

BELTHORN LINK

May / June 08

NEWS

Belthorn Village Festival (Saturday 24th May 2008)

This year's event was very well attended and supported by both villagers and non villagers alike who came to enjoy the sun and gentle Belthorn wind.

The entertainment was provided by Skippy's Disco. Lancashire Fire Brigade along with Bolton Mountain Rescue also attended. There was also a Bouncy Castle and Bungee Run, as well as stalls and refreshments. Other events included a tug-of-war and football game between the Belthorn United under 9's team as well as the 2nd challenge match between The Dog Inn and the Pack Horse.

The Dog Inn / Pack Horse trophy was returned by the Pack Horse who were last year's winners with the comment "please hold on to that for an hour". The Dog Inn team was very confident prior to the match about defeating the Pack Horse but the Pack Horse came out on top once again with a 4-2 victory following a competitive match the spirit of which was only marred by some inappropriate tackling for what was "a friendly". The Pack Horse retains the bragging rights for another year.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to all those who helped with the organization of the event and the support given by the villagers and those who helped in setting up and dismantling of the marquee.

The raffle was very successful and details of the winning numbers are given below. The committee gratefully acknowledges all those who donated to the raffle prizes:

<u>PRIZE:</u>	<u>Donated by:</u>	<u>Winning Numbers</u>
Nintendo DS Lite	UK Insulations Ltd, Syke Mill, Belthorn	101-105 Yellow
Meal for 2 (Special Menu) + wine	The Dog Inn, Belthorn Road	76 – 80 Yellow
Meal for 2 from the special menu	The Pack Horse	421 – 425 Yellow
Children's Camera	Collette Wilson (Belthorn Committee)	461 – 465 Yellow
Revlon Toiletry Bag Set	Belthorn Villager	81 – 85 White
Adult Dressing Gown	Belthorn Villager	266 – 270 Yellow
Bottle of Cava	Jason Slack (Belthorn Committee)	116 – 120 Yellow
2 Cinema Tickets	Nicola Murphy	Claimed
Rose Wine	Diane Fallon	536 – 540 Yellow
2 Cinema Tickets	Nicola Murphy	381 – 385 Yellow
White Wine	Kath Holden (Belthorn Committee)	321 – 325 White
2 Cinema Tickets	Nicola Murphy	386 – 390 Yellow

A few of the above prizes remained unclaimed when the draw was made just after 5pm. If anybody has the winning raffle tickets please contact Collette Wilson.

The committee also wishes to thank Gary Riding (GFR Plumbing & Heating) for sponsoring the bouncy castle and Inflatable Bungee Run and Chris Nuttall also paid for the hire of the bar equipment. The committee also thanks all those who kindly donated home produce for the stall run by the Committee.

Scarecrow Competition

The Committee would like to thank all of those who entered a scarecrow into the scarecrow competition. There were 14 entries to the competition which was judged by 3 independent judges. Each judge marked the scarecrows on 3 criteria, namely imaginations, effort and originality, giving marks out of 10 for each category. Therefore each judge marked each scarecrow out of a potential 30 points.

The scoring for each judge was as follows :

	<u>Scarecrow Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Judge : (1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Position</u>
(1)	Tuesday Night Scarecrow	15 Belthorn Road	18	20	22	60	
(2)	King of The Hill	Front of Prospect Terrace	24	25	24	73	3 rd
(3)	A Touch Of Magic	132 Belthorn Road	24	22	21	67	
(4)	Hide & Seek	48 Rydal Mount	25	25	25	75	2 nd
(5)	Monsieur Onion	49 Belthorn Road	22	23	24	69	
(6)	Belthorn Horse Trial Champ	65 Belthorn Road	19	21	21	61	
(7)	Scary Bird? / Belthorn Babe	176 Belthorn Road	18	18	22	58	
(8)	Scarebot	93 Belthorn Road	23	24	22	69	
(9)	It's Windy In Belthorn	95 Belthorn Road	20	20	22	62	
(10)	Destiny The Little Angel	105 Belthorn Road	24	19	22	65	
(11)	Jack Thatch	4 Tower View	26	26	25	77	1 st
(12)	Lance the Legend	139 Belthorn Road	21	22	21	64	
(13)	Grandad	Fourwinds, Belthorn Road	22	24	22	68	
(14)	Bagman	St Michaels, Belthorn Road	20	18	21	59	

Congratulations to the Hodgkinsons of Tower view who won this years' scarecrow competition. The feedback from the judges was that all scarecrows were of an exceptionally high standard and marking them all was very difficult. A trophy is being obtained and will be engraved accordingly.

NOTICES FROM THE PACK HORSE

"Church in the Pub"

The next service at the Pack Horse will be on Sunday 15th June 2008 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 3rd Sunday of every month.

NOTICES FROM THE DOG INN

"A big thank you to all who attended last week's football presentation at Longshaw WMC, in particular Sue & Ken Langley and Craig Steele for arranging the trophies and Christine for the food.

The 7 aside summer season has now kicked off with steady starts from both sides with Craig's team top of the league with four wins from four.

Our annual Coniston trip is just around the corner 21st June 2008 and we are hoping to go one better this year with both teams winning their respective games. Accommodation in Coniston is getting tight so book now for your rooms or any of the camp sites around as we are not too sure if we can stop at pitch side at this moment.

Congratulations to The Pack Horse for winning the football once again at the party in the park (I can't believe we let both Cath and Lucy score) we are already planning for next year.

Golf Day:

Our first golf day of the year took place 28th May 2008 and the winning team will be advised later. Please note the golf days are open to all for a cost of around £22 which includes golf, meal and prizes back at the Dog Inn. The pairs event will be around the middle of July so keep an eye open for the list in The Dog."

Brian Hodgkiss, The Dog Inn

CHAPEL GRAVEYARD: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Graveyard adjacent to Chapel Street has become overgrown and requires some maintenance. Volunteers are being sought to help tidy up the Graveyard on a date to be advised. Any help will be appreciated and especially those who have petrol trimmers and petrol lawn mowers as well as wheelbarrows and garden rakes. It is envisaged that a date on a Saturday afternoon (to be advised) is likely and further details will follow. Hopefully it should only take a couple of hours with sufficient volunteers.

POLICE SECTION

The next PACT meeting will take place at **7.30pm** in the Dog Inn on **02nd June 2008** just prior to the Belthorn Village Committee AGM. Generally The PACT meetings precede the Belthorn Village Committee meetings which are held on the first Monday of every month unless otherwise advised.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team which covers Belthorn now consists of PC 1170 Steve Jeffrey, PC 2260 Roger Morris, PCSO 77787 Liam Pendergast and PCSO 7043 Michelle Davies.

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.

At the last PACT meeting the police were pleased to confirm that there had been no reported incidents of crime in Belthorn for the last 2 months.

NOTICE OF BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place at **8.00pm on Monday 02nd June 2008** in place of the usual Village Committee meeting.

At the AGM will be a review of this years Committee's achievements as well as the election of the new committee and officers for the forthcoming year. All are welcome.