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Belton News

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Update your information to our website P.1

St Peter's Church P.2

Brian gets back on his bike P.3

Brian Baker of The Marquess of Exeter
is very kindly hosting a cookery demonstration of 'Easy Entertaining' on Monday 12th May
Please note places are limited to 40
Ticket only event to include canapés and a glass of wine with raffle ticket to win lunch for 2 at the Marquess of Exeter in Lyddington
Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall
All proceeds to the Village Hall and Defibrillator Funds
Book your place today by telephoning Trish at The Sun Inn £15.00 each

The summer season for Acquafit 2014 starts on Wednesday 21st May at 5.30 pm. This first Wednesday will be a taster session and up to 15 ladies are invited, although regular classes are normally no bigger than 10. Call Jan on 717623 to book your place.

These acquafit classes are for overall tone and stamina concentrating on stretch exercises, all of which are low impact in the water and water aerobics. Floatation dumb bells and wobble/noodles are used so if you have any shoulder or hip injuries please make these known in advance.

The pool water is kept at a delightful 28c and is 4 foot six inches deep for its entire length and width.

The facilities offer a changing room with shower etc., and there are plenty of parking spaces available.

Two minutes from Belton by car – an hour of bliss!





St. Peter's Church Belton with Wardley

Easter Services:

The Good Friday devotions were held at 6:00 pm, and were led by Revd. Ian Watts. He also preached at our Easter Sunday Communion, held at the later time of 11:00 am.

The Children's Easter Workshop appeared to be enjoyed by all who attended. The Rector led a question & answer session, on the subject of Easter; at which the children appeared very knowledgeable.

Thank you to all who helped to clean, and to those who decorated the church for Easter, which looked truly beautiful. Why not take a few minutes time out to absorb the beauty, quiet and stillness; a precious experience. The church is open every day.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens

This was held in St. Peter's church, on Tuesday 8th April, at 7:00 pm. Bob Atkinson and Eileen Hill were re-elected as churchwardens for the next twelve months. Margaret Bacon decided not to stand for the PCC, but has agreed to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. Dorothy Riddle declined being re-elected as our Deanery Synod representative. Thank you to you both for all the work you have done for our church while being on the PCC. John Hill agreed to represent our parish on the Deanery Synod.

With the loss of two members leaving the PCC we are very much depleted. Up to three parishioners may be co-opted to the council, so please contact the Rector or Churchwardens if you feel able to help manage our church.

New Family Service

The PCC have agreed that the services on the third Sunday of each month will be:

9:30 am Holy Communion (bcp) – Said, with no hymns or sermon

10:00 am *Coffee break*

10:30 am Family Service – with music and a short talk

This will start on Sunday 18th May, and we hope to see you at one or both of these services.

Brian Kirby off to Vienna

Brian Kirby of Belton is off on his travels again on 28th April with his trusted touring bicycle travelling to Vienna via the Rhine and Danube. Last year Brian chose a rather more adventurous, nay, athletic route to Berlin through the Hartz Mountains cycling nearly 2,000 miles from Belton to Berlin and back; omitting of course, the wet bit off the Lincolnshire coastline! The recipients of his substantial fundraising were the Hope Foundation.



This year Brian is cycling for Macmillan.

Brian received treatment at the Royal Infirmary in Leicester in 2005 following an operation for bowel cancer and the formation of a colostomy. He spent the best part of 2006 on chemo or getting over its side effects which continued through 2007 and then, in 2008 he bought a bike and what a difference it made to his recovering. On reflection his biggest challenge in what he has achieved is, he believes, not the distance or effort but how many colostomy appliances he could carry and still have room for a change of socks!

Brian who started his one man European cycling marathons in 2008 was inspired by the excellent and successful treatment he received from the Royal Infirmary Leicester for bowel cancer. By no means a young man at 77 or for that matter a life time cyclist, these journeys are meticulously planned for approximately fifty miles a day and allow time to form lasting friendships with people, and their families, whom he has met along the way.

Brian, who moved to Belton in 2005 has an early morning ride of approximately 15 miles each day, sometimes Belton to the Eyebrook and around before returning, a route that is highly recommended by him so perhaps we should all try that.

Meanwhile we can show our support for Brian by donating on the 'justgiving' link at www.justgiving.com/Frederick-Kirby, or Justgiving Text Code WSR56 for free donation by mobile; or if we are feeling lucky, we can guess the number of miles in total Brian is likely to cover before he sets foot back in Belton in return for a donation. The closest guess wins £50. When asked how people could do this Brian advised, 'There is a sponsor form at Belton house and Sarah is happy for folk to register the mileage and I can collect their donation once I get back.'

We are hoping to bring you regular updates of where Brian is and how he is getting on during what promises to be a memorable ride through some beautiful areas of Europe You can get an idea from the map on our website www.beltoninrutland.co.uk showing his route last year and that of this year to Vienna which is far bottom right.

Brian's wheels will skid back into Belton on 2nd July we hope to a rousing welcome home! Follow the updates for more information.

NOTICE BOARD

BRACES FALL TO ACCURATE BOMBING BY PREMIERSHIP TEAM

The latest match for the Belton Braces found the home team playing one of the best teams in Rutland The Slaters Batchelors, who finished 3rd last year. The match was played in good spirit, with the Batchelors winning with ease, Batchelor Nigel having produced an almost faultless display of bombing.

The Braces left the piste in a happy mood as food was being served by Trish. Unfortunately the Batchelors had turn down the offer to join in and they had to leave empty.

Team Huge, Shrek, Buzz, Matty, Pinky, Pablo.

Next match v ROSE & CROWN, Houghton.



HISTORY SOCIETY OPEN MEETING

Our open meeting on Wednesday 16th April was well attended with about 30 people coming along to the event. In addition to Robert Ovens, we had a surprise guest speaker; Sheila Sleath from the village. Together they showed us some of the lovely buildings that have been lost from Rutland over the years.

Thank you to both Sheila and Robert for their time and making the evening so interesting.

Keep watching for our next event.



Morcott Station

House proud!

From Sandra, the Staff and the Committee of Belton Pre-school, a huge thank you to everyone who joined us at our Bingo Night Fundraiser at the village hall last Saturday.

A great night was had by all, not least due to our talented bingo caller! Congratulations to all those who won a prize, and if you didn't, there's always Mecca Bingo!

We are delighted to announce that the night raised a fabulous £580 which will go towards improving the outdoor play area.