

November
2013 & Christmas

Belton News



A BIG thank you to Cromwell Tools for their generosity in printing our newsletters and to all those villagers, past and present, who give their time to deliver it, often in the most atrocious weather

The annual squash doubles competition, now known as the Curry Cup, was played on Friday 1st of November and was won by Gary Evans with Peter Turner beating Tom Steele with Sheila Storer in the final. Six pairs competed for the coveted award which began at the Uppingham School courts but due to an electricity failure, was completed at the sports hall.

This was followed by an extremely good curry at the Sun Inn and the presentation of the trophy. The champions will have to defend their title in 12 months time on the first Friday in November.

(If any newcomers to the village are interested to play squash, please get in touch with Brian on 717720).

Thanks to the Sun Inn and in particular to Laura.

Thanks also to Bernie for the donation of the trophy
Brian Margetts

Belton Recreation Group

Bonfire Night - A big thank you to all villagers who supported the Belton Fireworks Night on the Saturday 2nd November. Unfortunately after more than 15 continuous years of running this event successfully for the entertainment of village we did not make any profit. In fact our charity made a loss of just under £400. As a committee of enthusiastic volunteers, we can't understand why the attendance was so poor, maybe the weather, half term or just a lack of interest.

The Secret Garden is there for all to use, but we cannot maintain this valuable asset for the village without fundraising over £2000 every year.

We will of course continue with this event next year but we need all of Belton's support in the future.

Charity Race Night - A note for the diary, there will be a Charity Race Night at the Belton Village Hall on Saturday 1st February 2014. All proceeds from this evening will go to Belton Recreation Group to aid and maintain The Secret Garden. Tickets, sponsorship and horses will be available from December at The Sun Inn. Last year was a fabulous evening so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. More news to follow soon.

Thank you,

Michael Bowen
Chairman

Happy
Holidays





Fun and Games.

Would anyone be interested in playing table games such as, Scrabble, cards, rummikub, dominoes etc. If so please contact me and I will be happy to arrange this.

Valerie Storer 717972 e-mail

Woodland Walks Anyone?

As you may know, the field by the A47 at the entrance to Allextion, and which borders the Eye-brook, was bought seven years ago by contributions from local people to keep its ownership within our three villages. Having been planted with trees by the Three Villages Conservation Trust, the field has been maintained by the Trust since then to allow the trees to flourish. There has been a regular programme of weed killing, hedge and grass cutting and the trees themselves are now well established.

The Trust would like to encourage local residents to use the field for their own enjoyment. There is an unplanted area around the edge of the field which would allow walks but the ground is uneven and the grass grows vigorously making it a little challenging. The Trust has investigated commissioning works to lay a more even path around the site but the cost is outside its current funding. More regular grass cutting would increase our annual costs and would only be valuable if it was used.

The Trust would welcome any feedback from the community as to whether the field should be open to access for the community and if so how it might go

about making it more accessible and inviting. Would you be interested in helping on a work party? Could you make a contribution to funds? Any ideas for fund raising?

Please contact any of the current trustees who are Vivian Anthony (vsa@webleicester.co.uk), Davina Enfield (vina.enfield@btinternet.com) and Rob Parker (Rob@gardenperfect.com) from Allextion, Ann Kanter (annkanter@googlemail.com) from Wardley and David Drennan (david@drennan.me.uk) and Kevin Sumner (kevinsumner1@btinternet.com) from Belton.



Piano for sale "votey". Tuned regularly. £100.

Offers

Call Sarah 01572 718766



Christmas specials on the buses:
Free to ALL passengers one day
only Peterborough 17th December
2013

Leave Belton 9.30 am arrives 10.37.

Leave Peterborough 14.00 pm
arrives Belton 15.07

Or CallConnect to Oakham, on
Wednesdays only until 18th
December call 0845 263 8153 or
01733 317461 to book.



Belton History Society

Burrough Hill Investigations

We'd like to invite you to an open meeting where **JOHN THOMAS** from **LEICESTER UNIVERSITY** will bring us up to date with the findings from their excavations on Burrough Hill.

Thursday 23rd January 2014, 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, Main Street, Belton in Rutland

The Burrough Hill Project is the **most extensive investigation of the region's best preserved Iron Age hill fort** and has revealed a wealth of new information that helps us understand this **important prehistoric monument**. The talk will describe the **project results to date** and consider the role and importance of Burrough Hill in the context of Iron Age society in the East Midlands.



John is a Project Officer at **University of Leicester Archaeological Services** and Co-director of the Burrough Hill Project.

Entrance is £1 for members and £2 for non-members including **complimentary tea and coffee**. Contact secretary@beltonhistorysociety.org.uk, telephone 01572 630036

Journal 5

These are just some of the topics covered in the latest Belton History Society Journal. There are 86 pages packed with **articles and pictures** of local interest, **some of it quite scandalous in its day**.

If you'd like a copy they're available for £9.50 (plus £1.50 postage if required) via the society's members or from our Treasurer: **Jane Cronin, Brookfield, Littleworth Lane, Belton in Rutland, OAKHAM, LE15 9JZ. Email: treasurer@beltonhistorysociety.org.uk.**

The Great Fire of Belton
Change of Name Day
Transportation from Belton
Allextion & Wardley
Lambley Lodge & College Farm



Belton's Workhouse
The Bakers of Belton
Crime and Punishment
Filming of Signs & Wonders
PLUS LOTS, LOTS MORE!

01572 630036.

We've also got copies of our previous issues with great discount for a full set, contact us for details.

The society is **always interested** to receive any information on local history or to help with your questions about the village. **We've been assembling an archive** of fascinating documents and we've got an **ORAL HISTORY GROUP** who are recording the reminiscences of some of the longer-term village residents.

Why not join us yourself and learn more about your village and maybe even your home! Contact us via any of our members or email: secretary@beltonhistorysociety.org.uk, telephone 01572 630036

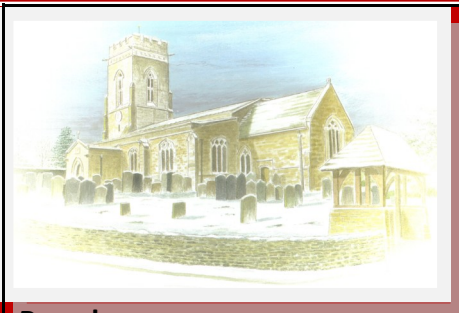
NOTICE BOARD

FOR SALE a mans green tweed country style overcoat with a faint vertical stripe. It is XL size and was bought for me but is too big. It has hardly ever been worn, is as good as new and cost over £200 when new. £100

Anyone who is interested,



VILLAGE HALL 100 club
August:
1st Wilf Nickson, 2nd
Jenny James, 3rd A & D
Riddle
September:
1st Sarah Gregory, 2nd P &
J Cronin, 3rd Guy Jones
October:
1st J & K Sumner, 2nd
Colin Davis, 3rd Gail
Williams
November:
1st Morag Tyler, 2nd
Margaret Byers, 3rd Sarah
Gullen Whur
Our thanks for all your
support this year and
congratulations to all this
years winners. If you
would like to join please
contact Jane at 717760.



Christmas at St. Peter's

Posada:

The Posada characters started their journey through the parish on Sunday 24th November. If you would like to offer them hospitality on their travels, please contact Linda Deadman (01572 717271) or Jenny James (01572 717622). Hopefully they will arrive at their destination on Sunday 22nd December, when they return to St. Peter's, during the All Age Worship service at 4:00 pm. This service will include the **Blessing of the Crib**, and will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome, especially the young at heart!

Carol Services & Singers:

- The **Pre-School Nativity Service** will be held in church on Tuesday 10th December, at 11:00 am. The pupils and **staff** will appreciate your support at their service, if you are able to join them.
- We are hoping to arrange for a group to sing **Carols around the village** on Wednesday 18th December, starting at the church at 6:30 pm, and finishing about 8:30 pm, at a secret destination. Please see notice-boards or Pew-Notes for further information, nearer the time.

Belton House Carol Service will be on **Friday 20th December, starting at 2:30 pm**

St. Peter's Carol Service will be held later on Friday 20th December, starting at 7:00 pm. It will include the usual readings and carols, together with special readings from other sources. Mince-pies etc will be served after the service. The collection will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee - Philippines Typhoon Appeal.

Children's Christmas Workshop:

The workshop is scheduled for Monday 23rd December, between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Various activities will be available within the church, and the opportunity to help decorate the children's area for Christmas. Any adult wishing to help with any of the activities should contact Eileen Hill (01572822271).

Christmas Communion Services:

Our services within the Christmas period include:

Christmas Eve – 11:30 pm – **Midnight Communion** (bcp)

Christmas Day – 9:30 am – **Christmas Communion** (cw)

Friday 27th December – 2:00 pm - Belton House Christmas Communion

Sunday 29th December – 9:00 am – Holy Communion.(cw)

We hope you will be able to attend one or more of these services.