

## Share Purchase Form

Investors must be over the age of 16. Please complete the form below & return with a cheque to:  
The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd. c/o Kathryn Sharpe, 4 Prospect Terrace Belthorn, Lancs, BB1 2NS

Name:

Full address (including post code):

Bank Account Details – where interest payments will be made

Account Name:  Sort Code:

Account Number:

E-mail Address:  Phone No.

No. of shares you wish to acquire:

(Shares cost £1 each. Minimum £250, maximum £25,000)

Value of the shares purchased: £

Please make cheques payable to The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd

By investing I agree to my name, address, phone number, email address (where applicable), amount invested and number of shares allocated to me being held on a computer database. The amounts or sums invested by individual members will be confidential. I understand that this information will be used for the purpose of maintaining a register of members as required by the rules of the Society and will not be passed to third parties.

Signed:  Date:

**Volunteer Form** Any offer of time, materials or skills would be fantastic. Please either return this form to: The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd. c/o Kathryn Sharpe, 4 Prospect Terrace Belthorn, Lancs, BB1 2PP or simply email your offer to [admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net](mailto:admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net)

I can help The Dog Inn by:

Name:

Contact Details:

For further information

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

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The Dog Community Action Group

No. 2



# Dog's LIFE

DOG  
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Your Community Freehouse News - October 2015

Well, it took a while, but we are finally there. Contracts were exchanged and the deal was completed on Wednesday 2nd September. So now the hard work starts, getting the pub ready to re-open as soon as possible!



## A BIG WELCOME TO GEOFF

**We extend a very warm welcome to Geoff Maskell who has been appointed as bar manager. We hope you will all get to know Geoff personally in due course, so here are some details about his background and interests, and why he wants to work at The Dog Inn at Belthorn.**

"I'm originally from Manchester and I left school to start a Goldsmith apprenticeship. At 18, I then moved to Scotland to follow my heart's desire to work outdoors and spent a season running youth hostels. I then returned for 2 yrs to work for local countryside services.

After gaining a qualification in countryside management I've spent my career working

in conservation up and down the country, 9 years was with Dorset Wildlife Trust as 'Volunteers Manager' and 1 year as Allotments Officer for Kendal Town Council.

Throughout my career I have worked with youth & community groups, been Chairman of 2 community centres and Chairman of 3 successful carnivals and beer festivals. For the last 5 years I have been the proprietor of 'Kingfisher Grounds Service', based in Kendal and carry out regular maintenance, landscaping and Tree Surgery.

The role of Bar Manager gives me an exciting opportunity to learn new skills whilst also allowing me to use my knowledge

and experience to assist in developing the facilities that The Dog Inn has to offer the community and surrounding areas. As a Folk Musician and real ale fan I would like to see the pub used by people with like minded interests.

I am a bit of a 'foodie' snob and can't wait to see the restaurant open. Quality food, amazing views and friendly service should promote the Dog Inn as a leading eatery in the local area (hopefully using some home grown produce).

I have already met and worked with some volunteers who've made this unique venture happen and look forward to meeting many more of you shortly!"

# Knick-knacks needed!

We are looking for equipment to furnish the shop and café. In particular, we are looking for donations of: teapots, trays, milk jugs, cake stands, cake covers, tea towels, cake tongues/slicers and tea cosies.

We thought it might be quite nice if the pub and café had a "dog" and "village" theme, so in addition we are looking for knick-knacks, ornaments, salt and pepper cellars, etc that

would fit with the theme of dogs or the village, and also pictures of dogs or the village to adorn the walls.



Please don't bring these in yet, as we are limited in storage space until the refurbishment has been finished - but if you have any items, please hold on to them for us.

Also, we require an under-counter fridge and small freezer - if anyone has either in working order, please contact Diane Fallon at 132 Belthorn Road.

## Staff wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the shop and café - mainly at weekends, but any further volunteers would be welcome.

We will also be looking to recruit bar staff, so if you are interested, please contact us at [vacancies@thedoginnatbelthorn.net](mailto:vacancies@thedoginnatbelthorn.net).

We also welcome volunteers who would like to help with serving behind the bar.

The volunteer rota for the shop is still missing people to volunteer at the weekend. If anyone is free - maybe just one Saturday or Sunday afternoon per month, please contact Diane at 132 Belthorn Road.

## Community Gardens

In addition we hope that over the winter months, work can start converting the field at the back of the pub into community gardens. Anyone interested in renting a patch of ground,

or willing to help with this project is encouraged to get in touch as soon as possible via [communitygardens@thedoginnatbelthorn.net](mailto:communitygardens@thedoginnatbelthorn.net)



### Timescales

We realise that we have slipped way behind the original timescale suggested in the first edition of Dog's Life. However, this was due to circumstances beyond our control - and as anyone who has ever bought a house probably knows - these things nearly always take longer than anticipated. However, we are there now, so here is a new proposed timetable for the work and the re-opening.

**COMPLETION OF PURCHASE:**  
Achieved on 02.09.15 !!

**BAR & SHOP REFURBISHMENT:**  
To be completed by end of October 2015 which will hopefully be in time for a children's Halloween party and perhaps a Bonfire Night celebration a week later - fingers crossed!!)

**RESTAURANT OPENS FOR FOOD:**  
Spring 2016.

## More news...

### Open mornings

We plan to hold regular open mornings on Saturdays 10-12 when people can pop along and help with whatever jobs are on-going. It would be great if as many people as possible could get involved with these. A huge thank you to those who have already helped out.



Our fantastic volunteers taking a well earned refreshment break!

### Funding

Whilst we have raised a huge amount through the share offer (shares still available - please see back page), we are still in need of money. We have a great team who are working hard in applying for various grants, we are extremely grateful to them for all their hard work.

We have already received a £400 cheque from the Duchy of Lancaster, for the purchase of a printer and related supplies, which has been put to good use printing off this newsletter!

## Let there be lights!



**A massive well done to Sam Edwards for completing the Great North Run and raising sponsorship money to purchase Christmas decorations in Belthorn.**

Over 50,000 took part in the famous event and amongst them was Sam running her

1st half marathon. "I had a great time and I'm very grateful for the support and sponsorship." said Sam.

Her fantastic effort has raised well over £650 which will purchase some Christmas decorations for Belthorn, including some Christmas lights for the tree (which is provided by the council).

Thanks to Sam, the Dog Inn will now add some sparkle to this year's village festivities. Any further donations would still be gratefully received. Please email [samedwards2004@hotmail.com](mailto:samedwards2004@hotmail.com) or call 0782 8717899.

## Brewing up for Macmillan

By our junior reporter, GEORGIE BROWN (age 10)

**A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped out at the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Dog Inn, we raised an enormous £390!**



It was a great success and well over 100 people came to support those in need, as well as to the Dog Inn. Special thanks to Diane and her team for organising the coffee morning and to all of the community action group, without whom the morning wouldn't have been possible. It is amazing that halfway through the refurbishment

we were able to hold such a stunning event and thanks to all the crew who tidied up the pub so it didn't look a total mess.

Just a reminder if you left early that the unclaimed raffle prizes are as follows: 136, 66, 137 & 71. If these tickets are yours please contact us [admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net](mailto:admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net)