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Belton News



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Belton News to close after more than 15 years

In previous editions a successor has been sought for this voluntary role in the village but sadly without success.

Having started the News at 50 I now find myself approaching 66! The newsletter is not a creature or production of the Parish Council and is completely independent of any village organisation.

With no one prepared to take it over, or so it would seem, it is with great sadness I have to announce it will cease as of the end of 2014 with the last edition going out at the end of November.

Should someone wish to continue with the Belton News it seems the right time for it to be solely available for viewing on the website not least because of the escalating cost of printing.

Which brings me to thanking Cromwell Tools on behalf of the village for their generosity in printing the newsletter for so many years.

Sunday 7th September saw the highly successful run by the Belton Girls who all completed the Great North Run in record time narrowly beaten by the winner Mo Farah! We have much to thank them for



having donated a massive £400 from their Disco in the village to the defibrillator which is now active and positioned in the porch of St. Peters Church. Thanks and congratulations to them all.

Auction of Promises: Saturday 15th November 2014. 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start.

We are raising money to support our lovely national monument-our church.

We are very lucky to have such a treasure in our village and it is up to us villagers to help with its up keep.

We need items/promises for the auction - at least 60 lots to make it successful.

Please get your creative thinking caps on to help make this event fun and worthwhile.

Please contact Linda 717271, Jane 717022, Jenny 717622, Tricia 717227 by 20th October 2014, with your donation towards the auction.



'A VIEW FROM THE BOUNDARY' 2014 FINAL PART BELTON & RIDLINGTON CRICKET CLUB ("The Foxes")

Our final match of the 2014 season saw us make the short journey over to Hallaton for our traditional late summer fixture. With us electing to bat first, we started steadily thanks to David Gibbs (17 – that's runs, not age) and Mike Bowen (9). However, with a mini-collapse, things were looking a little dodgy with the scoreboard reading 57 for 6 wickets at one stage but some middle order resistance led by Mikey Boyd (38) and Dave Fairley (11) ensured that we reached a half reasonable total of 122 all out after 27 overs.

Despite some good opening bowling from James Gibbs and Dave Fairley, Hallaton made an excellent start and when the score had reached 71 for no wickets there only seemed one inevitable outcome – defeat! But, with the introduction of Paul Morton into the bowling attack wickets soon started to tumble and Hallaton collapsed dramatically to just 97 all out ensuring a fine victory by a winning margin of 25 runs. Paul finished with mightily impressive bowling figures of 5 for 4 off 4 overs, well supported by James Gibbs (2 for 34) and Sam Pine (2 for 20).

We were due to play our local rivals Tugby in early September in our annual fixture but unfortunately Tugby were unable to raise a team and for the first time in over 15 years this fixture was not fulfilled. Never mind, at least some members of the team found themselves enjoying a nice sunny day out at the Burghley Horse Trials instead with not a red shiny ball or piece of willow anywhere in sight!

So finally, to the 'lies, damned lies and statistics' of a reasonably successful 2014 season.....

Played 7, won 3, lost 4. (2 cancellations)

Highest Batting Run Scorers:

Steve Kind (145 from 6 matches), Mike Boyd (73 from 3), Ben Kind (62 from 2),

Highest Batting Averages:

Ben Kind (31.0), Steve Kind (29.0), Mike Boyd (24.3)

Leading Wicket Takers:

Sam Pine (9), Paul Morton (8), Richard Merry (8)

St. Peter's Church Belton with Wardley



Rounders Challenge Match

This year's annual Rounders Challenge Match against Uppingham, was held on Sunday 7th September, in the grounds of Belton House. The weather was fine and sunny, and over 50 adults and children enjoyed the rounders match between Uppingham and Belton. Each team included both children (attending primary school) and adults, and Belton as winners, were presented with the silver salver. Light refreshments were served for a small charge, which, together with a raffle, raised £144 for St. Peter's church. There was a Treasure Hunt within the grounds of Belton House, which had been planned and organised by Miss Jennings for the younger members of the benefice, who each received a small gift on completion.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Festival will be at 10:30 am, on Sunday 21st September, replacing the Family service usually held at that time.

Harvest Lunch will be served in the church, following the festival service. As space is limited, you are invited to obtain a ticket from a churchwarden or a member of the PCC. The main course will be provided, as will soft drinks, but please bring a pudding or cheese & biscuits to share, and feel free to bring your own favourite tipple to have with your meal.

Tea & Talk

The first meeting after the summer break will be held on Tuesday 23rd September, at "Quietways", Back Lane, Belton, starting at 2:30 pm. The discussions are led by Mrs. Sonja Lennon, with future meetings held at two week intervals. Please see the parish magazine "Quartet", the weekly pew-notes, or the church notice boards for confirmation of the future meeting dates.

Presentation by Brian Kirby on "My trip to Vienna"

Brian will be giving an illustrated talk on his cycling trip, on Sunday 5th October, in St. Peter's Church, starting at 3:00 pm. Tickets are available from Eileen Hill (822271) or members of the PCC, and will include tea and cakes served at the conclusion of the Brian's talk. All proceeds will go to St. Peter's Church.

YOUR VERY OWN TIME TEAM!

Some intrepid members of the of the Belton History Society are undertaking a series of mini archaeological digs around the village called 'Test Pits'. These are dug quickly and easily using everyday garden tools and at 1m square are ideal for village gardens.

Immediately filled in you wouldn't know we had been there. Finds collected in layers can tell us about how an individual site has been used in the past and the more we do allows us to say something about how the village settlement may have changed over time. You can sit and watch or join in - anyone can do it. Kids love it and its a great hands on way of introducing them to their own history and the past. We find everything from medieval pottery and bones to forgotten walls and used cartridge cases. And we have a laugh doing it.

Recently we found this beautiful stone built drain just off Nether Street.[see photo] Where did it come from and where was it going? The more digs we do the more we find out so we want more sites. Interested?

Contact Matt Wyatt, either personally or at

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WHAT ARE THE HIDDEN SECRETS OF YOUR GARDEN?

NOTICE BOARD

The Village Hall 100 club is now being organised and run by Liz Walsh. If your subscription for 2014/15 is as yet unpaid please ensure Liz is contacted on 717135 asap.

Oh dear, it's dog poo again. Being a farming village with dogs following riders, hikers and just busting out and taking themselves for a walk it is inevitable that the problem of dog poo will keep haunting us. Once again the Parish Council are appealing to villagers to make every effort—even if you are on horseback, even if you are on a lane, to pick it up. There is only one cry emitted when anyone steps in it and a very apt cry it is so your cooperation would really be appreciated. Thanks from the Parish Council.

If you have yet to check out the Belton website you will find it on

[www/beltoninrutland.co.uk](http://www.beltoninrutland.co.uk)

Latest news for the village, History Society, Parish Council, Pub, Sports, bus timetables and much more.

Over Sixteen Villagers volunteer to be emergency responders for the new defibrillator positioned in the church porch to the left

Over sixteen villagers responded to the request for village emergency volunteers. What this means is that not only is the defibrillator now active but in the event anyone has an emergency and they are alone the ambulance service can facilitate the response of one of the sixteen to bring the defibrillator and lend assistance.

We are indeed exceptionally lucky that this community spirit is so alive in our village.

The box in which the defibrillator is located is locked but all sixteen responders (known as VETs) are aware of the code should they need to access it.

Can we see your Old Deeds & Documents?

With the move to electronic deeds, many solicitors are returning old paper documents to the owners or disposing of them as they are now (legally) worthless. However for putting together the history of the village - and your home - they are invaluable!

Your Village History Society has an archive of documents and photographs about Belton and we're always pleased to receive more. So, if you've anything about the village you no longer want (or are happy for us to make a copy of) please get in touch.

Email: secretary@beltonhistorysociety.org.uk

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Or talk to any of the society members. Thank you!