

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 £765!

MORE BELSTONE SECRET GARDENS

Sun May 16th 11am – 5pm in aid of CHSW

This year a completely different set of gardens are making themselves available to the public for this worthy cause. Visitors will be able to wander through, and admire the view from, a range of gardens through the centre of the village and up as far as Tawcroft. So, once again, come and join us and don't forget to stop off at *The Barton* (courtesy of Lucinda & Chris Walsh) where the CHSW Belstone & Area Friends' Group will welcome you with all-day light snacks, cream teas, cakes and beverages.

Map showing participating gardens provided. £3 a head for unlimited visits, children free.

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

BELSTONE LADIES' CLUB

Summer Cream Tea, with Bric-a-Brac stall and Mystery Parcels, will be on Wednesday 28th July – 2.30pm at 'Dorney', courtesy of Gill and David Shott. Proceeds in aid of this year's charities which are: *Shelter Box* and *Devon Air Ambulance*. In Village Hall if wet. New members are always welcome – please contact Peggy Klenk.

AFRICAN ODYSSEY – CONCERT

An evening of African music, dancing and storytelling. Belstone Village Hall **Friday 21st May 7.30pm**. Tickets £7 for adults (£5 for groups of 10 or more) and £5 for children and students. They can be purchased in advance from Chris and Marion Walpole on 01837 840498 or chris.walpole@mypostoffice.co.uk (Also available on the door)

ST MARY'S CHURCH

HOLY SPACE

On Sunday 16th May, the service will be held in Taikoo's garden, starting at 10.15am. The brief early morning Eucharist will be led by pioneer minister, the Revd David Muir, and will have little formal liturgy, using simple symbols appropriate to the garden setting. The symbols will remain in that corner of the garden as a 'holy space' for visitors to spend time in if they wish. David will also be on hand throughout much of the day if you would like to meet him.

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.

CAN YOU HELP YOUR PARISH COUNCIL?

All rural parishes are being asked to produce a Parish Plan to provide everyone with the opportunity to say what they want for their community – be it more effective public transport, affordable housing, local shops, access to better health care or any other facilities. It should involve all groups in the community so, if you would like to be involved or find out more about this, there is a chance at the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 on 18th May in the Village Hall – all parishioners welcome.

For any Parish Council matters, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Blacksell – 840808

BELSTONE ART GROUP

Their annual exhibition will be held over the Bank Holiday weekend, 27th - 29th August. Refreshments available all day. Artworks for sale.

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How beautiful the village looks with spring bursting forth. Let's hope that the weather soon warms up and summer is good!



With the exciting new broadband in the village, if you have access to your own, or a friend's, computer and you haven't yet looked at the website, please find time to do so. We are only able to help keep the world in touch with their family and old friends in Belstone if we have the material to work with! If you have a village event, information to impart, something you want advertised, a complaint or ideas on how we can improve the service, then PLEASE contact us as set out at the bottom of this page. Photos of events are always welcome too. We look forward to hearing from you.

And, while we're on the subject – don't forget to send in your photos to this year's competition. We can take them by email, on a memory stick or straight from your digital camera memory card. If you still take prints or transparencies, that's no problem – we have the technology to convert to digital! No excuses not to get snapping – for a reminder of the rules, either go onto the website or contact Edwina & Robin by one of the more traditional methods.

IT'S PANTO TIME AGAIN! (Oh yes it is!)

Belstone Players AGM - Thurs 8th July
7.00pm in the Village Hall

Followed by a chance to find out about and sign up for *Jack & the Beanstalk*, to be performed late February 2011. Can't make the meeting but want to take part? Ring Eddy on 840332

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The AGM took place on 29th April and Theresa Weaver was elected in as the new Chair for the coming year.

At the end of the meeting Rona Gundry, as president, presented Marion Walpole with a gift, on behalf of us all, to thank her for the wonderful job she has done in her time as manager and for many years before that. Rona highlighted the many hall activities Marion has instigated and, with Chris's help and support, run over the 15 years she has lived in the village. The meeting expressed gratitude to them both for all that they do and appreciation of the fact that, while no longer the manager, Marion will be continuing to support the hall with the innumerable activities that she organises.

Leslie Stickland (Dartmoor House), supported by his wife Ruth, took over the post at the beginning of April and we all wish them well. Leslie's contact number (the new Village Hall phone) is listed below, with names of the new committee.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Malcolm Calder President
Theresa Weaver Chair, Youth Group rep
Colin Lawson Vice Chair
Hetta Pagella Secretary
Chris Walpole Treasurer, Cricket Club rep
Sarah Blacksell
Rona Gundry
Ann Taylor
Dawn Fuller
Alan Moore
Stella Hudson Parish Council rep
Alix Qusted PCC rep
Edwina Hill B'stone Players rep (Chair elect for 2011)

Village Hall Manager – Leslie Stickland

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

100 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG!

The Village Hall centenary celebrations began with gusto on April 17th with the most fantastic village party. The hall warmly welcomed all the hundred plus guests and looked suitably elegant for its hundredth birthday bash. The tables were tastefully decorated with posies from various gardens and the walls were adorned with the framed photographs from last year's photographic competition. The committee room tables were heaving with culinary delights brought for the-bring-and-share supper and a barrel of beer was ready for thirsty revellers. And thirsty we were as the dancing to Bristol based band 'Undercover' began with the first blast of the saxophone and didn't stop until the final encore with all remaining villagers leaping around the dance floor and singing heartily to Hi Ho Silver Lining! Many of the conversations during the evening contained memories of past events held in the hall and the unanimous opinion was that the residents of Belstone are truly privileged to have such a wonderful community facility. It couldn't have been a happier occasion and the perfect way to say 'Happy Hundredth Birthday' to Belstone Village Hall.

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CENTENARY EXHIBITION

The celebration continues over the weekend of 18th & 19th September, with an exhibition to reflect the celebrations of the whole parish over the past century. If you have photos, paintings or scrapbooks of any celebration that took place anywhere within the parish of Belstone over the last 100 years, ring Chris & Marion Walpole 840498 or call in to see them. Share your history!

SEW WHAT?

Do you have some clothing I can re-invent? Can I transform an old favourite? Shall I design and make you an original outfit? Or do you just need something mended? Call Sophia on 840683 or pop in to see her at The Lees Barn, Belstone

VILLAGE FAIR SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2.00pm

*All the usual stalls and more!
Bouncy Castle, Maypole, Grand Draw*

DIARY DATES AT A GLANCE

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

May

16th 10.15am Outdoor Eucharist Taikoo
16th 11am-5.00pm More Belstone Secret Gardens – **see article**
18th 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting – all welcome to attend
21st 7.30pm African Odyssey – **see advert**
22nd Friends of Okehampton Hospital Coffee Morning
22nd 7.30pm Pudding Club. Tickets 840498
29th 10am Cricket Club Car Boot Sale - Rew Meadow. Cars £4
Vans £5 (set up 9am) see posters or ring 840498

June

6th & 13th 2.30-5.30pm Andrews Corner Garden Open for NGS
26th Safari Supper – if interested, ring the Hills on 840332

July

8th 7pm Belstone Players AGM & Panto Meeting
11th 2pm Village Fair in aid of Hall Funds – **see advert**
23rd & 24th 7-10pm Andrews Corner Candlelit Opening for NGS
28th Ladies' Club Summer Cream Tea – **see article**

August

15th 2-5pm Taikoo Garden Open for NGS
27th-29th Belstone Art Group Exhibition – **see article**

ADVANCE NOTICE:

11th September: Pudding Club
18th -19th September: Centenary Exhibition – **see article**
6th November: Craft Fair
20th November: Tom Greeves Talk on East Okement Farm

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BELSTONE SUMMER SUNDAY CREAM TEAS
27th JUNE – 12th SEPTEMBER 2.30-5.30pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL