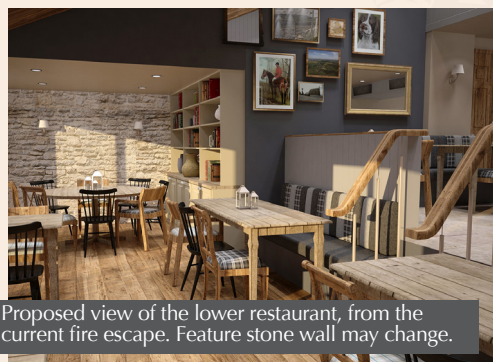


# Restaurant Visuals



Proposed side view of upper restaurant, with serving area, and lower restaurant, with full-height windows/doors, and also raised ceiling where the building allows.



Proposed view of the lower restaurant, from the current fire escape. Feature stone wall may change.



Proposed lower restaurant, looking back towards steps down from the upper restaurant and fire escape.



Proposed view of the upper restaurant area, looking down into the lower area, with the full height windows / doors.

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# Dog's LIFE

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Your Community Freehouse News - March 2016

Welcome to the 4th Dog's Life. We've had a successful period over Christmas and New Year, and have now weathered the quiet months of Jan & Feb. It is now time to look forward to the longer days, nicer weather and making the most of all of the Dog Inn's potential!



## COMMUNITY GARDENS TAKE ROOT

Spring is now officially in the air, and after a weekend of hole digging and tree planting, work on the new community gardens at the rear of the pub has now started.

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## A RE-DESIGN ON THE MENU

We have enlisted the help of a spatial design company, Field, of Burnley, to pull together some ideas of what the restaurant could look like after refurbishment.

It is planned to move the steps down to the lower restaurant area back to the centre of the room (where they were a few years ago), and raise the ceiling of some of the lower restaurant area.

Full-length windows in the lower restaurant area will make the most of the stunning views that the Dog Inn has to offer, and may also be able to open out onto an

outdoor decking / seating area in the future.

We also plan to move the café area into the restaurant, by creating a serving counter from the current kitchen, and therefore leaving the existing café serving area to operate as a shop.

All of these plans are subject to change, depending on what is found by the refurbishment team during the works.

Turn to the back cover to see some of the ideas or to see them in more detail visit our website or call in to the pub and ask to see the print outs.

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### Open Hours:

Mon to Wed: 5pm - 11pm  
Thurs: 5pm - midnight  
Fri: 12pm - midnight  
Sat: 12pm - midnight  
Sun: 12pm - 11pm

### Coffee Shop

Mon to Fri: 2pm - 5pm  
Sat: From 10am  
Sun: From 10am (TBC)



# Welcome Back

We would like to extend a very warm “welcome back” to Lucy, who has recently returned to work in the pub, after being away since being injured in a car accident on her way to work in the pub on New Year’s Eve. We are extremely pleased to see that Lucy has made a full recovery, and welcome her back to the team – from which she has been very much missed.

We would also like to welcome our three new Directors, who were recently co-opted on to the Board to help us move forward with the next phases of the

redevelopment. They are: Jason Slack, Kevin Kraushaar and Steven Horrocks.

Unfortunately, after working for us for 3 months, Shane Gould, the bar manager, left by mutual agreement. We thank him for all his hard work getting the pub up and running, and wish him well in his future career.

Until such time as we have appointed a new bar manager, the pub continues to be run by our dedicated bar staff: Emma, Lucy, Corey and our new recruit, Sammie Gibson, who we warmly to welcome to the team.

## Annual General Meeting

**The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd will be holding its first Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25th May 2016.**

This will be an opportunity to come along and see the progress made so far, and to get an update on future developments.

The current Board of Directors, including the three newly co-opted members, will stand down, and a new Board will be elected. The existing Board members are all welcome to stand for re-election, and in addition, any Shareholder is welcome to put themselves forward to become a Board member.

Further details will be provided nearer the time.



## Dates for the Diary

We are going to be closed on the following Mondays, to allow refurbishment of the upstairs rooms: **Mon 21st March & Mon 4th April.**

### Members’ Surgery

2nd Monday of the month, 7-8pm. A chance for shareholders to share their comments & suggestions.

### Open Mic

2nd Sunday of the month, 2-6pm. Everyone welcome!

### Quiz Nights

Every Thursday night, 8pm. Come along and join in the fun! £1 per person entry, bar open till midnight.

### Bingo nights

3rd Wednesday of the month.

### The History Society

3rd Monday of the month, 7.30pm (this month Tues 22nd March, due to refurbishments).

### The Village Committee:

1st Monday of alternate months, 7.30pm: this meeting is preceded at 7pm by the PACT (Police And Community Together) meeting. Due to on-going refurbishments, the next meetings will be 5th April.

### Football:

Village footballers play 6-a-side at DW sports every Tuesday evening, 7-8pm returning to the pub for food & drinks (food is kindly supplied by Sara McAnish). For info, Garry Ryan 07411 054389

## Eggs, and Volunteers!

The shop team would like to know if anyone locally has free-range eggs that they’d like to supply to the shop.

Also, we need extra volunteers to work in the Café on both Saturday and Sunday mornings (10-12pm). Additional volunteers for any other shifts during the week would also be welcome. Previous experience is not required and training will be given. Please contact Diane at 132 Belthorn Rd if you can help with either of these.

## Funding news

**We have finally received “change of use” planning consent for the creation of a village shop, and to convert the upstairs rooms, (formally accommodation), into community rooms.**

This is great news, allowing us to move forward with redevelopment and refurbishments. Also, we have been granted £10,000 by the Big Lottery Fund towards building refurbishment, and £30,000 from Lancashire Environmental Fund towards the refurbishment of the restaurant & kitchen area.

This is in addition to the £7500 awarded from the WM & BW Lloyd Trust (Darwen) and £2500 from the Leech Trust for the refurbishment of the community rooms.

# Gardens Take Root

By our junior reporter, **GEORGIE BROWN**



Left: Tree Planters, Eva Banks and Sammy Brown.  
Above: Champion Hole Digger, Dara Slack

**On Saturday 12th of March, the community of Belthorn came together to plant a range of trees along the fence-line of the pub’s land.**

With a massive total of 404 trees planted, the gardens should really start to take shape soon.

The Woodland Trust have kindly donated a selection of trees and bushes including

Holly, Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Elder and Cherry which should hopefully encourage lots of wildlife such as birds, butterflies, bees and bugs.

Hopefully the line of trees will also form a windbreak for the beer garden and community gardens. Around 20 village volunteers came to support the project, dig holes, plant trees and get their hands dirty.

## Easter Egg-citement!

**On Easter Monday, 2pm, there will be a variety of Easter-themed events at the Dog Inn, organised by Belthorn Village Committee.**

These will include an Easter egg hunt, a pace-egg

competition and an Easter bonnet parade. Entry to each competition is 50p. The Easter bonnet parade is open to men, women and children.

