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# Belton News

Meeting in the Village Hall 4 pm on Sunday 17th August giving the A-Z of how the defibrillator operates. Special thanks go to Brian Baker and the Belton Runners (see back page) for their generous support in making this possible and of course to the Parish Council.

" As part of the World War One ( WW1) commemorations and as an ongoing tribute , a Book of Remembrance is to be placed in St Peter's Church in which the names and personal details of those from Belton and Wardley who served, can be recorded.

Additionally , residents of Belton and Wardley and all others who may wish to , can add the names of relatives who also served in WW1, and whom they wish to commemorate "



**Your  
Village  
Needs  
YOU**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 3pm

St.Peter's Church, Belton in Rutland

Join us to commemorate the start  
of **WORLD WAR ONE**

and hear how it affected the people of Belton in  
**Words & Pictures**, with **Music** of the time,  
followed by light refreshments. Free admission

**Enquires: Eileen 01572 822 271**

**Brian 01572 717 933**

Anyone wishing to remember someone who has died in any conflict is invited to bring a small flower arrangement for the church



## **‘A VIEW FROM THE BOUNDARY’      PART 2**

### **BELTON & RIDLINGTON CRICKET CLUB (“The Foxes”)**

After a glorious victory at Uppingham in late May, we continued the good form in early June with a comfortable home victory against the Harborough Taverners in a low scoring encounter. After a week of considerable rain leading up to the match, the wicket resembled a soggy pudding of a pitch which made batting pretty difficult. After winning the toss, we elected to bat first and crawled our way to a disappointing score of 85 all out from 34 overs, with Guy Margetts (first appearance in 5 years – welcome back, we need you!) and Dave Fairley top scoring with 17 and 16 runs respectively. However, with ball in hand, we again bowled and fielded excellently and after 10 overs of the Taverners innings, the scoreboard read a remarkable 4 runs for 4 wickets with Paul Morton and Guy Margetts keeping things incredibly tight whilst making the opposition batsmen hop around in the crease on a somewhat unpredictable wicket. We eventually bowled the Taverners out for a meagre total of 48 ensuring victory by 37 runs and an early finish.

After an almost unprecedented two consecutive victories, we took to the field at home to a very keen and unbeaten Charnwood Casuals team, where every member of the opposition wore a traditional navy blue cap and took the game rather seriously. This level of professionalism failed to rub off on us though and having been put into bat, we were soon in all sorts of trouble on another testing batting wicket against some very good and accurate bowling. Only two of our players made it into double figures (‘extras’ were top scorer!) with Mick Wright making a patient 14 and Ben Kind scoring 11 in his first match of the season in a paltry total of just 75. However, some fine opening bowling from Paul Morton and Steve Fox (2 wickets each) soon had Charnwood in trouble at 28 for 4 wickets which included one of the ‘champagne moments’ of the season as Mick Wright took a sensational catch (not that he knew anything about it) when a hard hit shot nestled nicely between his upper thighs, approximately one inch below his manhood, preventing a very nasty incident indeed! Fortunately Mick, though with a higher pitched voice than usual, was still able to count to two but this was the last joy for us as Charnwood romped home to a comfortable 6 wicket victory.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July we made the short trip up to the lovely Uppingham CC ground in a marathon 40 overs fixture – to which both teams managed to bat all the way through – a very rare event! After winning the toss we elected to bowl and yet again bowled and fielded really well at the start restricting the home team to just 50 for 3 from the first 20 overs, with Dave Fairley, Will Bell and Paul Morton all bowling economically. Uppingham accelerated after the drinks break and finished on a very respectable 193 for 7 from their allotted 40 overs.

After another fine cricketing tea, opener Joe Pine from Ridlington got us off to a decent start scoring 31 brisk runs but after a mini collapse, at 42 for 3 we were in a spot of bother. However, a new Club record stand (and probably one that exceeds anything for several decades re Belton CC) of 92 runs for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket from the ‘father and son’ partnership of skipper Steve Kind and ‘young’ Ben swung the match back in our favour and at 134 for 3, 60 runs were required off the last 9 overs. Ben batted quite beautifully for a stylish score of 51 but at times seemed to forget that his father was over 30 years older and running between the wickets became somewhat of a challenge for Kind Senior! However, with Ben falling to an excellent catch, the ‘old man’ soon followed him back to the pavilion for 38 in pursuit of quick runs and the momentum was lost. We eventually finished our 40 overs on a respectable 165 for 9 wickets, losing by 28 runs.





# A time for reflection

**In a simple and evocative tribute to mark the start of Britain's entry into the First World War, the Legion is inviting members to light a commemorative candle as part of the Lights Out campaign**



At 11pm on 4 August, Westminster Abbey in London will be shrouded in darkness, its only source of light the flickering flame of a single candle at the grave of the Unknown Warrior. This poignant, haunting tribute will mark the 100th anniversary of Britain's entry into the First World War.

To commemorate this occasion, The Royal British Legion, in partnership with the cultural programme 14-18 NOW and retailer Marks & Spencer, is inviting members, branches and the public to host an event in memory of all those who died during the First World War. You can show your support for the Lights Out campaign by turning off the lights between 10 and 11pm and lighting a candle at home, joining one of the many events taking place across the country or organising a service in your local community. The Legion is hoping the occasion will mark the largest act of reflection Britain has ever seen.

St James's Branch member Guy Upward is one of the members who's planning to take part in the

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## From Sarah Gregory for the recent bottle collection:

The Grand Bottle Tombola

The Rutland County Show – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Thank you so much for your exceptional support this year with a new initiative for Rutland and the surrounding area. You were all phenomenal and surpassed all our expectations. Thank you so much for not only continuing to support this Tombola but also for collecting over 1800 bottles. Quite amazing and this turned into over £5,000 taken on the day. All the fund raising committee and the volunteers involved with helping with the Tombola want to thank the people of Rutland and the surrounding areas for their amazing and very substantial support.

The fund raising committee of 'For Rutland-In Rutland' are part of a steering group made up of the Karen Ball Fund, Dementia Friends, Rutland and Melton Cancer Support Group and representatives of the Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau. This new initiative is firstly funding the Rutland Wellbeing Partnership based at the Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau, in the High Street in Oakham, providing an expert advisor answering queries and help with benefits, initially working with Cancer and Dementia, then including other needs that will be highlighted as the initiative develops.

We are privileged to have the support of so many enthusiastic followers in Rutland and the surrounding area – this is a significant initiative raising money to be spent in this region and we know where all our funds raised will be used.



## Fundraising Disco

A big thank you to everyone, both villagers and friends who supported this event. A total of £753 was raised, £400 of which has been donated to the defibrillator fund for the village; the remainder going to the British Heart Foundation as our entry for the Great North Run this year and the NSPCC. If you wish you make individual donations this can be done from our face book page.

