

BELTHORN LINK

Nov / Dec 08

NEWS

(i) Oswaldtwistle Sign

Councillor Brian Roberts attended the Belthorn Village Meeting on Monday 03rd November 2008 to hear the concerns regarding the sign at the entrance to the village. The main request was that the Belthorn ought to be put on the sign to clearly identify the fact that it is Belthorn you were entering and not Oswaldtwistle. Any developments will be posted in due course.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(i) Firework Display – re-arranged for Tuesday 11th November 2008.

The firework display has been re-arranged for Tuesday 11th November 2008 at Belthorn School. Gates open at 6.45pm. The display was originally arranged for 04th November 2008. As it takes over 4 hours to set up a decision was taken at 2.00pm to cancel the display as the wind at the time was blowing towards the school and playground where spectators would have been. It was purely for safety reasons that it had to be cancelled. Although it subsequently transpired that the wind had dropped, the decision was made at the appropriate time and apologies are given for any inconvenience.

Food will be available. Entry will be £2.50 per adult (Children free) to help pay for the display (payable on the gate). **All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please do not bring your own fireworks.** For safety reasons this event is subject to cancellation at short notice should it be deemed to unsafe to set off the fireworks due to the adverse weather conditions.

(ii) The Children's Christmas Party (up to 11 year olds) – Monday 08th December 2008

This event will be primarily for the children in the village up to the age of 11 years of age. The event will be a **ticket only** at £7.50 per ticket per child. For safety reasons there will be a strict allocation of **55 tickets only**.

Tickets are available from the **Dog Inn only** and will be available on a 1st come 1st served basis. The cut off point for purchasing the tickets is the **FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2008** to allow Santa's little helpers adequate time to search for presents for those children attending. The event will take place at the Dog Inn from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

There will be entertainment for the children. The Committee has asked Father Christmas to attend to give out presents if he can spare the time out of his busy schedule. There will also be the usual fun and games. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Food will be available

(iii) The Over 60's Christmas Party – Sunday 14th December 2008

This annual event will take place at The Shed on Sunday 14th December 2008 from 2.30pm to 5pm. It is open to all those over 60 and their partners. This is a free event to all who wish to attend. Entertainment, food and drinks will be provided. For all those wishing to attend please contact Brenda Carroll on (01254) 671202 **on or before 06th December 2008**, this being the cut-off point.

(iv) Village Christmas Tree & Christmas Carol singing

Hyndburn Borough Council have kindly confirmed that they will provide a Christmas tree for the village once again. This tree will be erected outside of the Dog Inn. A Village Christmas Carol evening is being arranged for **Sunday 21st December 2008 at 8.00pm** around the Christmas tree outside of the Dog Inn. Some members of the St James' Church Choir will be in attendance and it is open to all villagers to attend so please come along.

Mulled wine and mince pies provided. This is another free event although donations towards village funds will be appreciated.

NOTICES FROM THE PACK HORSE

(i) “Church in the Pub”

The next service at the Pack Horse will be on Sunday 16th November 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 at 2.30pm (unless otherwise stated).

(ii) Operation Christmas Child (OCC) – Shoe Box appeal

As mentioned in previous the last Link, 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 anybody has prepared a shoe box, these can be dropped off at the following places **before 16th November 2008**.

- (1) Belthorn School (during school hours)
- (2) Jason Slack at Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk
- (3) Sylvia at 73 Belthorn Road

Alternatively please bring them along to the service at the Pack Horse on 16th November 2008

If you require a further information please contact Jason Slack at Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk .

NOTICES FROM THE DOG INN

“Brian and Christine are considering selling Sunday newspapers from The Dog Inn. This would be from about 10am and via unmanned display in the pub lobby. This would require an honesty box were customers would place the exact monies. Obviously repeated short falls in monies would result in the service being withdrawn.

Before we could commence we would require feedback on anyone interested as there is no doubt a minimum order we would need to place with the supplier. If people interested could ring us on 01254 690794 with paper requirements we will look at it in further detail”

Thanks Brian and Christine Hodgkiss

NOTICES FROM BELTHORN SCHOOL

“A reminder to everyone that the school Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 29th November 11.00 - 1.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls and as usual Father Christmas will be there. Please all do come along – all are welcome.

Following the harvest celebrations, children from the school visited a number of homes within the village with harvest baskets- we hope you appreciated their visit. If anyone did not receive a gift and would have liked a visit from the children I apologise and please do let us know ready for next year. My grateful thanks to Diane Fallon who supplied school with many names and numbers.

Our next community venture involving the children will be Carol singing. We are proposing to sing around the village on Monday 15th December in the morning. Please do keep that morning free and join the children in singing a few carols.”

Janet Cooper – Head teacher

POLICE SECTION

Following concerns raised at the Police and Community Together meeting (PACT) the police are making the issue of speeding vehicles through the village a priority. They will also be monitoring the parking of vehicles, particularly around the “school run” given the concerns raised by residents about vehicles parking on pavements, causing people with prams to have to go into the road to get around them.

The police would also wish to know about vehicles which do not have any current tax disc displayed particularly as these vehicles generally do not have insurance. Also if there are concerns about any vehicles which appear to have been “abandoned” please do not hesitate to contact the police.

01254 222135 – Community Policing Team 01254 51212 – Police Station

The next PACT (Police And Community Together) meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Dog Inn on **1st December 2008**. The PACT meetings precede the Belthorn Village Committee meetings which are generally held on the first Monday of every month.

BELTHORN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY – Inaugural meeting – 11th November 2008

It is proposed to hold an inaugural meeting of the Belthorn Local History Society on Monday 10th November 2008 at 8.00 PM at the Dog Inn. If you are interested in the past life and times of the village then please come along with your suggestions and ideas.

DISPOSAL OF GARDEN WASTE

There have been some incidents of garden waste being dumped under the wall of the field across from the Pack Horse. Horses are kept in this field and the waste which is being dumped is poisonous to horses if they reach over the wall and eat it. Please could residents keep an eye out for whoever is doing this and if seen request that they refrain from doing this in the future. Also Hyndburn Council will collect garden waste once a month for those residents in Hyndburn.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LINK

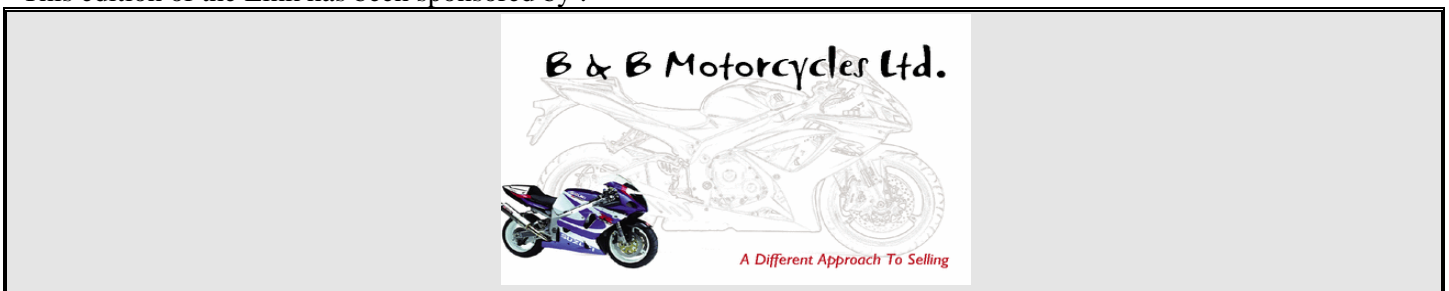
As mentioned in previous Links this a village newsletter for the benefit of the villagers to keep them aware of events, issues and matters connected to the village. If anybody has any contributions for an edition of the Link please either e-mail these to Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk and every effort will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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Belthorn Village Committee meeting will take place at **8.00pm** on **Monday 03rd December 2008** at The Dog Inn. The Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting will precede the village committee meeting, commencing at **7.30pm**.

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DONATIONS GENERALLY

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.