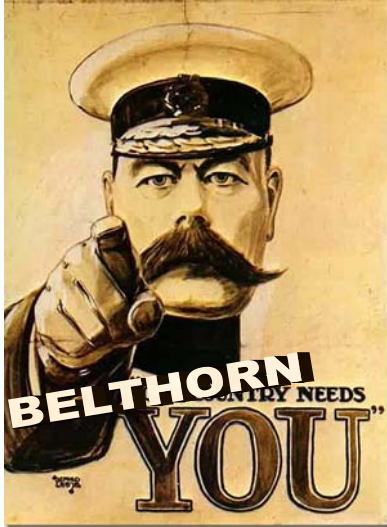


On behalf of the Belthorn Village Committee



VILLAGE NEWS

The Chapel Graveyard



A start was made on the graveyard on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 09th – 10th April 2011. Although the turnout was low, a significant amount of progress has been made.

The next organized weekend is the Saturday and Sunday 07th – 8th May 2011 from 1pm.

All help from volunteers is welcome and appreciated, especially those who have petrol trimmers and petrol lawn mowers, as well as wheelbarrows and garden rakes.

QUIZ NIGHT

We had a good result with the Quiz Night held at the Dog Inn on Monday 11th April. Many thanks to Brian and David for allowing us to hold the quiz at the Dog Inn, and to Jim Fletcher for doing an excellent job of Quiz Master as usual. £89.00 was raised towards village funds from the quiz night, raffle and games.

Many thanks to everyone who donated the various prizes. Lastly a big thank you for everyone who attended the evening, it was a very enjoyable.

The Committee are hoping to run similar fund-raising events in the near future and your support would be appreciated. The next event is to be confirmed shortly which The Pack Horse have kindly offered to host.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

*May Day Procession
Monday 02nd May 2011 at 2.00pm*

Commencing at the top of the Village near the bus stop the procession headed by the May King and Queen will progress down Belthorn Road, (including Rydal Mount) and ending by the War Memorial. After the procession has finished there will be refreshments available in "The Shed" (opposite the War Memorial) along with games for the children and prizes.

Please support this event which is a tradition which few villages maintain.

BRIC - A - BRAC REQUIRED

Belthorn Village Committee have been invited to run a stall at The Accrington Lions Gala in order to help raise funds

The event is being held on Saturday 18th of June 2011 at Accrington & Rossendale College for anyone who wants to go.

The Committee would be grateful to receive bric-a-brac and things to sell on our stall so as to raise as much

money as possible. Donations of goods to sell are being collected. Please contact the website for details of how to donate your goods.

NOTICES FROM THE DOG INN

**Royal wedding Street Party
12pm on 29th April 2011**

David and Brian at The Dog Inn are celebrating the Royal Wedding by holding a Street Party on the Dog Inn Car Park. Rather than charge for food they are having a Jacob's Join(t) which basically means everyone pitches in with food. A list will be in the Dog Inn of food suggestions for you to put your name against. If the weather is bad, then it will be held inside. This should be a really good day and will be a lovely family event - please try to make it! For further information please contact The Dog Inn on 690794

**BELTHORN SCHOOL
SUMMER FAIR
Saturday 18th June 2011**

Belthorn School Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 18th June 2011, 11pm – 1pm.. There will be the usual mix of stalls, activities and games, and all are welcome.

OTHER MATTERS

FLY TIPPING

Unfortunately there have been a number of fly tipping incidents in and around the village over the last few weeks. This is such an anti-social thing to do and given the locations at the top and bottom of the village it is assumed that the culprits have driven

into the village for this purpose. If you see anybody fly-tipping or you suspect they are fly-tipping please take a note of their car registration number and report them to the police. See below for details.

Notice to dog owners

Two dogs have been regularly noticed roaming the fields below the Dog Inn, between Bank Fold and Woodhead. One is a light brown / beige bitch which looks to have recently had pups, the other is dark brown/black. Neither of the dogs wears a collar. They are always together, and head off towards the bottom of the village when challenged. Does anyone know who they belong to? If they are yours, please do not allow them to roam freely, as there are ewes and lambs in some of these fields: loose dogs can harm or scare sheep and other farm animals.

THE POLICE SECTION

The next PACT (Police And Community Together) meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Dog Inn on 09th May 2011. These meetings now take place every other month although due to the potential cut-backs the future of these meetings are not guaranteed. The PACT meeting will precede the Belthorn Village Committee meeting. If anybody has any issues they would wish to raise with the police concerning the village please feel free to attend. Alternatively the Community Policing Team can be contacted **01254 222135**. For other police matters the main police station number is **01254 51212**

SPONSORSHIP

The Link is distributed throughout the village (over 220 households). If anybody or any business would like to advertise or sponsor an edition of the Link at £20.00 please contact the Committee by email to chair@belthornvillage.co.uk. The £20.00 donation goes towards village funds / production costs.

DONATIONS GENERALLY

There will be a collection on Mayday prior to the procession of the envelopes previously posted 2 weeks ago.

The Committee is reliant upon donations and fundraising in order to continue putting on events for the benefit of the village and its residents. All donations go into Committee Funds. All donations received are accounted for in the Committee meeting's minutes unless received at an event in which case they are accounted for generally by the treasurer when reporting to the committee on the amounts received from an event. Should anybody wish to donate to The Belthorn Village Committee, all contributions towards village funds are gratefully received. The Belthorn Village Committee is the generic name for The Belthorn Village Hall Fund which is a registered charity. The Committee is run by volunteers who are villagers (or connected to the village) and donate their time and effort for the benefit of the village and its residents. Any monetary donations received will go towards future village events and projects.

Obviously there is no obligation to donate. Should anybody require a receipt please provide your contact details within the envelope. Any cheques should be made payable to Belthorn Village Hall Fund.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DATE OF NEXT VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Belthorn Village Committee meeting will take place at **8.00pm** on **Monday 09th May 2011** at The Dog Inn. Villagers are welcome to attend.

If anybody has any matter which they would wish to be considered by the Committee please forward them to the Chair by email to chair@belthornvillage.co.uk at least 3 days before the meeting.

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