

On behalf of the Belthorn Village Committee

BELTHORN LINK

May 08

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(i) May Day Procession – Monday 05th May 2008

The Belthorn Village Committee is keen to keep this traditional event of the May Day Procession going.

The procession will commence at 2.00pm at the top of the Village near the bus stop. It will be headed by the May King and Queen and will progress down Belthorn Road, stopping near the chicane, Chapel Street, The Dog Inn Car Park, entrance to Rydal Mount, bottom of Rydal Mount, Top Fold, and the War Memorial. If anybody would wish to make a donation there will be the opportunity to do so on the day. All proceeds will go towards Village Funds.

After the procession there will be refreshments available at “The Shed” (opposite the war memorial).

As this is a village event the Committee would really encourage children, parents and grandparents to attend and support the possession.

(ii) Village Party / Festival – Saturday 24th May 2008.

As mentioned in the last Link this year’s Village Party will take place on the bank holiday weekend on 24th May 2008.

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 7.00pm. Skippy’s disco will be in attendance from 2 – 6pm providing music and entertainment. A bouncy castle / bungee run has been arranged.

The Fire Brigade 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 Jason Slack at Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk.

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 contact Jason or Collette as detailed above.

(iii) Scarecrow Competition

As mentioned in the last Link there has been a lot of interest in the scarecrow competition given the popularity of this last year.

Please can all application forms for the Scarecrow Competition be in submitted to either Jason Slack at Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk **no later than 15th MAY 2008** to allow for the production of a flyer letting villagers know where all of the scarecrows will be.

The nominal cost of entering a scarecrow will be £3.00 per entry. Several scarecrows per household will be classed as one entry for the purpose of judging unless a separate entry is made whereupon the additional scarecrow(s) will be judged independently of the other entry from that household.

All scarecrows should be available for viewing on Saturday 24th May 2008 from 11.00am onwards although earlier displays are encouraged. The winner will be announced at the village party where the trophy will be presented. The criteria for the judges will be **effort, imagination, and originality**.

There is an entry form attached to the Link.

(iv) Sunflowers in the village

Just a reminder that if you have not planted your seeds these should be done very soon. Details of the dates for judging the best sunflowers will follow in due course.

NOTICES FROM BELTHORN SCHOOL

(i) Casino Night – 7th June 2008. 7.30pm – 12.00pm. (Adults Only)

As mentioned in the last Link, Belthorn School are arranging a fund raising evening for the school in the form of a Casino Night and Disco.

The event will take place at Blackburn Rugby Club, Ramsgrave. This is an over 18's only event and tickets are £15.00 each which includes fun money, disco, buffet and entertainment by Steve Lowe. The school is keen to promote closer ties with the local community and anybody wishing to purchase tickets for the event, whether or not they have children who attend the school, are more than welcome.

The Casino Ball/Disco tickets have been printed and are on sale. Tickets are available from Elizabeth Banyard at the school on 01254 55620.

(ii) 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.

(iii) School Dinners

The school opens its doors to *anyone* in the village wishing to join them for a school dinner. You will be made very welcome. The cost of your dinner is £1.60. To book your place please contact Elizabeth Banyard 01254 55620 to confirm.

NOTICES FROM THE PACK HORSE

“Church in the Pub”

The next service at the Pack Horse will be on Sunday 18th May 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 (unless otherwise stated).

Following on from the above, in November last year the service in the Pub joined forces with St James, Lower Darwen and Trinity Church, Lower Darwen, to support Operation Christmas Child (OCC). OCC is a project arranged through the Samaritans Purse, an international charitable organization, which sends gifts, collected in decorated shoe boxes, to under privileged children in impoverished countries.

If any villager wishes to participate in donating a shoe box of gifts full details will follow in subsequent Links along with an official leaflet. Further information can be found at www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

Basically you will need to fill a shoe box, approximately 18 x 30 x 13cm. The box should be for either a girl or a boy within the ages 2 – 4, 5 – 9 or 10 – 14 years and filled with toys, educational supplies, hygiene items and some limited clothing and sweets (please refer to the website or the leaflet once received). Food, medicine, war related items, fragile items, liquids, political or racial material, novels would not be appropriate.

NOTICES FROM THE DOG INN.

Football: Following a very successful first year in the Blackburn Combination League with a mid table finish after a sticky start we ended with a 10 game unbeaten run which included just one drawn game against the eventual winners. We are now in the cup final after what can only be described as a mud bath of a semi final which we eventually won on penalties after a though ninety minutes and extra time.

The final will take place at The Griffin ground, Mill Hill on **29th April 2008 at 6.00pm.** All supporters welcome.

A mid table end was achieved by the B team in the 7 a side league with the C team running out in third. New season kicks off on 01st May 2008 and anyone interested please contact Craig Steele (93 Belthorn Road) or Brian at the Dog Inn.

The presentation for the last summer league and last winter league will take place on 16th May 2008 at Longshaw Club. This is a joint presentation with Belthorn United. Again anyone wishing to go please contact Brian at The Dog or the Langley's who have once again worked very hard with the respective managers to keep things going this season.

POLICE SECTION

The next PACT meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Dog Inn on **12th May 2008** given that the 5th May is a Bank Holiday. The PACT meetings precede the Belthorn Village Committee meetings which are generally held on the first Monday of every month.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LINK

As mentioned in the last Link, this a village newsletter for the benefit of the villagers to keep them aware of events, issues and matters connected to the village. If anybody has any contributions for an edition of the Link please either e-mail these to Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk and every effort will be made to accommodate such a request in a subsequent edition of the Link. It also helps the writer fill the pages!!!!

A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY

Following on from the above, Lee Fallon, of Kendal Row writes:

“Attached to the back of The Link is a section of the 1849 Ordnance Survey map showing Belthorn, as surveyed by Captains Tucker and Durnford and Lieutenant Stanley in 1844-5. My mother Diane Fallon got hold of the map many years ago and it has proved an endless source of interest ever since - it's now somewhat dog eared and rain stained appearance is testament to that. As a child growing up in the village the old fallen homesteads and industrial ruins scattered about the fields were fascinating, and the map gave me their names and allowed me to find new ones.

Recently I've started to pore over the map again, and with the help of a few books and local archives - and local people - find out more of the story of the little windswept village of Belthorn and it's outlying farms and houses. I'm slowly starting to understand how Belthorn started, developed, prospered and fell into hard times before gradually developing into the comfortable community we know today. Over the coming summer I'm

hoping to pin down some of these stories and photograph some of our, well, archaeology I suppose. Jason's always looking for more sections for The Link so as and when I can cobble together a particular story I'll offer it up. I hope you find the map as interesting as I have and that it might inspire you to have a wander down some of the lanes and pathways around the village this summer (If we get one). Perhaps I should have started with a list of good waterproof suppliers and hipflask dealers.”

Lee Fallon

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Belthorn Village Committee meeting will take place at **8.00pm** on **Monday 12th May 2008** (not the 5th) at The Dog Inn. The Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting will precede the village committee meeting, commencing at **7.30pm**.

NOTICE OF BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place at 8.00pm on Monday 02nd June 2008

All are welcome. If there are any questions / issues which you wish to raise please can these be put in writing and addressed to Collette Wilson (secretary).

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If anybody has got an old metal dustbin they do not want please contact Diane on 698540.

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“Exiting times at The Dog Inn with the introduction of a new menu which Karl and Christine have worked hard on. Come and give it a try and let us know your comments”.

Brian Hodgkiss, The Dog Inn.

