribution could make a big difference.

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Monthly Reports from all your
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Belton, Browston, Burgh Castle,
Fritton & St Olaves

The Parish Council did not meet in August, the next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd September commencing at 7.00pm at the New Road Sports and Leisure Centre details from the Parish Clerk, Kate Ruddock on 01493 602960 or e-mail clerk@beltonwithbrowston-pc.gov.uk.

Belton with Browston Parish Council



As we await the appointment of a new vicar for the All-Saints Church, members of the Parochial Church Council Team have kindly stepped forward to write on behalf of our Church family.

Harvest Festival, The Gathering of Crops. The celebrations of harvest are ancient and worldwide and marked by giving thanks to their God. Between August and November, feasting and dancing marked the successful gathering and storing of foods to survive the long Winter. Christian altars were adorned with produce. Gleaming red and green chillies, in the Far East, yams in Nigeria and Moon cakes made in China. Erntedankfest in German speaking areas and Thanksgiving in USA are among the many

impressive thanksgiving rituals.

People gave thanks for a plentiful harvest, very aware that crop failure could lead to the horrors of food insecurity, malnutrition, social unrest or worst of all, starvation. Visiting our supermarkets today, with the abundance of food on display, such prospects seem remote. Yet as our news reports, a poor harvest can have huge consequences. A plentiful gathering in is a gift to be praised and celebrated.

"Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest." **Psalms 85:12 NLT**

We would very much enjoy your company at our harvest festival celebration and invite you all to join us at All Saints Church, Belton, Sunday 28th September 2025 at 10:30am to 12:00pm.

The summer is slowly coming to an end and the season is starting to turn to Autumn, we know this change is coming and we start to prepare our gardens and houses for the colder months. However, many changes in life we are not so sure of and are often very apprehensive. Many children are going back to school at the start of September. Most starting in a new class with a new teacher, some starting new schools and others starting school for the first time. A significant change for many of the children, which comes with a mixture of emotions. How do we face challenges in our lives? Often, we don't know how we will endure change until we are already amid the storm. Jesus tells of how we need to build on a firm foundation so we can weather the storms and flood waters.

"It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built." **Luke 6:48 NLT**

Often when the changes and challenges become too much, we find ourselves saying, "it's too much, I can't cope, I don't have the ability to go on." What do we do then? Do we give up or keep forging forwards? In those moments of utter weakness Jesus is waiting for us to lean into Him and He will give us the strength and courage to keep going. All we need to do is ask. It is really reassuring knowing that even



when I'm weak, my God is always strong, dependable and greater than the challenges. Being human and living life means challenges and change will come. These challenges help us build resilience, so when the next change comes, we can look back saying I got through last time, so I do have phenomenal coping skills, and I'll make it through again with Jesus by my side. What changes are you due to face this month? Moving house, change of job, new baby, getting married, house renovations and many others I've not mentioned. Whatever you may be facing may you experience God's loving and supportive presence.

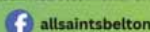
Sue ANGELL and Antonia SYMEOU, Parochial Church Council Team.



Diary Dates for September 2025

TUESDAY 02	HOLY COMMUNION 11am Traditional service led by Rev Chris Straton. Coffee from 10am.	FRIDAY 19	REFILL 9AM - 10.30AM Parent / carer and children group with refreshments YOUTH GROUP 4.30AM - 6PM
FRIDAY 05	REFILL 9AM - 10.30AM Parent / carer and children group with refreshments YOUTH GROUP 4.30 AM - 6PM	SUNDAY 21	MORNING SERVICE 10.30am service for all the family with refreshments, led by Mary Ives
SUNDAY 07	CAFE CHURCH 10.30am Join us for a relaxed service. Enjoy breakfast, crafts, pray and singing.	SUNDAY 21	MESSY MUDDY CHURCH 4pm - 5.30pm at the Rectory Garden for kids age 4-12 to enjoy outdoor crafts, activities and food. Bring coats and boots
FRIDAY 12	REFILL 9AM - 10.30AM Parent / carer and children group with refreshments YOUTH GROUP 4.30AM - 6PM	FRIDAY 26	REFILL 9AM - 10.30AM Parent / carer and children group with refreshments YOUTH GROUP 4.30AM - 6PM
SUNDAY 14	HOLY COMMUNION 10.30am service with refreshments, led by Rev Brian Hall	SUNDAY 28	HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 10.30am service led by Rev Karl Ross. Lunch to follow after service.

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All Saints Church, Belton

Burgh Castle Parish Council



As usual the Parish Council did not meet in August. The next meeting will be on Monday September 8th at the Village Hall, on Church Road

commencing at 7.00pm, for details contact Kate Ruddock, the Parish Clerk, on 07899 846148, e-mail clerk@burghcastle-pc.gov.uk.

VACANCY for a PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is one vacancy on Burgh Castle Parish Council which members are permitted to fill by co-option. If you are interested in helping your local community in this way, please contact the Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, the Parish Clerk, on 07899 846148, e-mail clerk@burghcastle-pc.gov.uk for more information.

The Council usually meets on the second Monday of every month (except August) at the Village Hall, meetings commencing at 7.00pm

St Peter & St Paul's Church Burgh Castle



As we wait for news on when we will have a new priest, PPC and churchwardens continue to keep services going with the help of local and retired clergy, we are very grateful to them for their help.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

7th September Holy Communion 09.30 Reverend S Upton

14th September Morning Prayer 09.30 T.B.A.

21st September Holy Communion 09.30 Reverend C Straton

(In the event that we are unable to arrange a priest to cover the services churchwardens will lead a Morning Prayer service)

Thank you to everyone who visited, decorated or 'manned' our church during Open Churches week. The church looked beautiful and people really appreciated the displays around the church.

Please join us on Sunday 28th September 4pm when we celebrate our Harvest Festival, if you would like to leave a gift to thank the Lord for our bounty, please leave non-perishable goods that can be distributed by the Pantry Food Bank run from All Saints Belton that covers both villages.

NORFOLK CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE 2025



Burgh Castle

Paul Nicholls is once again riding on behalf of Burgh Castle Church in this year's event on Saturday September 13th, when he will visit as many churches as possible in the day on his trusty machine.

Paul always does very well thanks to the generosity of parishioners, please support his efforts, we all know that times are difficult but please support him if you can, in common with many businesses and charities our church funds have suffered in the current climate and we are also planning further, costly, restoration work.

Please do support Paul if you possibly can he will be calling on homes in the village early September, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Maureen Grey, Parish co-ordinator, Cycle Ride

Burgh Castle Tea Room & Bargain Stall

(Village Hall, Church Road)



Thank you to everyone who supported us during the Open Churches week, all the volunteers did extra rota's and we saw several of our regulars more than once.

Back to normal now, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm Christmas Stock (we have loads!) will be on display from the 11th September, come to get an early bargain.

Don't forget to get your Raffle tickets for the Church Restoration Appeal, this will be drawn after the service at 4pm on 28th September

Norfolk Architectural Trust are holding an event on Sunday 14th September and the hall will be open for refreshments on this day to support them.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

This year we will hold the coffee morning over our two normal opening days Thurs 9th and Fri 10 October, there will be a tombola, on both days and lots of lovely cake, this is an annual event which is close to many hearts your support is very much appreciated.



Please continue to think of us when you have unwanted goods to dispose of, we can arrange collection at a convenient time for you or you can drop goods off at the hall when we are open.

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Fritton with St. Olaves Parish Council



The July meeting of the Council was held at St. Olaves Village Hall on the 17th with nine Parish Councillors, four members of the public and Kate Ruddock the Parish Clerk present. The officer appointments were made, having been delayed from the previous meeting, Cllr Richards was elected chair and Cllr Burton, vice-chair for the coming year.

An additional 'keep clear' box is to be painted on the road at the A143/Herringfleet Road junction in St. Olaves while the management of Fritton Lake are to be contacted about speeding vehicles using Church Lane when leaving their premises. Matters discussed by a group of Councillors who met with the Highways Engineer included the box junction at St Olaves (above), a dip on Fritton New Road near the chicken farm, issues with the fencing on the Fritton Decoy site affecting visibility from New Road and the possibility of speed signs and better access when crossing the A143 to continue on the Angles Way footpath.

In the Council meeting Councillor Betts suggested the SAM2 anti speeding sign on the A143 at Fritton be moved across the road as it is being triggered for at 30mph in the 40mph area, also the position used on New Road at Fritton needs to be reconsidered. A member of the public had requested a 'yellow box' at the Priory Road/A143 junction in St Olaves, it was however thought that this might not fit highways criteria. Councillor Stephens suggested the police speed gun team be asked to attend at the bottom of the hill on the A143 going from Fritton.

Councillor Stephens and

two members of the public will start working on a funding bid to the Great Yarmouth Business Improvement Fund to install a rest area and information point for Angles way near to the Fritton Village Sign, it would include a paved area and benches round the sign.

In planning the council had objected to a two-story side/rear extension at Pine View, Beccles Road, Fritton as out of character and concerns with vehicular access. There were no objections to works at Hillcrest, Heath Road, St Olaves (non-material amendments to demolition of helicopter shed and buildings and erection of two-story extension, new swimming pool, gym and garage). At Red Roofs, New Road, Fritton (single story side extension) there were no objections in principle but concerns that the extension might block light to neighbouring properties, no objections were raised to single story rear extension and front porch at 21 Priory Close in St. Olaves. The Borough Council has approved outline permission (with all matters reserved) for one self-build dwelling at Forestry Cottage, New Road, Fritton.

Members had agreed by e-mail to which new e-mail address to use as in future as councils now have to use the 'gov.uk' suffix and the originally selected version would have given an exceptionally long address. The next meeting of the Council will be at Fritton Village Hall on Thursday September 18th, commencing at 6.30pm, for information contact the Council via the Parish Clerk on 07899 846148, or e-mail fritton.stolaves.clerk@outlook.com.

ST. OLAVES VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY EVENING

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

TUESDAY EVENING

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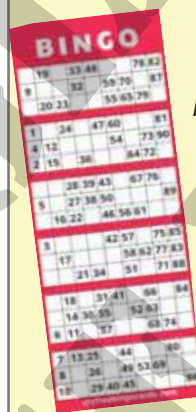
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FRITTON with St. OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL Attendances August 2024 to July 2025

COUNCILLOR	Possible Meetings	Meetings Attended
Stannas Bellaby (<i>Resigned</i>)	1	1
Catherine Richards (<i>Chair</i>)	6	5
John Burton (<i>Vice-chair</i>)	6	5
Nigel Barnes	6	1
Bob Betts	6	2
Hayley Carruthers	6	6
Richard Dunn	6	6
John Stephens	6	5
Peter Storey	6	6
John Wadeson	6	5
Richard Warner (<i>Joined Mar.</i>)	3	3
Carl Annison (Norfolk C.C.)	6	0
Graham Carpenter (GYBC)	6	0
Ivan Murray- Smith (GYBC)	6	3
Kate Ruddock (Parish Clerk)	6	6

Parish Councillors attendance percentage is 77.6%.

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THE MYTH OF THE STUBBORN DOG: WHY YOUR PUP ISN'T DEFYING YOU

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



"Stubborn" isn't a canine personality trait, it's a human misinterpretation. Science says confusion, pain, frustration, hormones, fear, or distractions are usually to blame.

THE PROBLEM WITH THE "STUBBORN" LABEL

We've all been there, standing in the park, lead in hand, calling our dog's name and getting absolutely nothing back. It's tempting to mutter "HE'S BEING STUBBORN." An easy label to throw at something for human gratification. Looking at behaviour science and veterinary research, that label does more harm than good. Dogs aren't plotting ways to defy us, they're reacting to their environment, their physical condition, and the clarity (or lack) of our cues (Bradshaw & Casey, 2007).

By swapping judgment for curiosity, we can turn those

moments of "defiance" into breakthroughs in understanding. Here is a pivotal moment to stop, look, listen and ask, what is really behind it?

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE: WHAT'S REALLY BEHIND "I WON'T"

DOGS DON'T DISOBEY OUT OF SPIKE, THEY RESPOND BASED ON LEARNING HISTORY, MOTIVATION, AND EMOTIONAL STATE.

From a scientific perspective, dogs are learning machines. They respond to reinforcement patterns, environmental context, and their own mental state, not moral codes.

- Confusion from unclear cues Dogs learn through associative learning and operant conditioning. If you sometimes say "COME" and other times "HERE", your dog may not connect both to the same behaviour. Similarly, a dog who "sits" at home but not in the park hasn't yet GENERALISED the skill (McGreevy & Boakes, 2007).
- Frustration & emotional arousal Repeated failure to earn a reward can cause frustration. Once this sets in, focus drops, and your dog's priority becomes relieving that emotional pressure, through sniffing, disengaging, or walking off.

- Low motivation & competing reinforcers Your dry biscuit reward may pale in comparison to the smell of a rabbit in the hedge. Training works best when rewards match the challenge (Rooney & Cowan, 2011).

VETERINARY INSIGHTS: WHEN "NO" MEANS "I CAN'T" RULE OUT PAIN BEFORE LABELLING A DOG "STUBBORN."

Sometimes, the issue isn't willingness, it's physical inability.

- Pain & musculoskeletal issues Arthritis, hip dysplasia, cruciate injuries, and spinal problems can make sitting, lying, or jumping painful (Kapatkin et al., 2006).
 - Hormonal adolescence Dogs aged 6–18 months go through a "teenage" phase marked by hormonal shifts and reduced impulse control (Starling et al., 2013).
 - Sensory decline Older dogs may miss cues due to hearing or vision loss.
- ### OTHER FACTORS THAT MASQUERADE AS STUBBORNNESS
- Fear/anxiety – Overwhelming environments can shut down responsiveness.
 - Cognitive fatigue – Long or repetitive sessions exhaust focus.

- Environmental distractions – Wildlife scents, other dogs, or noises steal attention.
- Negative past experiences – If a cue has been linked to punishment, avoidance is likely.

WHAT THE EVIDENCE SAYS

The research is consistent: stubbornness is not a fixed canine trait. It's a placeholder humans use when we haven't yet identified the real reason for a behaviour. That reason may be communication gaps, physical challenges, developmental phases, or emotional states and once we identify it, we can address it compassionately.

FROM FRUSTRATION TO UNDERSTANDING

When we replace "stubborn" with "something's getting in the way," our approach to training changes completely. We become problem-solvers, not judges. The payoff? A stronger bond, more effective training, and a happier, healthier dog.

READ MORE ON ABOUT THE STUBBORN MYTH

Grab a handy check list to download and print to help understand the symptom, possible cause and action step. You will also find references listed here:
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Local NEWS in Brief

Men's Church Walk

The Saturday morning walks have restarted after a summer break. On the 2nd August we went to Winterton and had a very enjoyable walk, although blustery and a few showers, from the village along the dunes towards Horsey for approximately two and a half miles before

returning via the more westerly path back to Winterton. A round trip of just over 5.5 miles. After light refreshment we returned to Belton. Map of route shown.

If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome. Next walk will be near Bungay taking in the river Waveney on Saturday 30th August. Meet in the Belton Tesco carpark at 8.30am.



WHAT A LOAD OF OLD RUBBISH!

Ashby Herringfleet and Somerleyton Parish Council's Green and Environment Group invite you to Somerleyton Village Hall on 27th September from 10am until 2pm.

Our event is to mark National Recycling Week to focus on the importance of recycling and encourage people to reduce waste and protect the environment. The campaign aims to promote more recycling and highlight the positive impact of recycling and benefits to the community



East Suffolk Council will be supporting our event with information and advice, Somerleyton

fledgling Men's Shed will be showing us How to "upcycle" there will be junk modelling, fun quizzes and activities for children and of course what Somerleyton event would be complete without coffee tea and cake.

Join us for an enjoyable occasion and learn how together we can promote a greener future for our villages and communities.

Where? Somerleyton Village Hall, The Street, Somerleyton, NR32 5QB



Sent in by reader
Judith Underwood

WHAT A COINCIDENCE

Having read about the Elephant Hawk Moth in last months magazine I was surprised to find the Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillar on my patio just after I received the magazine. It was very large and to protect itself it curls up and projects its back into a quite frightening pair of eyes, this is to deter predators. It looks like an elephants trunk when extended. It's amazing to think this caterpillar turns into a beautiful moth.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Locally the Norfolk Mobile Library rounds are as follows:

Belton

Wednesdays September and October 1st 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.

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LOCAL ROADWORKS

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10th September (9.30am-3.30pm) – High Road, Burgh Castle – (Closed for pole testing by B.T.).

22nd/26th September – Butt Lane, Burgh Castle – Closed for work by U.K Power Networks.

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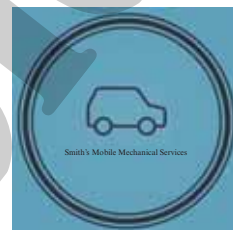
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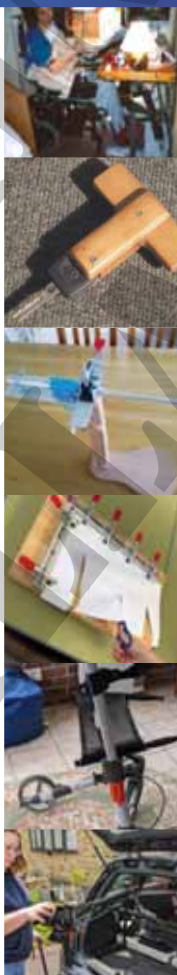
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Ashley's Monthly Column

Well, what a summer! The heat has been unbearable at times for myself and I am sure a lot of our readers as well. We've had a busy summer, filled with various day trips and outings. We also camped in Norwich for a weekend (first time for our little girl) she loved it, we somehow managed to pick a good weekend weather wise.



It is just nice to be away from technology and to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. What I didn't enjoy was the unpacking and all the washing that comes from camping! I hope you have all enjoyed your summer?!

Answer to last month's brain teaser was:

An echo!

New question!

A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner he's bankrupt. Why? 🌱



Down the Garden Path

Elizabeth Myhill

Polyanthus and primroses provide colour in the early months of the year and are frequently used as temporary bedding or in seasonal containers and window boxes.

The primrose is one of the first flowers to bloom in spring. Its name actually comes from the Latin word 'primus', which means 'first'. So, many believe that it has a meaning of youth, renewal and optimism.

Clusters of large, rounded flowers in a range of jewel-like colours, sometimes with contrasting centres and petal edges, nestle above mounds of soft leaves. A few have double flowers.

They will grow in most soils, provided they are not too wet or dry, in sun or light shade.

They do not do well on very limey (alkaline) soil or on soil that is prone to drying out. You can improve the soil with organic matter. They will not flower in deep shade.

Although some plants are capable of surviving after their first year, flowers in subsequent years are likely to be smaller and fewer in number, so plants are best replaced each year.



Did you know primrose colours are meant to symbolise different meanings, for example white primroses symbolise sadness and mourning. While red primroses are to symbolise passion, young love, charm and longing. Yellow primroses symbolise happiness, warmth and love while pink primroses symbolise grace, youth and renewal.

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along with the leaders who should not be forgotten.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported us at the JGI coffee morning at our Bric-a-brac / books / toys sale. As the summer break starts, we all look forward to the Saturday morning coffee, quiz and cake returning in September and hope to be back 11th October 2025.

We are planning on sales over the Autumn. Our next jumble sale 15th November 2025 and 14th March 2026 at the JGI Station Road South Belton.

We would be grateful of any books / Bric-a-brac / clothes / Toys / Jigsaws we urgently need to re stock for sales. The items can either be dropped at 6 Station Road North, Belton or phone 01493 780965.

Would you be interested in helping out at the Beavers (Beavers run at 18 Beavers at present time due to not enough adult help, the colony should have 24 spaces) or Scout section this does not have to be every week. A small amount of training on-line is required (support available) and a DBS. We have a waiting list and can't fill all of the spaces as we don't have enough adult help. If you would like more information, please contact Brown Beaver (Jane) 07975 533572.

Beavers

The Beavers had an evening having a go at archery, shooting foam balls using catapults at targets. After an evening learning about the safety of fire lighting, we then collected wood, were shown how to build and light a fire, the Beavers then had a go. Once the fires were lit the Beavers then toasted marshmallows. Our last evening, we had an evening on the Gorleston beach making sandcastles.

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 spent the last couple of weeks to finish the summer term with 2 popular activities. The second to last meeting was spent finishing the art badge and playing some popular games, such as silent pirate and bench cricket.

The last meeting was spent with friends at the beach. The Cubs were tasked with making a poster to bring a friend to the

beach, as part of the art badge. Over 40 young people had a great time on the beach playing the leaders games, a brilliant evening to a fun packed half term.

Cubs are now looking forward to summer camp, with new activities.

Thanks to all the leaders, young people for all of their help and support this school year.

If your young person would like to join the adventure at Belton cubs then message Peter on 07900 494 344 or go through the 1st Belton Scout Group Facebook page and I will tell you more.

Scouts

The Scouts have started the pioneering activity badge by choosing a gate way to build then having a go. Had a troop forum looking at the activities for next term and discussing the activities done this term, which ones they have liked or not and how they could be changed. They voted about what they would like to do on the last evening of the term, pancakes won.

The kit is out, menu planned so now we are looking forward to Norjam 25 an international camp which is where we are off to later in August

Anyone aged between 10 years and 14 years who would like to come and join the fun please contact Brown Beaver phone number above.

Group

Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for our tombola at the cliff top gala. Thanks to the youngsters who helped Charlie, William, Toby, Lily-Joy, Poppy and Amelia,



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JGI Trustees

Another good month with plenty of activity. A couple of slots vacant of this period due to the school summer holidays but we look forward to welcoming them back in September.

After many years Alan Brown who was caretaker at the hall and did much of the unlocking and locking of the hall for user groups has now completed his time at the hall. We thank him for his past services.

We are still looking for new Trustees to join the operation of this *great* venue, your Village Hall, so that as present Trustees have to cease their time as age creeps on there will be a smooth transition.

Contact Bill on 07950 039455 or Roger on 07950 770488 for further details.

Post of Caretaker and Keyholder

The JGI (Your Village Hall) Trustees are looking to fill the post of Caretaker. As well as some general duties the person will be responsible for opening the hall for some user groups and closing at the end of evening through weekdays. An occasional duty could be required at weekends.

Payment for the above duties will be discussed upon application.

Please email your interest to thejgi@btinternet.com or phone either 07950 039455 or 07950 770488. Closing date for applications September 14th 2025.

Wednesday Morning Drop-In

We have had a *great* month with *great* attendances. If you have not visited us then give us a try

while summer is still with us and find a friendly bunch of people who enjoy much chat and discussion over a cup of tea/coffee or two. We will always try to help with today's technology of mobiles laptops and ipads etc. There is full Wifi at the hall so it is easy to connect to the web and we will try to resolve any problems.

A DIAL representative visits us on the second Wednesday of each month. They can advise or help with social or money matters.

We run from 10.30am to noon every Wednesday and we will be there on Christmas Eve.

Call Sue on 01493780822 for further information if required.

Friday Night Quiz Evening at the JGI

On the last Friday of every month there is a *great* Quiz Evening at the JGI starting at 7.30pm. As well as the quiz there is always a *great* raffle.

We have 5 *great* Quiz Masters so there is always a fresh type of quiz each month.

Teams up to 4 per table at £5 per table.

Saturday Coffee Morning at JGI

These are scheduled to start again in September after the summer break.

There will be the usual coffee and cake etc plus a table quiz and a large raffle by a user or other local village group. This month will be by the Belton Craft Group. We look forward to seeing you all again for the coming months. They will always be on the second Saturday in the month. So this one is Saturday September 13th at 10am to 11.30am. See you there.

A Sad note but a *great* farewell

As commented in last month's issue on the loss of Robert Ward (Bob) I attended his funeral at the end of July at the Crematorium with a full congregation and a flying theme as Bob loved taking a small plane up from Beccles. Bob was one of our *great* Quiz Masters at the JGI at the Monthly Quizzes. Just before Bob was taken ill he had compiled another quiz for this summer but was never able to present it.

His dear wife has agreed that in memory of Bob we will present his quiz. This will happen in December instead of our normal Christmas Quiz. A donation to an appropriate charity will be given from that evening. Please put Friday December 19th in your diary and on your calendar for a *great* evening in memory of Bob. Start time 7.30pm at the JGI.

Contacts for Clubs and Groups at the JGI

To book the JGI Hall contact Caroline Askell by text on 07415 650227 or email jgibookings@gmail.com. No direct call will be taken.

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7.30pm - 9.30pm	Bingo	Toni	01493 780748
		Hazel	01493 781916

TUESDAY

10.30am - 12.30pm	Belton Crafters	Linda	07721 599559
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Over 60's	Ann	01493 780443
		Rose	01493 780784
6.45pm - 8.30pm	Belton Guides	Rose	07827 913974

WEDNESDAY

10.30am - 12 noon	Drop-In	Sue	01493 780822
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Art	Jan	01493 488683
5.00pm - 9.00pm	Slimming World	Debra	07551 975800

THURSDAY

10.30am - 12 noon	Line Dancing	Jane	07788 408801
3.45pm - 4.15pm	3-4 years Babies Ballet	Jayne	07746 141525
4.25pm - 4.55pm	5-7 years Primary Ballet	Jayne	07746 141525
5.00pm - 5.30pm	Modern/Fun Class	Jayne	07746 141525
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Belton Crafters	Linda	07721 599559

FRIDAY

10.30am - 12 noon	Line Dancing	Jane	07788 408801
2.00pm - 3.30pm	Camera Club (First Friday of each month)	Bill	07950 039455
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However, as the frontiers come under increasing external pressures, fortifications are built throughout the Empire in order to protect cities and guard strategically important locations. It is in this context that the forts of the Saxon Shore are constructed.

Under Severus Alexander, several units are withdrawn from the northern

frontier to garrison key locations in the south, with new forts built at Brancaster, Caister-on-Sea and Reculver. Dover is already fortified in the early 2nd century, and the other forts are built as part of the Saxon Shore fortifications.

270's ~ Burgh Castle is built under the command of the Count of the Saxon Shore for the Stablesian cavalry unit, 500 strong.

300's ~ Burgh and Caister Castles, collectively known as Gariannonum control the entrance to the Waveney estuary, which is occupied by extensive marshes.

367 ~ Saxons, Picts and Scots make a concerted attack on Britain, the Saxon shoreline forts are overrun.

630 ~ Sigeberht, King of the East Angles, gives land inside Burgh Castle to St Fursa to found a monastery. The site is now referred to as Cnobheresburh.



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BYGONE YEARS

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Among the sideshows, Bowling went forward whenever the target area was clear of people. Hoopla (Mrs. Howes) had a good innings, and likewise the London Treasure (Elizabeth Howes). Lucky Dip (Mrs. Doddington) drew the customers until there was nothing more to dip for. Teas had to be queued for - no fault of Mrs. Beare and Mrs. Twaits, who gave a first-class brew, with Mrs. Abbs and Mrs. Gray in the background.

All through the afternoon two ponies were up and down the drive giving rides, expertly managed by Marie Rogers and Peter Liffen. And there at the gate was Mr. George Guyton smoking his pipe and taking more admission money than ever before.

The children of Belton Primary School produced quite an art gallery of pictures for the competition of showing some village scene. I had not realised that I was part of the scene until I spotted one or two alleged portraits. The work was so good that it was hard to choose, but eventually a prize-winner was decided on for each year from 6 to 11 years old. The infants too had 6 prizes, for decorated hats (girls) and for potato figures (boys).

It was altogether a day that made one want to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow".

LAST DAY AT BELTON SCHOOL

After running for 108 years in the present building, Belton School has ceased to exist - although two of its staff and most of its pupils will go on to be part of the new Waveney School.

The Parent-Teachers Association made the presentation of a handsome tankard to the outgoing Headmaster, Mr. T. Stone, in recognition of his services to the School over the years. The School and staff also made him a presentation in the form of a leather brief-case.

Other presentations were also being made. Miss Harding received a farewell gift. And Mrs. Coleman who has looked after the School as Cleaner in Charge received the gift of a pair of rose-bowls. Also, the morning Sunday School presented her with a table-lamp in appreciation of her co-operation. And every child was made the proud recipient of a Prince of Wales Investiture mug, a gift arranged by the P.T.A. To the new school the P.T.A. presented a polished rustic bench seat.

So Belton School now becomes the Old School - but it can be proud of the long line of those who have learned there, and those who have taught there. There are many former pupils still in the village, and there are some who have gone on to higher education or have made a name for themselves in other ways - like John Mills for instance, whose father was at one time the master in charge of Belton School, living at the School House.

The question in all our minds is what is going to be the future use of the Old School. I put this question to the General Secretary of the National Society, which holds the Trust Deed, and I got this reply:

"The formal position at Belton is that the school premises (except the School House) are ..subject to reverter on closure (School Sites Acts - solely educational trusts)." That is to say, they go back to the descendants of the original donors.

But we have not quite given up hope that the village may be able to acquire the use of the Old School as a community centre. We must hear what the Department of Education has to say - and also what it would cost to run.

To be continued



BELTON IN 1934

(Kellys 1934 directory of
Great Yarmouth)

These are pages from
Kelly's Directory that
was published in 1934.

It shows how small
the population was
back then and gives
details of residents
and businesses.

Kelly's Directory was a comprehensive series of British trade directories, initially focused on London and later expanding to county-level listings. It served as a Victorian-era equivalent of the Yellow Pages, providing detailed information about businesses, tradespeople, and local notables. The directory was started in 1836 by Frederic Festus Kelly and continued to be published for many decades, with Kelly's Directories Ltd. taking over in 1897.

VILLAGES DIRECTORY

BELTON is a parish and village in a valley on the banks of the navigable river Waveney, with a station on the East Suffolk section of the London and North Eastern railway from Liverpool Street, 4½ miles south-west from Yarmouth and 8 north-west from Lowestoft, in the Lowestoft parliamentary division of the county of Suffolk, hundred and petty sessional parliamentary deanery of Flegg, archdeaconry and diocese of Norwich. The church of All Saints is an ancient edifice of flint with stone dressings, in the Decorated style, consisting of a chancel, nave, south porch and a round western tower, rebuilt in 1849, and containing one bell; on the north wall of the nave are remains of 15th century paintings representing the legend of "The three Great: the screen, of the same period, is handsomely carved and in good preservation: the reredos of oak, erected in 1887, is enriched with carving by Mr. James Elwell, of Beverley, Yorkshire, Mr. Temple Moore, of London, being the architect: the font is of Purbeck marble; the ancient font, still preserved, found during the restoration in 1849, is presumed to be of Saxon date: the stained east window by Kempe was presented in 1896 by members of the Howes family, in memory of the Rev. T. G. F. Howes, rector for 58 years: a fine oil painting of "The Last Supper," after Titian, the gift of the Rev. W. Schomberg, a former rector, hangs on the west wall: in 1866 the chancel was restored at the cost of the rector, and the nave in 1881, from the designs of Messrs. Bottle & Olley, architects, Great Yarmouth, when an open-timbered roof was erected and the nave re-seated with open oak benches, at a total cost, with other work, of about £2,000: the communion plate of silver gilt and silver includes a cup inscribed:—

"FOR THE TOWNE OF BELTON"

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Brownston is a hamlet, 1½ miles south-east. In 1899 a Mission Room was erected here, and is used both for religious and secular purposes. Brownston Hall is an ancient brick building, with gardens, formerly the seat of the Symonds and Le Grice families, now the property of, and occupied by Henry Edward Stannard esq.

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Bussell Maj. T. E. Lake cott
Corbyn Misses, The Cottage, Marsh la
Cunning Jn. Glenluce
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Beare Saml. market gardnr. Brownston
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BRADWELL

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BRADWELL is a parish and village, 3 miles south-south-west from Yar-
mouth (Southtown) station on the London and North Eastern railway from
Liverpool Street, and 8 north-west from Lowestoft, in the Lowestoft par-
liamentary division of the county of Suffolk, hundred, petty sessional
division of Mutford and Lotheringland, Great Yarmouth county court
district, rural deanery of Flegg, archdeaconry and diocese of Norwich.
The church of St. Nicholas, which dates back to 1390, is a structure of flint
with stone dressings, in the Later Decorated style, consisting of a chancel,
nave, aisles, south porch and low round western tower containing 3 bells:
the font is octagonal, and adorned with carved figures, four of which re-
present the evangelists: the chancel retains a piscina and sedilia, and on
the north side are two carved kneeling figures; the communion plate in-
cludes a chalice inscribed "BRADWELL. CHURCH * CVP. 1668:" in 1875
the church was partially restored and re-seated with open benches, at a cost
of about £900, and a new pulpit, reading desk and chancel stalls erected,
and an open-timbered roof was also placed above the chancel: the church
has also two beautiful stained glass windows, in memory of Mrs. Louisa
Gertrude Walker, wife of a former rector, and another in memory of Charles
Wiltshire esq. and his wife, and of Major Percy Wiltshire, who was killed
in the Great War 1914-1918: the porch was rebuilt in 1889 at a cost of
about £200, and the churchyard enlarged in 1891: in 1905 a beautiful
tablet was placed in the church in memory of the Rev. John Walker, who
was rector here for 40 years: in 1907 the church was restored at a cost of
over £1,000, the bells rehung, the roof relaid and a new vestry was built on
the north side of the chancel and a new heating apparatus added: a new

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Belton Activity Morning – September Update



We rounded off our summer term in style with a super Teddy Bears Picnic! The teddies had a wonderful time, and our members did too, with plenty of tasty treats to share. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to donate a lovely amount of unopened food to the local food bank.

Before the break, Sallyann ran a special programme at Nicholas Everitt Park combining Seated Exercises, Circuits, and Nordic Walking. Everyone who took part said how much better they felt for it, which was wonderful to hear. The studio where Sallyann works 1-to-1 with private clients closed for the summer, giving her time to enjoy family life and her favourite hobbies – art, yoga, drumming, reiki, and even a spot of cold-water dipping!

Our local trip to Pathways Care Farm in Lowestoft was also a big

success. Around 20 of us gathered to hear Geoff, the founder, share the inspiring story of how the care farm was set up and how it provides a safe, supportive space for vulnerable people. We enjoyed a guided tour before tucking into refreshments at the café. This year, we'll be fundraising to support the care farm.

Over the summer, we've also been able to donate £40 to the



Food Bank and £20 to Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park – all thanks to your kind donations at tea time.

Sallyann wishes you all good health and looks forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8th September 2025 for another term of fun, friendship, and fitness!

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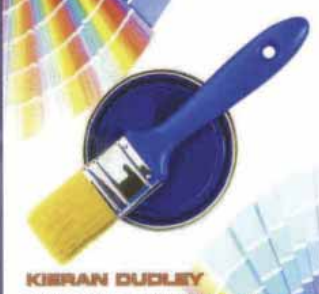
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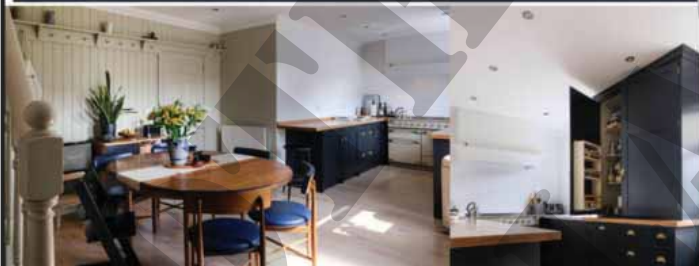


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