

CHSW BELSTONE FRIENDS' GROUP

Many thanks to all who supported our fundraising during 2011. We raised over £7,600!

Our next two fund-raising events coming up:

Snowdrop Sunday: Andrews Corner, 26th Feb, from 11am-4pm, with CHSW promotional goods for sale, as well as hot soup & bread, pasties, hot drinks and cakes; also snowdrops, cyclamen and hellebores, (subject to availability). Indoor space available for those who prefer to view the garden or consume refreshments in relative warmth!

An Evening of Jazz in the Garden – bring your own picnic – on Saturday 26th May, in the garden of St Anthony's Close (courtesy of Haldon Hole). Garden open from 6.30pm to allow picnics to begin and *The New Stannary Jazzmen* will play from 7.30. Hot drinks on sale during the interval. Tickets £10 from Angela on 840234. Look out for posters, later.

VILLAGE GROUP CONTACTS

Clerk to Parish Council: **Sarah Blacksell – 840808.**

Clerk to Commoners: **Ann Norman 840581.**

A copy of the current and past minutes of Parish Council meetings and a copy of the Commoners' booklet can be found on the village website.

For information about Youth Group activities contact **Zoe – 840800.** A list of meeting dates and activities can be found on posters around the village or on the village website.

“From Belstone to Steeperton”

400 years of Tanners and Tinworking on the River Taw

A talk by Dr Tom Greeves

Belstone Village Hall

Saturday 11th February 7.30pm

Refreshments provided

Donations invited for Hall funds

QUEEN'S JUBILEE 4th JUNE 2012

At the village meeting on 24th January, it was agreed that the Jubilee Celebrations should take place on Monday 4th June – this being the day that the Queen will light the official beacon; our beacon will be lit, on Watchet Hill, to coincide with those all around the country. Various suggestions were put forward as to what activities might take place on the day. Suggestions included: church bell-ringing, followed by a short service; Youth Group “crown-making” and choosing a “Jubilee King & Queen”; a children's photographic competition, just for the day, and a commemorative photo of the children to be taken and presented to each one. Several ideas were mooted as to food on the day, such as hog roast, barbecue and various bring and share possibilities, as well as an afternoon tea for those who find evening parties more difficult to attend.

The general consensus was that funding should be obtained through donations, though support from the Commoners, Parish Council and Village Hall was not discounted.

A sub-committee was formed to collate ideas and arrangements – to be chaired by Sharon Cooper and including:

Peter Cooper
Ann Norman
Sean Lehni

Helene Cox
Jane Herbert
Mel Pike

If you have any ideas for activities that could or should be included, please contact Sharon on 840909, or any other committee member.

All plans will be publicised within the village, by posters, website and, of course, the next edition of the Village Voice which will be in May.

And finally . . . Michael Ash requests that people save spare wood to be burned on the beacon.

DON'T FORGET – IF YOU WANT YOUR LOCAL EVENT OR BUSINESS PUBLICISED ON THE WEBSITE, CONTACT EDWINA & ROBIN ON 840332 – OR THROUGH THE WEBSITE www.belstonevillage.net

Belstone Village Voice

Feb 2012 Edition 13



As this is the first edition of the year, it is probably not too late to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2012!

The new year started on a much warmer and less treacherous footing than 2011 but it certainly is confusing the plants and wildlife — let's hope we don't pay too high a price, later in the year.

Plenty going on in the village, to take our minds off any sort of weather, so get your diaries ready and make a note of all the dates in this edition!

BELSTONE PLAYERS PRESENT SUPPER THEATRE

BELSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Wed 28th-Sat 31st March

2 one-act plays and a two-course supper

The Offence by Diana Raffle

A Cut in the Rates by Alan Ayckbourn

Tickets £10 from Marion 840498

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Once again, we had a very successful Christmas Coffee

Morning, which got the Festive Season off to a good start. Thanks to all who attended. This year's 100 Club winners were:

£50 Cricket Club; £75 Tony Dale; £100 Trish Darken; £150 Deborah Cunningham. The 100 Club costs £10 a share, with a £10 prize given to two lucky numbers each month and we are always happy to have more people join. The draw for January & February numbers will be at the end of February so, if you would like to join, or haven't yet paid for this year, **contact Rona Gundry on 840206**

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Colin Lawson	President
Edwina Hill	Chair, Belstone Players rep
Theresa Weaver	Vice Chair, Youth Group rep
Hetta Pagella	Secretary
Chris Walpole	Treasurer, Cricket Club rep
Alan Moore	Chair elect for 2012/13

Rona Gundry	
Ann Taylor	
Stella Hudson	
Mel Pike	
Malcolm Calder	
Alix Quested	PCC rep
Susan Norrish	Parish Council rep

Village Hall Manager – Leslie Stickland

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The winning photos were announced at the Coffee Morning and are on display in the Hall and on the village website. All entries can be viewed as a computer slideshow at Thursday Café. The current competition began on 2nd November 2011 and closes on 1st November 2012. Rules as before: all photos to have been taken within Belstone or its

environs; 4 categories – resident, non-resident, under 18, over 18. This year's classes are:

1 Beautiful Belstone ; 2 Flowers, Ferns & Fungi; 3 People, Pets & Ponies

For further info see posters, village website or ring Edwina & Robin on 840332

ST MARY'S CHURCH

We are once again running our weekly Lent Groups, starting at 12.30 on Wednesday 7th March at Tawcroft and ending on Wednesday 4th April. This will include a light soup and roll lunch at different venues, which are still to be decided. Kerry Friend, from Okehampton, is running the course and she has chosen "Magnificent Jesus" by Wendy Virgo. It will involve a bit of listening and then a bit of discussion, but nothing too heavy and will help to set the scene for Easter. If you would like to attend please let **Simon Herbert** know on **840693**.

We will also be having our usual Mothering Sunday Family Friendly Special at 11.00am on 18th March and that will include a special simnel cake, and other seasonal refreshments. Everybody is welcome.

Simon Herbert

Team Rector: Rev'd Stephen Cook, The Rectory, Church Path, Okehampton EX201LW. Tel: 659297. Team website: www.northmoor-churches.org

Otherwise, for any information or help regarding Belstone Church matters please contact the Church Wardens: **Michael Ash 840082** or **Simon Herbert 840693**.

For Service times see church notice board or village website.

Secrets of Priestacott & West Cleave

A Chris Walpole Guided Walk

Sun 15th April – 1.30pm

Meet at Village Car Park

Cream Teas in Hall Afterwards

Donations invited for Hall funds



Belstone Pudding Club

Saturday 18th February 7.30pm Village Hall

Ticket £7.50 from Marion 840498

Bring your own bottle



DIARY DATES AT A GLANCE

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

February

11th 7.30pm Talk by Tom Greeves – **see advert**

18th 7.30pm Winter Pudding Club – **see advert**

23rd 7.30pm North Dartmoor Garden Club

24th 7.30 for 8pm Quiz Night at the Tors – **see advert**

26th 11am-4pm Snowdrop Sunday Andrews Corner – **see article**

March

8th 10.am-12 noon West Devon Connect – during Café

14th 7.30pm MED Theatre present "Catchment"

22nd 7.30pm North Dartmoor Garden Club

28th-31st 7.30pm Belstone Players Supper Theatre – **see advert**

April

15th 1.30pm Chris Walpole's Guided Walk – **see advert**

15th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden open for Hospicecare

15th 2-5pm Taikoo open for National Gardens Scheme

22nd 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden open for Air Ambulance

26th 7.30pm North Dartmoor Garden Club

29th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner open – NGS

May

4th 7pm North Dartmoor Garden Club Plant Sale

6th 5.30am Dawn Chorus Bird Walk, followed by breakfast

6th&7th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner open – NGS

26th 7.30 Jazz and Picnic Evening in aid of CHSW – **see article**

ADVANCE NOTICE:

June 4th Jubilee Celebrations

July 15th Village Fair

Quiz Night at The Tors

In aid of Okehampton Maternity Unit

Fri 24th Feb 7.30 for 8pm start

Teams of 4 – £8 per team To book ring 840689