

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Carol Singing Around the Village is on Friday 19th December – meet at “Stonelynk” (Sandra & John Moppett) at 6.00pm. Moor Harmony will, once again, be giving a concert, in church on Saturday 20th December at 5.30pm. The Children's Crib Service is 4pm on Christmas Eve. We hope you can join us.

Team Rector: Rev'd Stephen Cook, 659297.
Team website, www.northmoor-churches.org

Belstone Church Wardens: Michael Ash 840082, Simon Herbert 840693

For service times see church notice board, The Beacon or Village Website

The monthly magazine, 'Northmoor News' contains information on the activities of all the villages and churches in the Northmoor Group. If you would like to subscribe (£3.60 per year), contact Edwina on 840332

BELSTONE PLAYERS

Pantomime Workshop, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November, in the Village Hall, from 10.00am-4.00pm. Come and join in for as long or short a session as you wish – bring a packed lunch if you are staying over lunch time. The Saturday sessions will begin with a general introduction to the history and style of pantomime and we hope to get as many people there as possible to start the weekend off. A timetable of sessions will be posted on the village website and Village Hall notice board from the weekend of the 8th November.

No charge for the workshop but donations would be appreciated for tea, coffee and squash which will be available all day. If you would like to know more about the workshop, contact Edwina Hill on 840332.

FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE S W

Belstone and District's 'Group of Friends of The Children's Hospice South West' are proud to announce that, with your help, we have raised a total of £6,578 at the end of our first year – with a further £6,677 added to our account by other local fundraisers wishing to donate through the Belstone Friends' Group.

We began our second year of fundraising with a "Pampered Chef Party" on Wednesday 22nd October which raised £230 and kick-started another bumper fundraising year. We hope you will continue to support us over the next twelve months.

The really exciting news is that a site has been chosen, in St Austell, for the third hospice. This will offer more choice to families across the South West on which hospice they use. It will also provide a place closer to home for many families from Cornwall and Plymouth, who may find the journey to Little Bridge House and Charlton Farm too far, or would just be happier using a hospice closer to home, friends and family.

For further updates on progress of the new building and information on the work of the Hospice, visit the website on www.chsw.org.uk. For more information on the work of the Belstone Group of Friends ring Angela on 01837 840234

CHSW collect old mobile phones, print cartridges, any used postage stamps and unwanted or broken jewellery (single earrings welcome!).

Please place them in the box in the Village Hall or contact Angela and she will arrange for one of us to collect them from you.

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It still seems a bit early to be thinking of Christmas but, as there will not be another edition before, there are several advance notices to put into your diaries. Look out for posters, nearer the time.

The Village Website is now being updated regularly and we do know that it is being used by people from outside the village to keep them informed. If you have Internet access, please take a few minutes to look at the website and, if possible, let us know if there are more things you would like to see on there. If your group is not represented or if you would like to see more information about yours or any other group, please let us know at: editor@belstonevillage.net or on 840332



DON'T FORGET THE CRAFT FAIR!

SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER
VILLAGE HALL 10.30am-4.30pm.

Ceramics, paintings, photos, cards, pottery, ironwork, wood turning, jewellery and masks.

An excellent place to do that special bit of Christmas shopping – or just browse – in a friendly and convivial atmosphere.

All-day refreshments - Doughtman's Lunches, home made soup and cakes

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

If you haven't yet seen the completed refurbishment, do take the opportunity – perhaps at Thursday Café or the Christmas Coffee Morning? Our warm and spacious Meeting Room can now be accessed by walking along the well-lit path down the side of the hall – avoiding the need to go through any meeting taking place in the main hall. The new upstairs areas are now officially known as the Watchet Room, the Parish Room and the Upper Store. There is also the Lower Store on the ground floor.

Wednesday morning yoga still continues – for information contact Angela Blezard on 54880

There is also a Monday evening yoga class, from 8.00-9.30pm – for information, contact Bob Weaver on 840933

Special forthcoming activities in the Hall: (see “Dates at a Glance”) include Craft Fair (8th Nov); a short introduction to “Finance for the Over 60s” (11th Nov); an Illustrated talk by Chris Walpole on his 21-day trek over the high passes around Mount Everest (29th Nov); Hall Coffee Morning (13th Dec)

To look out for in 2009: International Supper (31st Jan); Dawn Chorus Bird Walk (TBA); Safari Supper (13th June) and Village Fair (12th July)

Regular Village Hall Groups & Contacts:

Badminton Club: Wednesdays from 7pm – 840214

Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays 7.00pm – 840214

Art Group: Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30 – 840498

Café: Thursday mornings 9.30-12.30 – 840498

Post Office: Tue & Thurs 9.30-11.30am

Youth Group: alt Fridays 6.00-7.30pm - 840277

Village Hall Chairman Malcolm Calder 840214

Village Hall Manager Marion Walpole 840498

Other Useful Contacts:

Parish Council Clerk – Sarah Blacksell 840808

Clerk to the Commoners – Ann Norman 840581

PUDDING CLUB

The Autumn Meeting was a complete sell out, with many would-be diners missing their chance of a ticket, and raised £250 for Shelter Box, plus a further £90 received from donations. The Okehampton Rotary Club will donate the balance up to the cost of an individual box and we will be able to track its progress, when it is used. Many thanks to Marion, Julia and Chris.

The Winter Meeting – on Saturday 17th January 2009 will be in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. Book early to avoid disappointment – Marion on 840498

YOUTH GROUP

Meet once a fortnight from 6.00-7.30pm – only three more before Christmas:

14th Nov Sports Night

28th Nov Christmas Craft Night

12th Dec Christmas Party

For after-Christmas activities, look out for posters around the village.

Ladies' Club Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6th December

Belstone Village Hall

* 2.00-4.00pm *

BELSTONE PLAYERS PRESENT PANTO 2009

SNOW WHITE & SEVERAL DWARFS

Fridays and Saturdays 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th Feb

Evenings 7.30pm – Sat Matinees 2.30pm

Tickets on sale early January from

Marion Walpole 840498

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING & * HUNDRED CLUB GRAND DRAW *

Saturday 13th Dec 11.00am

Coffee * Mince Pies * Mulled Wine

* Entrance 50p *

DATES AT A GLANCE

(In Village Hall, unless otherwise noted)

Nov

Sat 8th 10.30am-4.30pm Belstone Craft Fair

Tue 11th 1.30-3.30pm A Short Introduction to 'Finance for the Over 60's' – refreshments provided. Ring Penny Westlake on 0781 697 3926 for details

Sat 15th/Sun 16th 10.00am-4.00pm Pantomime Workshop

Thur 27th 7.30pm Garden Club 'Growing and Exhibiting Hostas'

Sat 29th 7.30pm High Passes of Everest – Talk and film by Chris Walpole

Dec

Sat 6th 2-4pm Ladies' Club Christmas Bazaar

Sat 13th 11.00am V H Christmas Coffee Morning

Fri 19th 6.00pm Carol singing around the village

Sat 20th 5.30pm Moor Harmony concert in church

Wed 24th 4.00 Children's Crib Service in church

Jan

Sat 17th 7.30pm Pudding Club Winter meeting – in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance

Thur 22nd 7.30pm Garden Club '50 Years of Marwood Hill Gardens'

Sat 31st 7.30pm International Supper

Feb

Sun 8th 11.00am-4.00pm Snowdrop Sunday, Andrew's Corner, in aid of the CHSW

CAKES FOR CRAFT FAIR REFRESHMENTS

IF YOU CAN PROVIDE A CAKE (OR TWO), PLEASE LET EDWINA & ROBIN KNOW ON 840332. CAKES CAN BE BROUGHT TO US, WE CAN COLLECT OR YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE HALL ON THE DAY