

## Useful Contacts

### Editors

Eddy & Robin Hill 01837 840332  
edwinarobin\_hill@yahoo.co.uk

### Village Hall Bookings

Marion Walpole (Belstone) 01837 840498  
chris.walpole@freeuk.com

### Youth Group

Theresa Weaver 01837 840459  
bandb@moorlands-house.co.uk  
Carl Wratten 01837 840277  
carlwratten@hotmail.com

### This week's 'Green Tips'

Ann Dickman 01837 840966  
nabila4UK@yahoo.co.uk

## Diary Dates

### JULY

Sun 29: Julia Kuhn's Garden (Broadhayes) Open  
2.30pm

Sun 29: Summer Sunday Cream Teas Village Hall  
2.30 – 5.30pm

### AUG

Wed 2: Belstone Ladies Club Cream Teas for 3  
charities 2.30-5pm at Dorney

Thurs 2: Andrews Corner Candlelit Opening for  
NGS 7-10pm with Wine and Cheese

Sun 5, 12, 19, 26: Summer Sunday Cream Teas  
Village Hall



*"My grandfather rode a camel, my father rode a camel, I drive a Mercedes, my son drives a Land Rover, his son will drive a Land Rover, but his son will ride a camel."*  
— attributed to **Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum**,  
Emir of Dubai

## Green Tips

This month, Ann and Tony Dickman have a couple of tips to share about their solar water heater and radon pump, both of which have proved extremely successful and the results are well worth passing on to anyone else who may be thinking of doing the same.

The water heater supplies all their hot water (even in a dull year) after they switch the Rayburn off in mid-April. In 2006 they used £100 less electricity from April to October compared with 2004.

The radon pump is also working well as their readings have come down from 2000 Bq m<sup>3</sup> to 330 Bq m<sup>3</sup>. However, their house is not directly over surface granite but is on shillet. It may be that this is a more porous rock which could account for the high original reading.

## Hydro Update

At the Commoners' Meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, it was agreed to move forward to the next stage of investigating the possibility of a Hydro plant for Belstone. The group of people interested in taking it forward will carry this out and a Parish meeting will be organised in order to disseminate the information to the community and provide a forum for us all make an informed decision as to whether it should continue and how.

LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AND OTHER INFO.

**For anyone wanting to borrow a copy of the Hydro Feasibility Study, Ann Norman has several copies. You are welcome to call at her house to collect one. (Dagworthy – in the centre of the village before the stocks)**

BEATING THE BOUNDS FILM AND PHOTOS  
SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
7.30PM VILLAGE HALL

# Belstone Green

## Editorial

Belstone  
Village Fair.  
Photo by Frank  
Day



Edition 9 August 07

A slightly  
different  
feel to the

newsletter, this month. It is much more a vehicle for passing on general community news. Many of you will be pleased to read the 'Village Hall' section and glad to be brought up to date. We are thinking of making this a less frequent publication with more of the community news, such as Village Hall updates. Please let us know what you think of this idea and how you feel about the name – should it change to reflect this? Also – would anyone else like to be involved in the publication of the newsletter? Don't be shy . . . let us know what you REALLY feel!!

## Belstone Players and Panto 2008

In view of the Village hall building work it will not be possible to stage "Snow White" in February 2008. Belstone Players apologise to everyone who was expecting to take part but at least we know now, before rehearsals and set/prop making have begun! We are hoping we may be able to reschedule for February 2009 so watch this space. There is to be a committee meeting early in September and a newsletter will be sent to inform all interested parties of our future planning.

This newsletter is printed on 100% recycled paper. Please let us know if you wish to have a large print copy or receive your copy by email.

## Village Hall News

The next stage of the Village Hall refurbishment is due to start at the beginning of September and is expected to take 26 weeks. This will not affect the use of the main part of the hall or kitchen; the regular activities will continue and the hall can still be booked, as usual. However, the present committee room will, of course, be out of use – also the Bar area and the storeroom.

For those of you who are not aware: in order to spread the workload, the Village Hall Committee now limits the term of office of the chairman to one year at a time. The chair then becomes vice chair for one year, followed by one year of presidency.

The current committee is as follows:

Rona Gundry	Chair
Sarah Blacksell	Vice Chair
Hetta Pagella	Secretary
Chris Walpole	Treasurer
Eddy Hill	President
Mark Blacksell	
Marion Walpole	
Ruth Stickland	
Colin Lawson	
Stella Hudson	
Ann Taylor	
Malcolm Calder	Badminton Club rep (Chair Elect for 2008)
Alix Quested	Parish Church Rep
Bob M <sup>c</sup> Donald	Belstone Players rep
Theresa Weaver	Youth Group snr rep
Harry Lawson	Youth Group jnr rep

### HELP

Does anyone still have one of the Wattage and Current Metres that were being shared? We have one, which is awaiting repair, but cannot track the other one down and we have a waiting list. Please let us know if you have any idea as to its whereabouts.

## Village Website

[www.belstonevillage.net](http://www.belstonevillage.net)

We feel that it is time to properly launch the website, at last. Although it has been accessible for some time, there has not been much to see. However, we are busily adding photos, news and information and need feedback as to what else is required.

The purpose of the website is to offer an easier, paper free way of keeping abreast with Belstone news, events and archives. There is no limit to the amount of information we can put on the site so there will be an increasingly larger collection of archive photos which can be viewed and shared with others whenever you like. All the copies of this newsletter and any other such publications from Belstone Groups will also be on there – saves filling up your waste paper bin! For those of you without internet access, opportunities can be made for you to view the site. It is hoped that ‘Old Belstonians’ in Britain and abroad will enjoy some of the nostalgia as well as keeping up with their old friends’ current activities. Fun and gimmicky at first but we hope it will serve a more serious and useful purpose as time goes by.

If you have internet access, please browse the site – it will be quite obvious which areas are still “a work in progress”. There is an email address for you to contact the site editors so we would like to hear from you what you like/don’t like about the site, anything you think we have missed that should be there and what extra items would be useful.

## Nature day

This day was to have taken place on 11<sup>th</sup> August to complement the bio-diversity audit. Unfortunately, due to several circumstances beyond our control, we are no longer able to go ahead as planned. Hopefully, at a later date we will have a series of shorter sessions, over a period of time, including speakers and activities. If anyone has any particular aspect they would like to see added to our timetable, please let us know.

## Biodiversity Audit

The written report of the audit, carried out in April states that it “... does not represent a comprehensive account of the Parish and is based very largely on existing records held by the Devon Biodiversity Records Centre. There will be a wealth of local knowledge that can be used to build upon and improve the report. Indeed, it is important that it is seen as a ‘living document’ and one that belongs to the parish. It is hoped that it will be added to and refined by the people of Belstone Parish in future years.’

If you have any information about the flora or fauna of Belstone that could be added to the audit please, contact Andrew Terry on 01837 840718 or [a.j.terry@ex.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.terry@ex.ac.uk)

Please contact the editors if you would like to read a copy of the audit.

## Belstone Youth Group

The Youth Group continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to Carl and Theresa and activities are much enjoyed by all who take part. New members are always welcome so, if you’re not already involved and would like to be, contact Carl or Theresa.

Recent successful events have included a cooking session and maypoling at the Village Fair – both very much enjoyed by all who took part. Future events can be seen on posters around the village and include table tennis sessions, using the newly arrived table, and a Talent Show night to be held at the end of August. First Rehearsal for this is on Friday 3rd August. Activities after the start of the new term will be advertised during the holidays.

Next committee meeting is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July.