

On behalf of the Belthorn Village Committee

# BELTHORN LINK

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Village Party / Festival – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009

This year's Village Party will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The main event will take place on the Recreation Ground. This is intended to be a family event with various activities / games and entertainment for all ages, with particular emphasis for the children. The event will commence at 2.00pm until 6.00pm. Skippy's disco will be in attendance providing music and entertainment.

The Pack Horse aim to defend their title as the Belthorn Inter-pub/restaurant football champions against the Dog Inn. Belthorn United will also be playing a game.

Bolton Mountain Rescue have confirmed their attendance (subject to any emergencies) as well as other organizations.

If anybody would wish to have a stall on the Recreation Ground on Saturday please contact Belthorn Village Committee by e-mail : [chair@belthornvillage.co.uk](mailto:chair@belthornvillage.co.uk)

**The Committee are wishing to run a "home produce" stall with all monies made going into village funds for future events. The Committee would be grateful to receive any donations / gifts / cakes / home produce for this stall**

Also the committee would be grateful to receive any donations, sponsorships or raffle prizes for the above event all of which will be acknowledged.

**PLEASE COULD WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ASSEMBLE THE MARQUEE ON SATURDAY MORNING**

### Craft Competition - for judging on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Village Party)

This year we are going to have some craft classes at the Village Party. Entries on the day: all entries to be in the Marquee on the Rec by 2pm, judging to start at 3pm.

Classes as follows:

- 1: Miniature / model garden (maximum dimensions: 40 x 25 cm).
- 2: Vegetable Monster.
- 3: Painting / drawing of a sunset (A4).
- 4: A collage (any subject) (A4).
- 5: A photograph of / from Belthorn.

**All classes will be split into the following age-groups.**

- a: pre-school children.
- b: children in reception & Years 1 and 2.
- c: children in Years 3 to 6 inclusive.
- d: children in Years 7 to 11 inclusive.
- e: anyone aged 17 or over.

Any enquiries about the above classes, please contact Yvonne Brown, 01254 263173.

### Scarecrow Competition – for judging on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Village Party)

This year's scarecrow competition is going to be judged in 2 categories. The 1<sup>st</sup> category will be "16 and under", the other category being "17 and over".

The nominal cost of entering a scarecrow will be £1.00 per entry. All scarecrows should be available for viewing on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 from 11.00am onwards although earlier displays are encouraged. The winner will be announced at the village party. The criteria for the judges will be **effort, imagination, and originality**

Please can all application forms for the Scarecrow Competition be in submitted to the Village Committee **no later than 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009** to allow for the production of a flyer letting villagers know where all of the scarecrows will be. There is an entry form attached to the Link.

## NEWS / VILLAGE ISSUES

### **(i) Village Website**

Belthorn has its very own website which is regularly updated with current events as well as giving information about our village. The village website address is [www.belthornvillage.co.uk](http://www.belthornvillage.co.uk)

### **(ii) Wind farm Proposal on Oswaldtwistle Moor - update**

The first meeting of "**Stop the Hyndburn Wind Farm**" will take place in The Dog Inn on **15th June at 8pm**. For those who want to sign it, a petition has been placed in the Dog Inn - please ask at the bar if you would like to register your opposition to the proposal. A dedicated page has been set up on the website in relation to the Wind farm proposal. Please do keep sharing any further information or correspondence you have about this - the web site is an easy way of sharing the views of the community.

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## **NOTICES FROM THE DOG INN**

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### **FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to The Dog Inn eleven a side team who in only their second season achieved promotion finishing second just one point behind Mill Hill. Ryan Steele won the young player of the season for the whole third division.

This was followed up by another successful day at Coniston where the B game once again won 1-0 followed by a very creditable 2-2 draw by the A team against a very strong Coniston team.

The seven a side summer season has just started after a mid table finish in the winter league for the B team and a second place by the C team. Both teams are playing Tuesday nights in the first division. Thanks to all who come and support Saturdays and midweek. A presentation night is to be held in the Dog Inn date to be arranged.

Congratulations to Holly Langley who helped her school team win a national football tournament held at Manchester City's ground.

Hopefully The Dog can exact some revenge over The Pack at The Party in Park day. (Holly will be representing The Dog again this year so be ready)

### **BELTHORN'S GOT TALENT?**

We are also looking to do a "Belthorn's got Talent" night in the near future so keep an eye on The Dog's notice board.

### **DOG INN GOLF DAY**

The first Golf day of the year is taking place on 10th June at Garstang. Anyone interested please contact Brian at The Dog. Cost is around £22 inclusive of golf, prizes and a meal on return.

Weather permitting we will also be holding a Pig roast this summer on a Saturday afternoon on The Dog car park again a date is to be set.  
Brian and Christine Hodgkiss, The Dog Inn

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## **NOTICES FROM THE PACK HORSE**

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### **"Church in the Pub"**

The next service at the Pack Horse will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at 2.30pm.

This service is becoming more and more popular with a warm and friendly welcome extended to anybody wishing to attend. The service takes the form of light informal worship and takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month (unless otherwise stated).

Any young children who attend this service can now join the 'Sunday School' which is run at the same time as the service.

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## **NOTICES FROM BELTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **Tokens / vouchers from supermarkets**

Belthorn School collects vouchers for schools from all supermarkets which can go towards equipment for the school. It would be appreciated if villagers would collect these on behalf of the school.

### **SUMMER FAIR – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (11.00am – 1.00pm).**

The Summer Fair will take place at the school on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 11.00am. All are welcome. There will be games, stalls, raffles etc. Please come along and support your local school.

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## **NOTICES FROM BELTHORN HISTORY SOCIETY**

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Meetings of the Society take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in the Dog Inn at 7.30pm. The Society is intended to be a forum to learn about Belthorn's local history.

If you have any local historical information or documents which you think would be of interest or if you would like any further information on the History Society please email [leefallon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:leefallon@tiscali.co.uk) for more details.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMME**

Over the next four months we're going to have a few days out. Everybody is welcome, and anybody who's interested please come along. If you require any further details please email Lee at [leefallon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:leefallon@tiscali.co.uk).

### **Helmshore Mills Textile Museum ~ Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>**

A private guided tour around the museum, meeting there at 7pm. Belthorn was built around the textile industry and many of us live in old weaver's cottages. The village even had two cotton mills and most inhabitants were involved in the cotton industry in some way. Helmshore Mills is a nationally recognized museum exploring the way King Cotton affected East Lancashire. £4.50 per head, £3.50 concessions. If anybody needs a lift just ask.

### **Guided Walk Around The Village ~ Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ian Halt, Countryside Ranger, gives a guided walk up through the village and down to Windy Bank, the Daub Hall reservoir, Red Earth, Bank Fold, Woodhead and back up to the pub. Interesting, good company and fresh air guaranteed. Meet outside The Dog Inn, 6.15pm. Wear stout shoes and look forward to a chat.

### **Walking History Treasure Hunt ~ Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

A wander around the village looking for clues to it's history, (hopefully) spotting the little relics and oddities that reveal times gone by. Should take in both The Pack Horse Inn and The Dog Inn. Meet at The Dog at 7.15pm

### **Visit to The Lancashire Record Office, Preston ~ Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>**

This should be interesting. The Lancashire Record Office holds documents relating to Lancashire dating back over a thousand years and they've kindly offered to dig out all material relating to Belthorn for us. We've been offered a room, relevant documents and a curator for the evening. Who knows what the vaults hold? Free visit, meeting at The Record Office at 7.15pm. For lifts or directions please book via the above mobile / email, or come along to any of the summer days out. Maximum 15 visitors, please let us know if you're interested.

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## **POLICE SECTION**

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The next PACT meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Dog Inn on **06<sup>th</sup> July 2009**. The PACT meetings precede the Belthorn Village Committee meetings which are generally held on the first Monday of every month.

At the last meeting the police advised that Belthorn has one of the lowest reported crime statistics.

The police were informed regarding the issue of cars speeding through the village / using the village as a rat run due so as to by-pass the Grane Road. This problem is particularly noticeable around 8.00 – 9.00am. Whilst it is not possible to prevent these drivers using the road, if they are speeding through the village then this is a motoring offence. The police will be having a visible presence in the village and will be attending with speed guns (you have been warned!).

The policing team can be contacted on 01254 222 135. Please feel free to contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team for advice and guidance, but to report an ongoing crime or incident, you must ring 0845 125 3545.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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### **SPONSORSHIP OF THE LINK / ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE**

There has already been a lot of support pledged and the Committee is most grateful to those who have sponsored editions of the Link.

Sponsorship of the Link is £20.00 All donations of £20.00 do go into village funds. As expressed in previous Links, where a donation of £20.00 has been made an advertisement or message / acknowledgment will be put in the Link (unless the donor does not wish or require this). As mentioned in previous Links, The Link is the newsletter prepared on behalf of the Belthorn Village Committee to keep residents aware of issues, events and matters within the village.

You can also now advertise on the village website for £20.00 per year.

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 please contact the Chair of the Committee at [chair@belthornvillage.co.uk](mailto:chair@belthornvillage.co.uk)

### **DONATIONS GENERALLY**

As mentioned in previous Links, the Committee gratefully acknowledges receipt of all donations which go into Committee Funds. There have been some generous donations from individuals who do not wish to be mentioned in the Link and have not requested receipts. All individual donations received in this manner 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. This report will subsequently be recorded in the minutes. Should anybody wish to donate to The Belthorn Village Committee, all contributions towards village funds are gratefully received. The Belthorn Village Committee is a registered charity which is run by volunteers who are villagers (or connected to the village) for the benefit of the village and its residents. Any donations received therefore will go into a village event or project.

