

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

This year it is Belstone with Sticklepath's turn to host the Northmoor Group Flower Festival so this will take place in Belstone Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. All Northmoor Churches will be taking part and the theme is "Celebrations" Come and have a coffee and enjoy viewing the displays in our beautiful church

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

## FRIENDS OF CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SW

Many thanks to all who supported this year's "Snowdrop Sunday", organised by the Belstone Friends' Group. With your help we made over £400!

For further information on CHSW or the Belstone Friends contact Angela Hammond on 840234

## BELSTONE LADIES' CLUB

Summer Cream Tea will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July – 2.30pm at 'Dorney', courtesy of Gill Shott, in aid of this year's charities which are: *Rapid-UK*, *Greatwood* (retired racehorse charity which works with children with special educational needs) and *Camphill Trust* (working with people with learning disabilities, mental health problems and other special needs). Village Hall if wet.

New members are always welcome – please contact Peggy Klenk.

## BELSTONE PLAYERS

AGM and Pantomime Film show on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. AGM at 7.00, followed by Panto DVD with wine, squash and nibbles. Everyone invited

## PARISH COUNCIL

26<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Meeting, in the Village Hall – for all parishioners.

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

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The photographic competition has now been going for a couple of months and we have a lovely collection of 'snow' pictures. This competition is for residents and non residents so please get your family and friends to get snapping when they come to stay this summer. We would love to have more photos taken by the young people of the village (there is an under 18 age group) All the information about the competition is on the website or can be obtained from Edwina or Robin Hill 840332 or [edwinarobinhill@btinternet.com](mailto:edwinarobinhill@btinternet.com)

## SECRET GARDENS OF SKAIGH SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 11am – 5pm

### In aid of the Children's Hospice South West

With a few changes from last year, Skaigh Lane gardens are making themselves available to the public for this worthy cause so come and join us, have a light snack at *Stonelynk* (courtesy of the Moppetts), share ideas with or check out the view from the gardens of friends and neighbours or just join in a fun day. Let's see if we can beat the amazing total of last year's fundraising.

Parking in Dick Norrish's field opposite *Stonelynk* (or village car park). Map of participating gardens provided. £3 a head for unlimited visits, children free.

## Belstone Village Voice

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So much going on in Belstone over the next few months so make sure you don't miss anything! If you want to find out more about local history and geography you would do well to join Chris Walpole on one of his fascinating and informative walks – always full of information and sightings of interesting landmarks that many of us have not noticed before. Luckily for us, he is leading one such walk on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – entitled Leats, Big Wheels and the Belstone Mining Company. Followed by a cream tea in the Hall – donations. for the Hall. More information about the walk can be found on the community website. Hope to see you on 23<sup>rd</sup> May!

## BROADBAND FOR ALL

A group of villagers unable to get broadband through BT have been working with Northlew to try to find a way round the problem. A lot has been going on behind the scenes to ascertain the feasibility of this project and to obtain funding. If you have any interest in broadband for Belstone, even if you already have this facility, it is worth looking at the Northlew website <http://northlew.net> where everything is explained. They are very keen that as many people as possible should register an interest – this does not commit you to anything.

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**edwinarobinhill@btinternet.com** We can also be contacted through the village website [www.belstonevillage.net](http://www.belstonevillage.net)

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Following on from last year's big refurbishment project, the Village Hall has now been able to upgrade the staging facilities. With the help of a £2000 contribution from the Belstone Players, towards the cost, they have been able to have flooring put under the existing stage and purchase demountable staging which fits under the stage and is able to be removed and replaced with little fuss by any group who wishes to use it. Many thanks to the Village Hall from Belstone Players – no more creaking boards or danger of slipping through the cracks during pantos! A great asset to the Hall for a users too. The Players hope to have it on show a their AGM.

### Regular Village Hall Groups & Contacts:

Monday Yoga: 8-9,30pm – 840933

Wednesday Yoga:10am Angela Blezard 54880

Ballroom Dancing: Tuesdays – 840214

Badminton Club: Wednesdays from 7pm – 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 6-7.30 – 840549

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Colin Lawson	Chair	849114
Malcolm Calder	Vice Chair, Badminton Club rep	
Rona Gundry	President	
Hetta Pagella	Secretary	
Chris Walpole	Treasurer, Cricket Club rep	
Sarah Blacksell		
Ann Taylor		
Lesley Stickland		
Ian Luke		
Stella Hudson	Parish Council	
Alix Qusted	Parochial Church Council	
Bob M <sup>c</sup> Donald	Belstone Players	
Theresa Weaver	Youth Group	

Village Hall Manager – Marion Walpole 840498

For Bookings contact the Hall Manager

## VILLAGE FAIR SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2.00pm

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

### BELSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Belstone's cricket season is well underway, in fact for the first time in six years we actually played the opening game on the Fixture List, on a sunny Easter Sunday. The team now play on Sundays in the North Devon League which will take us to a lot of exotic new venues like Heathcote, Nomansland and Bishops Nympton. Weekday evenings see the popular Twenty20 games played for the Buckley Cup against Hatherleigh Colts, North Tawton, Spreyton, Sticklepath, Yeoford and current cup-holders Tedburn St Mary.

New players are always welcome - come along to the practise nights for Seniors on Fridays from 6pm and for Colts on Monday evenings from 6pm.

Spectators very welcome too - check out the new information board at the Rew Meadow gate to see which home game is coming up next. There's also lots more information on [www.belstonecricket.co.uk](http://www.belstonecricket.co.uk) or from Chris Walpole on 01837 840498.

### THE BELSTONE COMMONERS

The Commoners would like to remind you 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.

### DATES AT A GLANCE

#### May

Sun 3: NGS opening – Andrews Corner 2.30-5.30  
Fri 8: Quiz in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust – VH 7.30pm

Sat 9: Pudding Club – VH 7.30pm in aid of Rapid-UK

Sun 10: NGS opening – Andrews Corner 2.30-5.30

Wed 13: Fashion Show – VH 7.30pm

Thurs 14: NGS Candlelit opening – Andrews Corner 7-10pm

Sun 17: Secret Gardens of Skaigh

Sat 23: Village Walk. Start VH 1.30pm, return for cream tea

Sun 24: NGS openings – Taikoo 2.00-5.00

Andrews Corner 2.30-5.30

Tue 26: Annual Parish Meeting VH

Sun 31: NGS opening – Andrews Corner 2.30-5.30

#### June

Thurs 4: County Council and European Elections VH 7am – 10pm

Thurs 11: West Devon Outreach (PCT) at Café 10am-12noon

Fri 12: Belstone Players' AGM VH 7.00pm

Sat 13: Safari Supper

#### July

Fri 3-Sun 5: Church Flower Festival

Sun 12: Village Fair 2pm

Sat 25/Sun 26: Art Group Exhibition Preview – VH

Wed 29: Ladies' Club Cream Tea

#### August

Thurs 7: NGS Candlelit opening – Andrews Corner 7-10pm

### LONG TERM DATES!

So you can plan your diary . . .

#### 2010

Feb 6: International Supper

July 11: Village Fair

Nov 6: Craft Fair