

SUNFLOWERS IN THE VILLAGE

Following the last Link over 20 sunflowers were put forward for judging, with many more being seen along the way. After a pleasant morning measuring and admiring them the following awards were presented at the September Village Committee meeting:

Overall winner - Josh Steele of 93 Belthorn Road with a sunflower measuring a massive 2.9 metres!
1st Runner Up- The Sutton family of Chapel St with 3 healthy flowers between 1.25 - 2.07m
2nd Runner Up - Sammy Ahern of Belthorn Road with flowers measuring 1.17 & 1.68m

As not everybody can grow the tallest or healthiest sunflower the following certificates were also awarded :

Best seen but not entered - Sutcliffe Terrace
Saddest Sunflower - The Nuttall Family, Belthorn Road
Hardest to measure - Hazel Baxter, Belthorn Road (protected by a wall and a fence!)

Thank you to everybody who gave their seeds a chance to grow. We hope to do something similar next year and so many ways to win we hope you will join in again. Thank you also to Liz Creasey for suggesting and arranging the sunflower competition.

DOG MESS

Since the last Link a meeting has taken place between members of the village committee, villagers and Councillors from both East Rural Ward (Blackburn) and St Oswald's Ward (Hyndburn) with a view to addressing the ongoing problem of dog mess in the village. The Councillors (Julie Slater – East Rural and Doug Hayes – St Oswalds Hyndburn) are now working together and hopefully there will no longer be the problem of Hyndburn dog wardens stating that the problem is on Blackburn side and vice versa.

Signs are also to be placed around the village giving notice of fines for any dog owners whose dogs foul within the village. Both Councils will be taking a tougher line with the issue of dog fouling generally. Also dog owners can collect a free “poop scoop” which are located in the entrance of the Dog Inn which have been supplied by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

If anybody notes any stray dogs or unsupervised dogs in the village these should be reported to the local dog wardens either in Blackburn or Hyndburn:

Blackburn Dog Wardens 01254 585397
Hyndburn Dog Wardens 01254 388111

OSWALDTWISTLE SIGN

Still no response from Hyndburn Council. Any developments to follow.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / Dates for the diary

(i) FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Tuesday 4th November – Belthorn School – Further details to follow

(ii) CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday 8th December 2008 - The Dog Inn - Further details to follow

(iii) OVER 60's PARTY

Sunday 14th December 2008, 2pm – 5 pm The Shed, Belthorn- Further details to follow

(iv) CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December 2008 at the Christmas Tree, outside The Dog Inn – Further details to follow

NOTICES FROM THE PACK HORSE

“Church in the Pub”

The next service at the Pack Horse will be on Sunday 19th October 2008 at 2.30pm.

This service will be a Harvest Festival Thanksgiving. Any child (or indeed adult) who wishes to bring a harvest donation (tin or non-perishable food item) these will be forwarded to charities for distribution to the needy.

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).

Attached to the last Link was a leaflet from OCC (Operation Christmas Child) which invites donations of decorated shoe boxes filled with presents for under-privileged children in deprived or war-torn countries. If you want further details of this project these can be found at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk. If you wish to donate a shoe box details of the collection will be given in the October / November Link. If you require a further leaflet please contact Jason Slack at Chair@belthornvillage.co.uk and further leaflets can be dopped off.

NOTICES FROM THE DOG INN

Golf Day:

“Congratulations to Steve Nolan on winning the Dog Inn golf singles this month. Playing off 11 Steve beat off tough competition and rightly deserved his win. Steve also won the Dave Alty memorial trophy for the nearest pin shot. Heath Whalley managed to pip Trevor Cairns for the longest drive competition which is still a topic of conversation in the pub. Next years three events will be advertised in the pub around April/May all players are welcome.”

Football.

“The winter league seven a side is due to kick off end of October. The 11-a-side team has started the season in fine form winning four games out of four scoring a lot of goals on the way including a special right foot effort yes right foot from the manager Craig Steel. Games are played 2.15 on Saturdays and all support is welcome.”

Quiz Night hosted by Jim Fletcher (from The Shed) on Friday 19th September 2008

“Another great night was had as usual with Donald and Ben running out winners. The quiz we hope to do on a more regular basis with all money raised going to charity, so keep an eye on the notice board in The Dog for forthcoming events. Thanks to Jim and June for their time and effort in making these nights a success.”

Date for the Diary : HALLOWEEN PARTY

“There will be a fancy dress Halloween party for the kids on Mon 27th Oct at The Dog Inn 6.00pm till

8.00pm. Prizes will be given for the best dressed. A potato pie supper will be available on the night.”
Brian and Christine Hodgkiss, The Dog Inn

POLICE SECTION

The next PACT (Police And Community Together) meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Dog Inn on **6th October 2008**. The PACT meetings precede the Belthorn Village Committee meetings which are generally held on the first Monday of every month.

01254 222135 – Community Policing Team

01254 51212 – Police Station

NOTICES FROM BELTHORN SCHOOL

Any villager is most welcome to come and join us for lunch. The school opens its doors to **anyone** in the village wishing to join them for a school dinner. You will be made very welcome. Please could you give at least 1 day's notice. To book your place please contact Elizabeth Banyard 01254 55620 to confirm.

The PTFA (Parent Teachers Association) have organized a Ladies Curry Evening (English option available) at the Usha on Tuesday 7th October priced £12. This will be buffet style with raffle, bingo and bar. Please call in at the office for tickets or contact Mrs Banyard or Miss Howard on 01254 55620

The new Foundation Play area is nearly complete. However just recently the school appears to have had a number of youths leaving debris namely lager cans and there has been evidence of aerosol misuse found. The school would be very grateful for residents to inform either the police or school of any young people seen loitering on school premises. The school will be having a new security system installed at the back of school shortly that hopefully will help to resolve matters.

The school is holding a harvest assembly in school and the children will be bringing in harvest gifts. If anyone knows of someone in the village who would appreciate a visit from the school children with a small harvest gift please let us know.

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!!!!

From Diane Fallon of Belthorn Road

1. To all Hyndburn residents with gardens.

This is a reminder that, once a month, the council will collect up to six black bin bags of garden waste free of charge. Telephone 399988 for collection.

2. Neighbours - Due to the recent closure of the village shop some elderly or disabled people may be struggling to buy a few necessities. When you go to the supermarket why not give your neighbours a thought?

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY? – Anybody interested?

Belthorn is steeped in history. A few Belthorners are very interested in our local history and are planning to form a group to meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join us please telephone Diane on 698540 for further

information.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Roy and Dorene Donaldson of Belthorn Road who celebrate their Golden Wedding at the end of September 2008.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Elsbeth Thomson of Bank Fold

Part-Time Job Opportunity!

Are you looking for part-time work in Belthorn?

Are you very good with your hands and a pair of scissors?

Are you keen on craft and needlework?

I am urgently looking for someone to help with my rapidly growing handmade embroidered card business.

Other small business skills would be very welcome.

Initially on a part-time basis. Very flexible hours, some work could be done at home

May suit young mum who needs to work around nursery and school times, or teenager to work around college work. Pay would depend on experience and hours.

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Or email elsbeth@elsbeththomson.co.uk

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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.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Belthorn Village Committee meeting will take place at **8.00pm** on **Monday 06th October 2008** at The Dog Inn. The Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting will precede the village committee meeting, commencing at **7.30pm**.

All are welcome.