

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SW

Many thanks to all who supported "Snowdrop Sunday", organised by the Belstone & Area Friends' Group. With your help we made £433.30.

SECRET GARDENS OF SKAIGH

Sunday 15th May 11am – 5pm in aid of CHSW

Entry by programme, £3 (children free), enabling you to visit as many of the gardens as you wish during the day. Ploughman's lunches, cakes, hot and cold drinks on sale throughout the day at Stonelynk (courtesy of Sandra & John Moppett). Parking available in the field opposite Stonelynk (courtesy of Richard Norrish) or in the village car park. There will be plenty of signs directing you to parking, refreshments and programmes, with maps provided to direct you to the gardens

If your garden is not taking part, we hope you'll be a visitor and join us for a snack in the marquee! All proceeds to CHSW

For further information contact Angela on 840234 or Edwina on 840332

BELSTONE LADIES' CLUB

Summer Cream Tea, with Bric-a-Brac stall, Raffle and Mystery Parcels, will be on Wednesday 27th July – 2.30pm at 'Dorney', courtesy of Gill and David Shott. Proceeds in aid of this year's charities which are: *Dartmoor Rescue* and *Mission Aviation Fellowship*. In Village Hall if wet. New members are always welcome – contact Peggy Klenk 840642

THE BELSTONE COMMONERS would like to remind everyone that lambing is now in full swing on the moor. To protect the sheep and their lambs please ensure that all dogs are properly controlled and not allowed to worry sheep.

Also please remind any visitors you may have not to park on the grass of any of our village greens. Thank you for your co-operation.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Geoff Hodgkinson, judge of the Belstone Photographic Competition 2010, will be running digital photography workshops in Belstone Village Hall on Saturdays 7th and 14th May from 10am-12 noon. The aim of the workshops – open to all ages and levels of experience – is to help develop confidence and expertise in the use of digital cameras, whatever your current level is.

The sessions will develop according to the needs and wishes of the group and will cover such things as cameras, pictures, composition, post-processing your photos and, finally, using the computer to enhance them. Although there will be development across the two sessions, they will still be independent of each other so, even if you can only make one of them, do come along. It will be fun sharing ideas and – who knows – you might be the winner of next year's competition!

Each session costs £2.50 for adults, £1 for children (payable on the day) and includes hot or cold drink and biscuits. For more information, contact Edwina or Robin Hill on 840332

BELSTONE LETTERBOX WALK

A charity letterbox walk has been set up this summer in aid of Belstone Village Hall.

Twelve boxes, each containing a unique specially-designed stamp on the theme of 'Belstone Landmarks', are hidden around a four-mile circuit of Scarey Tor, Winter Tor, Higher Tor and Belstone Tor. The boxes are on the moor between the end of March and the end of September.

A set of clues costs £2.50 - obtainable from Chris Walpole 840498 or at Thursday Café, Sunday Cream Teas and any other activities organised by the Village Hall Committee.



VILLAGE FAIR

SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2.00pm

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Well - although we need some rain for the gardens - it's great to have all this sunshine to help us feel good after another cold winter!

So take careful note of all the diary dates; there's a lot going on in Belstone this spring and summer to keep everyone happy - don't miss anything! And don't forget to take those photos - this year's competition is well under way and we're hoping to start displaying photos on the website Yes - www.belstonevillage.net IS BACK! Still a lot of data and information to replace but there is definitely a website with news items, photo pages and a growing range of information about local activities and groups. A few little gremlins have appeared as we write this but you should be able to access the site within the next few days. You will probably hear the screams from Andrews Corner when it happens! We have been on a very steep learning curve, burning the candle at both ends to try to restore the site so please bear with us, as we iron out problems and try to replace and update as much info as possible. Your comments please on what you like about the site and what else you would like to see. Also send articles and information - which can be emailed, either through the link on the website or through our own email, below. We look forward to hearing from you.

PUDDING CLUB

Saturday 14th May 7.30pm £6.50

Ten sweets to delight the palate - including sticky rhubarb and stem ginger pudding, blackcurrant roly-poly and sultana cheesecake. For tickets ring Marion or Chris 840498

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The AGM took place on 18th April and Edwina Hill was instated as the new Chair for the coming year, with Theresa Weaver becoming Vice Chair and Colin Lawson president.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Colin Lawson	President
Edwina Hill	Chair, B'stone Players rep
Theresa Weaver	Vice Chair, Youth Group rep
Hetta Pagella	Secretary
Chris Walpole	Treasurer, Cricket Club rep
Sarah Blacksell	
Rona Gundry	
Ann Taylor	
Dawn Roe	
Alan Moore	(Chair elect for 2012/13)
Stella Hudson	
Mel Pike	
Alix Qusted	PCC rep
Malcolm Calder	

Village Hall Manager – Leslie Stickland

For bookings, or to contact the Hall Manager, ring the Village Hall on 840316

DAWN CHORUS WALK

Chris Walpole's ever-popular bird walk takes place on Sunday 8th May. Be at the Village Hall for 5.30am to walk through Priestacott Wood, out onto West Cleave, down to the East Okement, up past Nine Maidens and back through the village, ready for breakfast in the Village Hall – cereals, toast, bacon rolls, cheese scones and hot drinks. Walking boots recommended; sorry, no dogs. Suggested donations of £2 for the walk, or £5 for walk and breakfast, invited for Hall funds



SUNDAY CREAM TEAS VILLAGE HALL

26th JUNE – 18th SEPT 2.30-5.30pm

SAFARI SUPPER

By popular request, there is to be a Safari I Supper on Saturday 25th June at 7pm. Not been involved before? Then give it a try! The rules are simple: -



Each couple agrees to provide one course for themselves and two other couples (starter, main course or dessert). We meet in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm for sherry and your instructions for the evening and finish with coffee and reminiscences at a venue to be arranged. Who visits your house for your chosen course and whose house you visit for the other two courses remain closely guarded secrets until the last possible moment!



£8 a head - all proceeds to Village Hall. Great fun and an excellent way to meet people!

Further info or to book your place, ring Edwina & Robin Hill 840332

ANTIQUES 'CALL MY BLUFF'



Belstone Village Hall will be hosting an antique version of 'Call My Bluff' on Wednesday 8th June at 7pm. Three experts from *Bearnes Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers* of Exeter will be in attendance to test your knowledge and skill as valuers with a fun quiz, using items ranging in price from £10 to £10,000.

Tickets are available from Alix Qusted on 849022 or Thursday Café. £10 per person which includes a light supper and the opportunity to have your own antique item valued. So, if you've ever wondered what Auntie's vase is worth, bring it, some friends and your own drink, to enjoy what promises to be an evening of fun and entertainment.

BELSTONE ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP

Their annual exhibition will be held over the weekend of 13th and 14th August. Refreshments available all day. Artworks for sale.

DIARY DATES AT A GLANCE

In Village Hall, unless otherwise stated – more info on all events on village website

May

- 1st & 2nd 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS
- 3rd 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting – all welcome to attend
- 5th LOCAL ELECTION DAY
- 6th 7pm Garden Club Annual Plant Sale
- 7th 10am-12 noon Digital Photography Workshop – see article
- 8th 5.30am Dawn Chorus Walk – see article
- 8th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS
- 14th 10am-12 noon Digital Photography Workshop – see article
- 14th 7.30pm Pudding Club – see advert
- 15th 11am-5.00pm Secret Gardens of Skaigh – see article
- 16th 6.30pm Village Hall Committee Meeting
- 22nd 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS
- 29th & 30th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS

June

- 5th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS
- 8th 7pm Antiques 'Call My Bluff' – see article
- 9th 7.30pm Belstone Players AGM
- 11th Cricket Club Party
- 18th 10am Cricket Club Car Boot Sale - Rew Meadow. Cars £4
Vans £5 (set up 9am) see posters or ring 840498
- 25th Safari Supper – see article
- 26th Cricket Club President's Day

July

- 10th 2pm Village Fair in aid of Hall Funds
- 27th Ladies' Club Summer Cream Tea – see article

August

- 5th & 6th 7-10pm Andrews Corner Candlelit Opening for NGS
- 13th-14th Belstone Art Group Exhibition – see advert
- 21st 2-5pm Taikoo Garden Open for NGS

ADVANCE NOTICE:

- 17th Sept 10am Cricket Club Car Boot Sale
- 8th Oct: 2.30pm Ladies Club Apple Day
- 14th Oct David Gundry's Illustrated Talk on Bhutan
- 16th Oct 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS
- 23rd Oct 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for CHSW
- 1st Nov: Closing Date for Photo Competition
- 12th Nov: Craft Fair