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Beccles Town Council are to develop an **Emergency Plan (EP)** to enable our community to support the County and District Councils who are responsible for dealing with large-scale emergencies (not matters which are best served by calls to plumbers, electricians etc, or via 999 or 101), but major incidents such as widespread flooding, a flu pandemic or another catastrophic event.

A working group is now developing our **EP** and active consideration is being given to what information and resources we as a town may need to access in the event of a major emergency taking place in, or near, Beccles.

Interested parties will be invited to review, and contribute to, the first full draft of

the plan in early 2014.

For those who would like to know

more, detailed information provided by the *Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit* is available at

www.suffolkresilience.com
and

www.getpreparednow.co.uk

NB:

If you believe that a **MAJOR EMERGENCY** is underway in or close to Beccles and are unable to contact the Emergency Services (999), please contact the Town Hall 01502 712109 and/or tune in to *Radio Suffolk* which is responsible for broadcasting information and advice in the event of a major emergency.



MAYOR'S APPEAL 2013/14

Good news regarding the Mayoral Appeal 2013/14. Through her diligence and hard work Councillor Caroline Topping, Mayor of Beccles, has been fund raising for her Appeal for the 2nd Beccles Scouts who need a big upgrade of their 100 year old building. Since her inauguration in May this year, the business community and local residents have been giving their support by donating to date, up to £14,500. The Mayor would like to thank all those organisations and people who have helped to raise these funds through donation, fundraising or volunteering, especially Beccles Townlands Trust and the Beccles & District Regeneration Ltd for their substantial donations. Beccles Duck Race raised £6,500, with £650 to local youth organisations who helped on the day. The remaining £5,000 was donated to the Mayor's Appeal. Beccles Rugby Club will be running the 10th Beccles Duck Race in 2014.

SPONSORSHIP REQUIRED FOR BOXING PROJECT



Mike Chaplin, Suffolk Positive Futures Project Co-ordinator (Catch 22) has been working closely with young people who live in the vicinity of Rigbourne Hill. Both sexes are encouraged to participate or can just watch. The project, 'Teenage Kicks 2013', has come to an end and Mike was encouraged by the attendances during the 42 sessions, with 112

young people attending the project (27 female and 85 male) in all. These figures are only those who engaged in the sessions, and do not include those who came to watch. The next project is to join with Ultimate Boxing, who are soon to open a new Gym on Peddars Lane (where the Boxing Club used to be). It is hoped that Mike can get sponsorship in order to offer young-

sters a free weekly boxing session during the coming winter.

If you feel you could support Mike in this new project then please call his Head Quarters in Morton Road, Lowestoft on **01502 537871**. There is an answer machine, so please leave him a message. He will get back to you.

Beccles Town Council
wish you all a very
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and a **HEALTHY 2014**



GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR MARCH 2014

Beccles Fenland Charity Trust will meet in March 2014 to consider applications from the community for grant funding. Any local organisation can apply for a grant, with an application form from the Town Hall, The Walk, Beccles NR34 9AJ or downloaded from www.beccles.info. Criteria for a grant is:

- 1. Applications can only be accepted from bona fide organisations and from individuals in the Parish of Beccles
2. Applicants must demon-

strate that the organisation or individual is trying to provide significant funding of their own (either financial, or in kind)

3. The amount of any grants or awards shall be at the discretion of Beccles Fenland Charity Trust and may not be the amount requested in the application

4. Normally an organisation or individual may receive a grant or award for not more than one project or activity in any three-year period, but this is at the discretion of Beccles

Fenland Charity Trust

5. An organisation or individual who has received funding and subsequently fails to complete the project or activity for which the grant was made, or to meet any conditions imposed, shall return all monies to Beccles Fenland Charity Trust

6. All decisions made by Beccles Fenland Charity Trust on any matters relating to grants or awards are final

Further info? 01502 712109

BECCLES LIBRARY COMMUNITY TRUST

contact@BecclesLibraryCommunityTrust.org

A new community group has formed to represent Beccles Library as a member within Suffolk Libraries Industrial Provident Society co-operative.

Beccles Library Community Trust is made up of seven trustees who are passionate about safeguarding the future of the library service within Beccles, as well as making sure that a diverse range of needs and interests are made available for the benefit of Beccles and local residents.

The group has already been successful in securing a coveted solar PV system, installing free Wi-Fi and will be launching a £1 membership in January. Try your luck in their brand new 100 club with the chance to win £50 per month.

If you would like to know more about Beccles Library Community Trust, you are more than welcome to attend one of their meetings. If you are not a 'committee person', but would still like to be involved, then you could help with any

fund raising project being undertaken.

Please contact the Library direct on 01502 714073 or e mail as above.



NEW RECRUITS WANTED FOR WUFFA

Just a History Buff - or would you like the real feeling of being a Knight? Well WUFFA (Viking and Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group) are looking for new recruits. If you ever fancied yourself as a Knight in Shining Armour, then this is the organisation for you. The WUFFA's meet every Sunday morning from 10.30 to

12.30, with the kind permission of the Norfolk Archaeological Trust at Burgh Castle, to practice sword fighting and hand to hand combat. This group support events such as living history displays, and fetes and shows around East Anglia covering the Dark Age Period which include Saxons and Vikings. All are welcome both male

and female from the age of 18, and you don't have to be a fighter. You can still take part in the living history scenarios and there is a need for people to make Dark Age crafts, cooking implements, jewellery, clothing etc. Makes a change from the tele! INTERESTED ?

Call 07500043756

FREE TREES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

The Woodland Trust is offering community groups, youth groups and schools the chance to apply for packs of free trees for delivery in March 2014. Applications are being accepted up until 9 January next year. Whether groups are interested in helping wildlife; creating a faith, or inter-faith, green space; planting for remembrance; creating a community garden or allotment, or just want to enhance their local area - any community groups are very welcome to apply for free packs of saplings.

For information regarding your pack woodlandtrust.org.uk/communitytrees

Those helped by Beccles Fenland Charity Trust so far this year:

- CAB, Crime Prevention Panel, Beccles Army Cadet Force, Beccles Explorer Scouts, Beccles Community Arts





REPLACING OF MEMORIAL SEATING IN BECCLES

Cllr D Peck, Chairman PIB

Pride in Beccles, under Beccles Town Council, are to replace some of the very old Memorial seating in the town. A limited number of sites are available so now is the time to think about providing a seat for a passed loved one. Once provided the seats come under the ownership of the Council.

A few prominent positions are available and if you would like to purchase a

seat for a loved one who has passed on, please contact either Mrs Claire Boyne or Mrs Jula Janney on 01502 712109. They will advise you on the cost and help you to site your seat in the best available location on offer. Council prefer seats to be made of Enviropol, a recycled material which is resistant to vandalism, the weather and are very easy to maintain.

The Town Council's Pride in Beccles Working Party endeavor to keep Beccles to a high standard with improvements to attract visitors, make life more pleasant for residents and to keep the town vibrant through flower displays in chosen locations.



CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

On **FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER** 2013, Beccles Community Arts are holding a traditional Christmas event of Carols Round the Christmas Tree. This starts at **4.00pm** with the Sir John Leman High School Band playing Traditional Carols for everyone to sing. This is followed by another sing-along with popular Christmas songs. Refreshments will be available.

FATHER CHRISTMAS will visit as he loves to join in with the singing too.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE DAY CENTRES

An appeal has gone out for volunteers to assist in a range of roles in its Day Centres in both Beccles and Gorleston. The skills needed are: **Hairdressers** - who would offer patients a cut, trim, shampoo and set and blow-dry using the Hospices' salon and materials on **Thursdays in Beccles from 10am-1pm**.

Healthcare Assistants— Required to support the Day Care nursing team and will need to have some clinical

experience. **Mondays in Gt Yarmouth and Thursdays in Beccles**.

Hosts/Hostesses— will be members of the Day Services Team providing patients with food/refreshments throughout the day. Involves close interaction with patients and would suit someone with good listening skills and a caring nature. Vacancy is for **Thursdays in Beccles**.

Activity Volunteers— this involves the preparation and

delivery of activities such as arts/crafts, hobbies and group sessions. **Vacancies on Mondays in Gt Yarmouth and Thursdays in Beccles**.

The support of Volunteers is vital and without them the Hospice would not be able to provide local Hospice care. If you feel you would be suitable and available for any of these volunteer positions, please call the Voluntary Services Co-ordinator on 07713 287435 or email volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

STOP PRESS:

Beccles Town Council are losing their Sergeant At Mace, Freddy Davey at the end of the year. Freddy has served various Mayors since 2009 and the Council were concerned that they would not have this position filled. They are pleased to announce that another suitable replacement in the form of John Rodgers has been found, a former Policeman who will be starting his duties from January 2014. The Town Council wish John and Fred **Good Luck** for the future.

TIME TO SPARE? THE EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE WOULD LOVE YOU TO HELP THEM

This Charity is a 365 day helicopter emergency medical service covering Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. With highly trained medical crew in critical care, they can bring the 'emergency room' to the patient within 25 minutes and transport them to the most appropriate hospital. Since their launch in 2000, over 12,500 life-saving missions have been carried out and

reliance on volunteers throughout the region helps to continue this vital work. EAAA receive no funding from Government and without the dedication and support of so many, could not work in the way they do. James Edgehill, retd carpenter and retained fire fighter from Cromer, has been volunteering since 2006. As a fire fighter he realised just how important this service is and wanted to help in his

retirement. He represents the Charity through selling their goods and fundraising functions—there is always a variety of support needed. If you have some spare time, regularly or not, join the team of volunteers and be part of saving lives. Here your skills will be welcomed. Visit the website www.eaaa.org.uk/support-us/volunteer or ring Victoria on 01602 489406 victoria.pank@eaaa.org.uk





COUNCILLOR'S CONTACT DETAILS

<u>COUNCILLOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<u>CENTRE</u>		
HARRIS, J D	26 Hungate, Beccles NR34 9TT	01502 717237
SCOTT, C J	3 Firfield Close, Beccles NR34 9YE	01502 714831
THWAITES, A	20 South Road, Beccles NR34 9NY	01502 714161
WOODRUFF, B	13 Meadow Gardens, Beccles NR34 9PA	01502 713053
<u>COMMON</u>		
BUBB, Mrs S	The Round House, Ballygate, Beccles NR34 9NA	01502 713314
FOULGER, S P R	'Rosy Dawn', 4 Ellough Road, Beccles NR34 7AE	01502 710370
WAREHAM, E K	Cottage Farmhouse, Beccles Road, Raveningham Norwich 14 6NW	01508 548733
DEPUTY MAYOR		
ELLIOTT, Mrs N	2 Old Hall, Barsham, Beccles NR34 8HB	01502 714661
<u>RIGBOURNE</u>		
CATCHPOLE, G	32 Coney Hill, Beccles NR34 7AZ	01502 715819
PECK, D W	8 Waveney Road, Beccles NR34 9NW	01502 712627
TAYLOR, H	25 Northgate, Beccles NR34 9AS	01502 471532
TOPPING, MRS C	7 Rigbourne Hill, Beccles NR34 9JG	MAYOR 01502 717276
<u>DARBY</u>		
BEE, B	46 Clerk's Piece, Beccles NR34 7BG	01502 712812
HAYNES, MRS M	63a Kemp's Lane, Beccles NR34 9XB	01502 714093
RICHARDSON, D	11 Old College Close, Ballygate, Beccles NR34 9LY	01502 716616
TAYLOR, B	2 Fairfax Court, Beccles NR34 9XG	01502 713307

BECCLES DIAMOND JUBILEE AID IN SICKNESS FUND CHARITY

This Charity was originally known as 'The Diamond Jubilee Nurse's Home', and commemorated the last Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897.

The Charity is for the benefit of needy, sick or infirm persons residing in Beccles.

The Charity can provide grants for the supply of special foods or medicines, medical comforts, extra bedding, fuel and medical or surgical appliances. In fact, anything to relieve suffering, disability or infirmity whatever the age.



If you believe you are eligible to apply for a grant from the fund, please contact the Clerk, Diamond Jubilee Aid in Sickness Fund, Town Hall, The Walk, Beccles NR34 9AJ or call 01502 712109

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FAUCONBERGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Background:

The Fauconberge Educational Foundation is a Registered Charity (No. 310459) based in Beccles. It was created in 1927 following the closure of the 200 year old Fauconberge School. Initially it provided school bursaries for boys, but this was modified in 1992 to include girls and broaden the range for which grants could be awarded.

The Modern Foundation:

The Foundation, which is managed by a committee of Trustees, is able to offer financial assistance towards educational costs to local parents/guardians of secondary-age children. Amongst recent grants has been support for students' educational visits, equipment and music education.

Who can apply?

Students eligible for grants need to live within five miles of Beccles Town Hall and be aged between 11 and 18.

Is the application form complicated?

The form is one side of A4. It asks how the funding would benefit the student and why the funding would be important to the parents in the light of the family budget.

How do I apply?

Application forms for grants can be obtained from

The Clerk

Dr Barry Darch

9 Waveney Road

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barry@darch.plus.com

