

The Belthorn Link

March 2010

Thought for the month – When in doubt, just take the next small step

Note from the Editor

Spring is definitely on its way, the bulbs are starting to shoot, the birds can be heard singing, the days are getting longer and the *Belthorn Sunflower competition* is again being launched. More later in the edition.

Due to lack of space Give and Take was taken out of February's Link but it's back again this month, maybe you have something you could give or take, it's surprising what you find when you spring clean [no dust please].

Should anybody wish to place an announcement in the Village News section (celebrations, anniversaries, births, marriages, obituaries) messages can be left by email.

As always, if you have anything you want included in any sections of the Link you can email thelink@talktalk.net. I am assured that names and contact details will not be put on the Village website so feel free to get involved.

The Editor.

Dates for the Diary

Church in the Pub & Sunday School [under 10's]

This takes place in the Pack Horse every third Sunday (unless otherwise advised). All welcome. The next services are:

21st March at 2.30pm
18th April at 2.30pm

Belthorn History Society

The Belthorn History Society meets at the Dog Inn at 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of the month unless otherwise advised. Everybody welcome.
The next meetings will be

19th April at 7.30pm

Belthorn Village Committee

Belthorn Village Committee meets at the Dog Inn at 8.00pm on the 1st Monday of the month unless otherwise advised. Everybody welcome.

The next meeting will be

12 April at 8 pm due to bank holiday

PACT (Police And Community Together)

The PACT Meeting takes place at the Dog Inn at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of the month unless otherwise advised.

The next meeting will be

12 April at 7.30 pm due to bank holiday

If you would like anything adding to this list please see contact details under 'Note from the Editor'

Wanted

Junior and teenage representatives on the Village Committee.

The committee is keen for all sections of the community to be represented and get involved in the life of the village.

If you want more information please contact chair@belthornvillage.co.uk Alternatively please contact the Editor (as detailed above).

If you don't tell us, we don't know.

Useful numbers

Hyndburn Borough Council	01254 388111
BwD Borough Council	01254 585585
Belthorn School	01254 55620
Royal Blackburn Hospital	01254 263555
Community Police	01254 222135
Police (general)	08451 253545
Dog Warden	01254 388111

Bel thorn Vil l age History Society

Monday, 15th March Tony Foster gave a talk called 'Dirty Darwen' and on

Monday, 19th April Barbara Riding will be telling us about 'Peeps into a Diary'.

If you have any old photos or documents we can copy for our 'Belthorn Archive' we would love to see them.

We are interested to hear from anyone in Belthorn who can give a talk or demonstration everyone is welcome at our meetings at the Dog Inn, 7.30pm

Sunday School / Church In The Pub in The Pack Horse

The Sunday School continues to have a small loyal group who enjoy a short story and craft activity or game whilst the grown ups have a short informal service of choruses, hymns, sermon and prayers. If you want to know more about the Sunday School or Church in the Pub ring 679058 for a friendly chat, everyone welcome.

Give

2 coolie style cream lampshades, 679058

and

Take

The History Society has a very cumbersome heavy TV for use with DVDs. If anyone is upsizing their TV and has a slimline [poss. 19inch] TV they no longer use, we would be very grateful, please contact Diane via the contact us page on the website.

Message on behalf of Belthorn School

Last year Belthorn School set up a garden area, and very successfully managed to grow a variety of vegetables. We are hoping to expand our gardening activities this year, so if you have any spare equipment / plants / seeds that you no longer need, please consider us before you throw them away! Also, if anyone would like to get involved, we are always looking for extra pairs of helping hands!

This year we are hoping to grow potatoes in large sacks, and are therefore in need of soil or compost to go in the sacks. If you have and spare soil or compost that you would be prepared to donate, we would be very grateful - we can arrange to collect it.

Further information on the gardening project, or to offer help or equipment, please contact Yvonne using the 'contact us' page of the website and we will put you in touch.

Forthcoming events

Mayday (Monday 3rd May 2010) commencing at 2.00pm

The new Maypole has arrived but is in desperate need of decorating. Help with dressing the pole is wanted if the traditional procession is to go ahead and volunteers are urgently needed. Please contact me on the Link email thelink@talktalk.net if you can spare an hour or two to make it happen.

Nominations are being sought for the May King and Queen and a nomination form is printed at the end of the Link. The procession will commence at the top of the village and travel through the village ending up at "The Shed".

PARTY IN THE PARK (Saturday 19th June 2010)

Although June seems a long way off there are only 3 more village committee meetings before the event. There is still time to share your ideas for the day also, if you want a stall, now is the time to get in touch to book a place on the field. Thanks to the young villager who agreed to help.

Summer Holiday Activities

"I am trying to organize Summer Holiday activities for children like we used to have 20-30 years ago - some of you may remember. Up to now I have got 1 booked and would like help to organize more events. Please contact me, Diane, if you would be willing to help via the 'contact us' page on the website, thankyou." Diane.

Village News

If anybody has any news or family announcements they wish to appear in the Link please contact the editor by e-mail at thelink@talktalk.net.

Sunflower Competition

Now is the time to plant the attached sunflower seeds. They can be sown outdoors anytime from March to May, just plant in a small group where you want them to flower and cover lightly with about 1.5cms [1/2 inch in old money] of fine soil.

Firm gently and keep moist. Alternatively they can be sown indoor in a pot, cover with a plastic bag to create their own mini greenhouse.

The categories this year have yet to be decided but like the scarecrow competition, will include both junior and senior sections.

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The Mobile Library comes through the Village on alternate Wednesdays. It stops at the bottom of the Village opposite Top Fold about 3pm and then moves to Rydal Mount; at 3.55 it stops opposite the Dog Inn and then moves on to the top of the Village.

As with so many things if we don't use it we may lose it.
Next visit 31st March.

Dog Mess [update]

Following the last issue of the Link, 2 dogs, a black one and a brown one, have been seen roaming in the road at the bottom of the village only narrowly being missed by a passing car. The Hyndburn dog warden's number is now included on the front of the Link, it is the same as the Hyndburn Council number. There is an agreement between the Blackburn with Darwen and Hyndburn councils that whoever is contacted will deal with stray dog[s] in Belthorn.

Vouchers for Schools

Some of the supermarkets are giving out vouchers for equipment for schools. Belthorn School collects these vouchers and would ask that these are collected on behalf of the school by the villagers. The vouchers can be dropped off at the School Office reception, or 95 Belthorn Road.

Graveyard Volunteers Wanted

It is that time of year when the grass starts to grow! The Graveyard adjacent to Chapel Street has become overgrown once again and requires some maintenance. Volunteers are being sought to help tidy up the Graveyard. Any help will be appreciated and especially those who have petrol strimmers and petrol lawn mowers as well as wheelbarrows and garden rakes. If anybody has any time to spare please help to get the graveyard back to its best. Most people who helped in the past generally met up on Saturday afternoons.

Sponsorship

The Link and/or the Belthorn website can be sponsored by businesses or individuals at a cost of £20 each or £30 for both. An advertisement will appear in the Link for 1 edition, the website advertisement will be for 1 year. The Link gets distributed throughout the village; any money raised will go towards the production and running costs, with any extra supporting the Village funds.

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The Link (Editor) thelink@talktalk.net

Belthorn Website www.belthornvillage.co.uk
- go to contact us page

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I would like to nominateAged :.....

For the May King / Queen [delete as appropriate]

Name

Contact number/details/e-mail

Return to chair@belthornvillage.co.uk or 95 Belthorn Road or 1 West View or thelink@talktalk.net or 144 Belthorn Road