

In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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Hello,

welcome to August's newsletter!
There has been plenty going on in the past few months and inside this issue we have updates from the Walton WI, the Allotment Society, the Greening Walton project and footpaths.

We are looking at the footpaths in Walton and how we can ensure they are fit for purpose. Please see page 5 for details of this and do get in touch with your feedback.

In addition to our regular village events, detailed on page 6, we also have the Walton Family Fun Day coming up on Saturday 12th September - this promises to be another fantastic family event with live music, food, drink, stalls and plenty of entertainment.

There is also a barn dance in the village hall, hosted by Walton Church, and details of this can be found on page 6.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, until then, all the best.

Naomi

**WALTON
FAMILY FUN DAY**
**Saturday 14th September
2019**

CAR BOOT SALE
SIDE STALLS
BOUNCY CASTLE
**AGRICULTURAL DIS-
PLAYS**
FERRET RACING
HARVEST SHOW
TEA, COFFEE & CAKES
BBQ

**BAR - REAL ALES, LAGER,
LOCAL CIDER, WINES &
SOFT DRINKS**

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
WITH TWO GREAT
LIVE BANDS -**
**Harlem Rhythm Cats &
FAIRPLAY**

Fun for all the family - whatever the weather!
*** GRAND FIREWORK FINALE ***

**WALTON PLAYING FIELDS
WALTON
BA16 9LA**

Raising funds for Walton Village Hall
Charity No 1055017
www.waltonvillagehall.org



Live Music playing through the evening
- parental supervision of children required -

Car parking restricted to Asney Road entrance to
ensure access for Emergency Services

A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE

Neighbourhood Watch

By Bob Musgrave

Here are some words on the increasing attempts of fraudsters to steal our money

Fraudsters are spoofing genuine HMRC telephone numbers to deceive their victims over the phone. They state that as a result of the victim's non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable for prosecution or other legal proceedings in order to settle the balance. The fraudsters suggest victims can avoid this, by arranging immediate payment by methods such as bank transfer or by purchasing gift cards. If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, threats are made such as immediate arrest, sending bailiffs to the victim's address or, in some cases, deportation. Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims.

In genuine cases, HMRC will initially make direct contact with you via post/letter and potentially follow up that letter with a phone call at a later date.

If HMRC contact you via telephone they will quote the reference number on the initial letter you should have received. HMRC will not discuss something you are not already aware of, like a tax investigation, and will NOT demand immediate payment.

- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.
- Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, you can report this as phishing to Action Fraud

Important

There have been recent incidents in Walton of livestock being killed by dogs who are not kept on leads.

This is a rural community surrounded by farm land - if you walk dogs locally you need to follow the countryside code.

In most rural areas where there is a public right of way across privately owned land, the right of way will consist of a set footpath only and not usually the right to roam across the wider area of the field. Keep your dog on the path, and on a lead if that is what is needed to keep them on the path.



keep all dogs on a lead at all times when walking on footpaths in or near fields of livestock.

Remember to follow any signs and instructions about areas where dogs may not be allowed to go. **Just because a patch of land is outdoors does not mean that dogs have an automatic right of entry!**

You should leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home. This includes clearing up after your dog. Make sure that you keep an eye on where the dog is going to the toilet and that you clear up after.

You may have to go for some distance before you will find a suitable dog waste bin, but don't be tempted to dump your baggies in hedges or bushes.

The countryside code's first line states **"consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors."**

Please do.

WALTON ALLOTMENTS

THE FIRST 5 YEARS



The photo left was taken from the gate in May 2014 and by November 2014 it looked like the picture with the tractor below. The site is peaceful and beautiful and there are views of Glastonbury Tor, Walton

Windmill and the A39 if you stand and look round. After a great deal of work by the Parish Council between 2011 and 2014 the allotment site was purchased, fenced and a water supply installed. A few people met with the area representative from The National Allotment Association (NAS) in April 2014 to discuss how to set up the allotments once the site was signed over. It seemed very daunting to begin with but we had guidance and formed a committee to work on the plans. The committee met regularly and discussions were wide ranging with the topic of footpaths between the plots being discussed many times. NAS advice was to not include footpaths between the plots which seemed very strange to many prospective plot holders but



this guidance was followed after a lot of discussion and deliberation and it has proved to be the right decision.

On 13th September 2014, the Chair of Walton Allotment

Society signed the agreement with the Parish Council and the plans became a reality. The 24 plots were all marked out in September/October 2014 and the photo above shows manure being delivered to the plots.

It was with great excitement that the first 16 plot holders took charge of their plots (drawn by ballot) on 19th October 2014. Spring 2015 brought a broad bean harvest and a lot of hard work to turn what had been a field into ground which would produce vegetables. Sheds were erected and ground dug and prepared.

By Spring 2015 the water supply from the trough had been extended and now includes taps close to all plots.

Early in 2016, it was suggested that one of the plots should be converted to a communal



plot with a shed, seating and fruit trees. This is a popular addition to the site and used regularly. In 2017, the site looked like this ...

We have received several grants from different bodies including Walton Parish Council and have used these funds



to improve the car parking area, purchase the communal shed, equipment and improve the fencing by raising the height of the fence. More recently we received a grant for some electric fencing. In the first couple of years, we had a rabbit problem and discovered that some rabbits could easily jump the fence and in the last two years we have had visits from badgers who love sweetcorn. At present we are not bothered by either of these but we are constantly on the look out for visitors! So, five years on and we are very proud of our allotment site.



All the plots are let and each one is different in layout, method of cultivation and produce grown. There are some chickens on a couple of plots and a poly tunnel on another

plot which looks very useful in wet weather. We have made huge progress in five years and look forward to the future with enthusiasm and pleasure. Walton is so fortunate to have a permanent allotment site which can be enjoyed by everyone. There is an option to extend the site when the waiting list is long enough so please, if you are interested, get in touch by email and put your name on the waiting list. This is such a great way to meet people, get exercise and also take home some delicious home grown produce - Nothing tastes as good - and the hard work is well worth while.

Contact: waltonallotmentsociety@gmail.com

Handball Locally...

Strode College student and Walton resident, 17 year old Joe Nelson has just returned from Sweden as part of the Great Britain under 17 handball team who competed in the European Open Competition held in Gothenburg. The 16 strong squad were amongst 23 other national teams including some of the best in Europe. Great Britain were drawn in a tough group and faced host nation Sweden, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Estonia and Russia. Handball in the UK is a relatively new sport which has seen a rapid increase within schools and clubs since the 2012 Olympics where Great Britain participated as the host nation. Many of those team members now coach with clubs and as part of the national development programme which Joe is part of. Joe was introduced to handball whilst at Crispin School as part of his PE lessons. Soon he had joined Somerset Spartans and was playing for Somerset and South West Academy and captained the Crispin School team to victory in the National Schools tournament in 2017. Last year Joe gained his first International honours as part of the England Futures squad at a tournament in Denmark and is now hoping to spend a year in Denmark at a specialist handball academy when he completes his studies at Strode College next August. Joe will have little downtime over the summer as he turns his attention to pre-season training and selection for the next Great Britain tournament in Portugal this September. Funding for handball is very limited and is unfortunately not supported via the National Lottery. Joe is wholly reliant on donations and family to support his progression within this exhilarating sport which he combines with his studies and part time work.



If you would like further information about handball for your child please contact:
the-nelson4@hotmail.com

Greening Walton

The second flower bed has been installed, this one is at the bottom of Bramble Hill to provide a wild flower display as you enter the village from the Ashcott direction. Council has also received confirmation that the **Woodland Trust** will be delivering 420 saplings [free of charge] late this autumn for planting new hedgerows at the field in East Mead lane, so keep your eyes open for dates and get involved with the tree planting and Greening Walton.



The Bypass

As some of you may be aware, the Peninsula Transport Group [which includes the Mendip area] recently agreed to put forward the Walton / Ashcott bypass to the Department of Transport [DOT] for funding and action under the 'Large Local Major Scheme'. The bypass is ranked as very high value for money with an initial estimated cost of £90 million.

This is the very start of a process which will include the completion and submission of a 'strategic outline business case' by Somerset CC in July - the first stage in making the case for investment.

An announcement of successful schemes is expected from the DOT by end of this year with a gradual release of information about further successful schemes and a staged release of funds up to 2025.

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

~ A brief consultation ~

Your parish council is currently looking at the footpaths leading up toward the iconic Walton Windmill from the village, with a view to improving access by potentially replacing styles with metal self closing gates.

Concerns about footpaths not being accessible were brought to the attention of the council by local residents and this potentially long term project is very much in its early stages.

- What are your opinions about improving the accessibility of our local footpaths?
- What are your opinions about the routes currently being considered?
- Do you have a favourite footpath that you would like to be considered for improvement in this manner?
- If you are a land owner with styles on your property what are your considerations about their improvement?

It should be stated that all footpath walkers should stick to the paths as marked, follow the Countryside Code and always keep dogs on leads and under control at all times.

People who do not follow these rules give all walkers a bad reputation and can cause damage to property, crops and livestock.

Please let the parish council know your views about the footpath improvements project via the parish clerk by email to: clerk@waltonpc.org

or by letter to: The Parish Clerk, 21 Bere Lane Glastonbury BA6 8BD



Walking Walton Footpaths

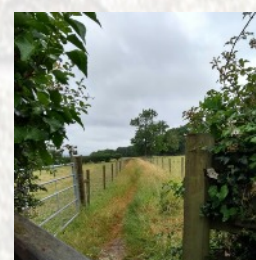
Please join us on our walks

Next Walk October 12th

Meet outside Walton Church at
10.30am

If you would like to know more,
call 0738 628836

Please be aware that you will need to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for our country footpaths, which may include fields, stiles, muddy conditions etc. Walkers are responsible for their own health and safety!



Footpath Maintenance

If you have concerns regarding footpaths in or around the village - like problems with stiles or paths being overgrown - then please contact:

Cllr. SIMON LOADER

simon.loader1@tiscali.co.uk

Or leave a message with the Parish Clerk
Helen 07399 040 667



Holy Trinity Church Walton

Thank you to those that took the time to return the recent surveys. We had 39 returned from 500 delivered. A wide range of answers that we have evaluated to help the profile team formulate a profile to advertise for the post of new Rector. Meanwhile, we continue to keep the Church running as before with weekly services, coffee mornings and midweek service, plus Kids Church.

We have held many fundraising events this year and some community social events that a few have attended.

Family Barn Dance 23rd September

We look forward to a barn dance in the village hall on the 23rd September to raise money towards the £1000 needed to advertise the vacancy in the Church Times. This is a benifice event jointly run by all 4 Churches. Do get in touch with me, Sandra Gristock, [via the church] if you would like to join us for this fun evening. The tickets are £8 or £4 for children and will include a hotdog supper.

Usual Service Dates

Our service format stays the same at the moment.

1st Sunday. Taize

2nd Sunday. Communion.

3rd Sunday. Informal songs around the piano.

4th Sunday. Family service.

If there is a 5th Sunday this will be a benifice service and rotates between the 4 Churches.

~ Dates ~

For your diary

Thursday 12th September

7.30pm WI at the Village Hall - Jill Perryman talking about '57 Cathedrals- a Quirky Perspective' & competition 'A Ship in any Medium'. New members & visitors are very welcome

Saturday 14th September

Annual Village Fun Day & Harvest show at the village hall and playing field from 1pm to late. Car parking at Asney Road entrance ONLY

23rd September

Family Barn Dance at the village hall - tickets from Sandra Gristock via the Church.

Friday 4th October.

Our Church harvest supper will be held at the Royal Oak thanks to Steve's kindness so tickets will be limited to 50. Contact the Church

October 6th at 10.00.

Church Harvest service All are very welcome

~Village Regular events~

- Church coffee mornings which are every Thursday at 10.30 -11.30.
- Meet & Greet - village Hall- 1st Wednesday of every month in the village hall lounge 2pm to 4pm
- Knit & Natter - village hall- 3rd Wednesday of every month in the village hall lounge 2pm to 4pm
- Men's Shed - Hempitts Farm Hempitts Road Tues 9am to 1pm & Thurs 12.30pm to 4.30pm

An Area needing help

There is an area close to the garages at Chancellors Close that needs some care and attention, some local residents used to keep the area looking clean and colourful however they are no longer able to do so and it is getting unkempt and litter is being left there - the parish council is looking for volunteers to create something special here that will be a pleasure to look at as you walk past on the footpath - if council clears the plot would you like to volunteer? If you are a keen gardener with a bit of time to spare and a creative mind please get in touch - clerk@waltonpc.org or speak to one of your local councillors and offer your support to keep our village looking lovely.



Walton W.I.

It has been another eventful three months for us. On Sunday afternoons our monthly garden tours have been around Forde Abbey, a local bee conservation garden in Walton & Sutton Hoosey Manor in Long Sutton. In addition, 'Explore your Local Area' visits have taken us to Fragrant Earth in Glastonbury where we made multi-purpose lotions & to Newton House Gin in Newton Surmaville for a guided tour followed by cream teas & tasting.



During the last three evening meetings we have had the AGM ending with an in-house skit, enjoyed an amusing talk from a local writer

returning for his third visit & were treated to an 'ABBA Film Night' with full cinema experience provided by the committee with some of us dressed in 70s style gear.

Socially, as well as our normal pastimes of table tennis, craftwork, 'Ladies Who Lunch' & croquet, we have held away kurling gigs for St Audries & Kingston St Mary W.I.s. Our singers have also had a successful return gig in Northleaze & the skittles team is progressing well in the W.I. Polden Group Cup with wins against Puriton & Ashcott.

Walton W.I. has supported County organised events including a tour of the Ashford Water Treatment Works, the County Croquet Pairs Tournament at Taunton Dene where our entrants were second & joint third & the County Quiz in Puriton. There was also a Group visit to Avalon Marshes & a skittles evening in Ashcott. In addition, some members joined Woolavington W.I. to see Calendar Girls at the Bristol Hippodrome. Members have also attended quiz & skittles evenings organised in aid of Walton Church.

Both our annual events, the Treasure Hunt, held this year in Butleigh, & the President's Day in Street were enjoyed by many of our members.



The Arts Society Mendip offers an opportunity to hear monthly lectures from experts over a wide range of cultural and art subjects. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September to June each year. [usually day time from 10.30am] Since 1981 the Society has met at The Bath and West

Show Ground, however we are changing our venue in the New Year. **As from 7th January 2020 our regular meetings will be held in Strode Theatre, Street.** Only the venue will change, however it does mean that the size of the audience can increase in comfortable surroundings. New members will be welcome. For more information on the lectures, other activities, and the way to join, see our website at www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk

Your Walton...

If you want to submit an article for inclusion in the next newsletter please send it to the parish clerk - the deadline for submissions is 31st October 2019

Your Council...

Walton parish council has the following councillors -

1. Callum CHILD
2. Richard CROSSMAN
3. Naomi JOHNSON
4. Simon LOADER
5. Bob MUSGRAVE
6. Elaine NELSON
7. John HARVEY

As there should be 9 councillors representing Walton, your parish council are looking to co-opt a further two people. So if you thought about standing for election but did not get around to it - or if you have an interest in what happens in and around your village please do get in touch !

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Meet & Greet

A chance for a chat and a time for tea and cake. This is an opportunity to both socialise with old friends and make new.

Everyone is welcome to pop in and say hello

1st Wednesday of every month in the village hall lounge
2pm to 4pm

Knit & Natter

Time to get crafty with your knitting and crochet - either as someone with skills to share or if you want to learn

This is a social and friendly group open to everyone to visit and get creative

3rd Wednesday of every month in the village hall lounge
2pm to 4pm

Dates of future Parish Council meetings -

you are welcome!
7pm a the village hall on FRIDAYS:

September 20th 2019
October 11th 2019
November 8th 2019
December 13th 2019

ADVERTISING IN WALTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council has advertising in the village newsletter in order to assist with funding it and, hopefully, inform you about the wide range of services and skills that are locally available to residents of Walton. Council is keen to ensure that advertising does not take over your newsletter - therefore the amount of space for adverts will be limited. The process for advertising is:

- Adverts will initially be for ¼ page, black & white and will be placed within the newsletter as seen fit by the editor.
- The cost to be £15 per edition or £50 for the year [4 editions]
- Consideration will be given to requests for larger [½ page at £20 per edition £60 for the year] or smaller [£10 per edition £35 for the year]
- ADVERTS MUST BE WITH THE PARISH CLERK IN TIME FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER AT THE LATEST [eg at October parish council meeting for publication within the November newsletter] and be accompanied by a CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO WALTON PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT.

This newsletter comes out in November, February, May and August at present and currently varies between eight and twelve pages of village news, events and information. It is distributed to every home within the parish of Walton, which is currently around 500 homes.

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