

On behalf of the Belthorn Village Committee



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHILDRENS' XMAS PARTY

Monday 5th December
2011 at
The Dog Inn

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**. In previous years tickets have been £7.50 per ticket per child. This year we have received a donation towards events primarily aimed at Children from UK Insulations (see below). The costs of the tickets for this year will therefore be £5.00 per ticket per child. For safety reasons there will be a strict allocation of **55 tickets only**.

There are still some tickets left which are available from the **Dog Inn only** and will be issued on a 1st come 1st served basis. The cut off point for purchasing the tickets has been extended until **SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2011** 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**.

Please note that there will be no tickets available on the door.

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.

OVER 60's XMAS PARTY

Sunday 11th December
2011 at
The Shed

This annual event will take place at The Shed on Sunday 11th December 2011 from 2.00pm to 5.30pm. It is open to all those over 60 and their partners. Entertainment, food and drinks will be provided. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the time and effort of Jim and June at The Shed for allowing this event to take place. For all those wishing to attend please contact Jean Bain **on or before 04th December 2011** or email: chair@belthornvillage.co.uk. If anybody wishes to donate prizes for a raffle, please use the contact details above.

NOTICES – The Dog Inn

“CHILDREN IN NEED” BEACH PARTY

Friday 18th November
2011

The Dog Inn will be having a beach party on Friday 18th November 2011. For more details please contact Simon or David at the Dog Inn on 07851264271 or thedoginn@hotmail.com

The Pack Horse

Christine and Cathryn would like to thank everybody for their valued custom over the past years. The time has come to bow out and they would like to extend a warm invitation on Saturday 26th November 2011 from 7.30pm onwards for a farewell party. The new owners, Karl and Joanne will be taking over the reins in due course.

VILLAGE NEWS

Acknowledgments.

The Race Night was a very successful and well supported event which was held on 14th October 2011. This event raised well in excess of £900.00 towards village funds. The Committee would like to thank all of those involved in the organisation of the event, in particular Jean Bain who did most of the organising. We are also grateful to the sponsors of the races and in recognition their details are overleaf.

The committee have been active this year in raising money to boost the village funds so that future events can be put on for the benefit of the village and its residents. The committee has also raised money from fundraising stalls at other events, a quiz night, collections and the May Day parade. We wish to acknowledge the assistance and co-operation of all of the volunteers who have helped as well as the hosts of the events, namely Jim Fletcher, (The Shed), The Dog Inn and Pack Horse. The Grey Mare have also confirmed their support for future village events put on by the Committee.

The Committee have also been active this year in securing funding for a new garage on the garage site. Prior to obtaining a garage, the village committee's equipment was stored in individuals' garages, sheds, spare bedrooms etc and the acquisition of a garage will now serve as a base for storage of the village equipment as well as for serving refreshments at social events held on The Rec

The garage was fully funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund as well as additional funding from Hyndburn Borough Council. Due to these grants and funding, the village committee funds were not used in either drawing up the garage plans, the planning application, purchase of the garage and fittings. The Committee therefore gratefully acknowledge and publicly thank Hyndburn Borough Council and The Big Lottery Fund.



LOTTERY FUNDED

The village has also been provided with a Christmas Tree from Hyndburn Borough Council which has been erected outside of the Dog Inn.

The Village Committee has also joined The Prospects Foundation which is an environmental charity for Hyndburn.

Volunteers from Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Prospects, and the village committee cleared the village pond of the bullrushes in early October with committee members bagging them up for collection and recycling. The Committee acknowledge, in particular, the efforts of Marianne Davies and also the help of Steve from Monks Plant Hire for his help in supplying builder's sack and for disposing of pond rubbish. Blackburn with Darwen Council recycling section's assistance is also acknowledged.

The Village Committee a “trading name“ of the Belthorn Village Hall Fund, a registered Charity whose aims are to promote charitable deeds and events for the benefit of Belthorn and its residents. It is run by volunteers who give up their time and effort for the benefit of Belthorn and its residents. We are always looking for more members and volunteers and hope you will assist / support future projects and events arranged by the committee.

Finally the committee wish to acknowledge the effort of Gwen who maintains the village website : www.belthornvillage.co.uk . Again she does this without remuneration or reward.

THE POLICE SECTION

The next PACT (Police And Community Together) meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Dog Inn on 9th January 2012 prior to the village committee meeting at 8.00pm. These

will then take place every other month. Recently, due to internal policing structures, PCSO 7019 Nick Giszcz whose contact details are as follows :

Telephone : 01254 222 123
e-mail : Rural.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

If anybody has any issues they would wish to raise with the police concerning the village please feel free to attend the PACT meeting or contact the community policing team above. For other police matters the main police station number is 01254 51212 or 0845 125 3545.

NOTICES FROM ST JAMES CHURCH (Lower Darwen)

Wednesday 14th December. The Christmas Tree Festival will open at 4.00pm and will have a youth flavour to it to tie in with an After School Drop-In.

Thursday 15th December. The afternoon will be aimed at the over 60s and people living in residential homes and local schools will be doing a carol marathon.

Friday 16th December. This will be a quiet

our new police officer is PC 753 Alan Hurst &

day called "Peace at Christmas" where various groups across the community will be coming into church to light candle for peace across the nation. This will be concluded with a communion service at 6pm which will be taken by the Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Nicholas.

Saturday 17th December. Church will be open all day, There will be a family event at 6.00pm call "A Celebration of Christmas" which will conclude with a fireworks display outside Church by Clive Carroll of Celebration Fireworks.

THE LINK

If anybody has any village news, articles or information which they would wish to be included within the Link please forward them accordingly - see "Contact Details" below

SPONSORSHIP

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 at £20.00 or £30.00 for the Link and the website. Please contact the

Committee at chair@belthornvillage.co.uk The monies go towards village funds / production costs.

VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next village committee meeting will take place at **8.00pm on Monday 09th January 2012** in The Dog Inn. There is no meeting in December (due to the Children's Xmas party) and is on the 2nd week in January due to the bank holiday on the 1st week.

Contact details:

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The committee would like to thank the above for their support of the Race Night. We also acknowledge the private sponsorship of a race by Chris Nuttall and family.