

In Touch With...

Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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Annual Meeting of the Parish

Friday May 26th
7pm
In the village hall.

The annual report of the council will be given by the Chairman and this is **your opportunity to question your Council** About how things are being run in the village. There will be light refreshments available, and representatives from village groups will hopefully be in attendance to talk about all the interesting groups and events that go on in Walton. There will also be an update on the progress of the neighbourhood plan

From the chairman... your parish council update

By the time this quarters newsletter reaches you the Annual Parish Council Meeting will have been held, electing the Council Chairman and other councillors to various areas of responsibility.

The next event will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish, a meeting which Council has to legally hold in May. Over the last few years we have been able to change the format which has resulted in having some very well attended meetings. Regrettably this year due to a double booking the Hall is not available when Council would have

preferred and so will this year be held on Friday May 26th at 7pm.

At the April Meeting Council discussed the matter and agreed that as this date is also the start of a Bank Holiday Weekend we would revert to having a more low key Annual Parish Meeting this year. All residents will be very welcome to attend, giving an opportunity to meet your Council whilst taking refreshments and hopefully some of the Village groups will take the opportunity to interest new members. Other dates to



Keeping fit in Walton... see page four!

remember in the next few months include the first Friday in August when the Walton in Bloom is judged and the second Saturday in September when it is the Village Fun Day

Alan

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Village Noticeboards...

Council and some of you have noted and reported that some of the village noticeboards are in bad repair and difficult if not impossible to read...

A solution is on its way!

In the next few weeks you will be seeing the main noticeboard in South Street by the old telephone box being replaced with a slightly

larger noticeboard with a clear frontage. It will also be lower on the wall to make it easier for younger members of the community & those using mobility chairs to read. The Mildred Road Noticeboard will also be replaced with a newer board and relocated to by the Bus Stop to make it more accessible. Finally a new

board is to be located on the railings of the Meadow lane play area in order to keep the school children and their families more informed about village life

Keep your eyes open and see if you can spot which is the first one installed....

HELEN

Knit & Natter

**An invitation to knit together
and Chat together**

The third Wednesday of every month

2pm - 4pm

Come along with your chosen craft and enjoy company and a cup of tea.

All ages welcome and if you would like to learn to knit or crochet there will be someone to start you off.

£1 per session including tea!

Keep Fit in Walton

A welcoming class for people of all ages and all fitness levels....

**Every Wednesday morning
9.30am to 10.30am**

At the village hall

Fully qualified and friendly instructor assists everyone to work at their own level while still Improving their fitness.

Walton Women's Institute - an update from Jo Haydon

We have had a very busy three months with two home kurling sessions for our members (joined by some Shapwick & Puriton W.I.s, representatives) & the Somerset & Langport Rotary Club as well as four away gigs for the Evercreech Inner Circle & Burrowbridge, North Curry & Kingston St. Mary W.I.s. Our 'Explore Your Local Area' tours have taken us around Anthony Griffiths' Workshop in the Old School House in Walton & the Cottage Brewery in Lovington & along the Burnham Trail in Burnham-on-Sea. In addition, we have hosted a 'Soup & Puds' lunch instigated by County in Walton Village Hall. Our monthly meetings have had three excellent &

varied talks taking us from 'Shapwick & the Avalon Marshes' through amusing 'Childhood Reminiscences' to 'The History & Culture of Poland'. Ten members also attended the Spring Group Meeting hosted by Middlezey W.I.

Our regular activities have continued as usual but the table tennis players have also celebrated our oldest member's birthday & had lunch out in the Three Wells both after their games & our craft enthusiasts have visited the Bath & West Craft Show. Monthly whist finished in April for the summer being replaced by croquet twice a month & the 'Ladies Who Lunch' have continued their monthly get together in the Two

Brewers. We have also enjoyed a skittles evening in the Street Inn. Socially, two members took part in the W.I. County Scrabble Competition & five ladies supported the County run Road show in Trull. Our skittles team has reached the semi-final of the W.I. County Cup & had a win against Puriton in the early stages of the Group Cup. Our next evening meeting after publication will be at 7.30pm on **Thursday 8th June** in Walton Village Hall when Brian Phelps will be revealing 'Tales of a Somerset Copper 1934-1959' & the competition will be 'A Copper Item'. New members & visitors are welcome to join us.

JO HAYDON

Save the date !!

Walton Village Tea Party. Sunday 2nd July
2.00 - 5.00 pm.

At Walton Village Hall and Playing Fields. All proceeds to go towards church funds

Police & Neighbourhood Watch advice by Bob Musgrave

Now that we are approaching the summer period, we are more likely to take a trip into the countryside where we may park and go for a walk. Unfortunately the villains in our society often prey on this situation and after all the warnings about not leaving anything in the car for them to break in and steal, they have come up with another way of trying to get our money as follows.

Police have warned motorists not to respond to notes left on their windscreens that claim that their car has been involved in an accident.

The note goes on to give a name and a phone number for the driver to call. Those who do call are then pumped for personal information that police believe may be used for criminal purposes.

In a variant of this scam, the telephone number is a premium rate number set up by the fraudsters. Calling it will run up a huge phone bill as the criminals will do everything they can to keep you on the line for as long as possible.

Alternatively, you may have been targeted by a different breed of con-artist, someone who has damaged their own car and is trying to pin the blame on you. If the note you receive accuses you of causing damage to another car in the car park, don't be tempted to check your own car for scratch marks - they may have waited for you to start inspecting your car so that they can take a snap photo, which could be used as 'evidence' that you were aware you'd hit another vehicle.

What You Should Do.

If you return to your car and find a note on the windscreen, get in your car and immediately drive away from the area. Once safely at home, you should report the matter to the police, retaining the note for them to use as evidence. Never call the telephone number that you have been given.

The motoring law is very clear, and you will be well within your rights to report an alleged incident to the police but there is no legal obligation on you to call a telephone number left on your car at the scene.

The criminal mind continues to search for ways to separate us from our money so we must also search for ways to prevent them doing so.

Enjoy the nice weather
but remain alert.

Bob ...

Walton Village Hall



Recent changes at your Village Hall include some internal redecorating and tidying but also improvements to the heating system to make it both user friendly, adjustable, and also more efficient.

The aim of the Trust is to reduce the carbon footprint of the building as much as possible and to this end changes are planned for later in the year to link more systems in to the photovoltaic panels installed on the roof.

The trust is still working with the architect regarding the extension plans and so the project progresses slowly.

A new website has been set up which is much improved and user friendly so why not pay it a visit and find out more about what's available at the village hall :

<http://www.waltonvillagehall.org>

Three Peaks Challenge

Along with a group of friends I am going to attempt to Climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in 24 hours. We will start climbing Ben Nevis early on Saturday The 23rd of September after we have completed the climb we will travel to Scafell Pike and climb this in the late afternoon/evening, then travel to Snowdon and climb this, hopefully completing within 24 hours. We are doing it as part of an organised fundraising event for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. We are doing this in memory of my friend's two sisters and brother who died from Cystic Fibrosis. Sally Ann has been a special friend to me since I met her in the postnatal group I went to after having my son, she has been there for me over the last five years through some pretty difficult moments including miscarriages and members of my family receiving difficult diagnoses. So when she asked me if I would be prepared to undertake this challenge with her to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis I felt moved to do so. There is a group of eight of us, we are each aiming to raise at least £550, so together if we achieve this we will raise £4400. The Cystic Fibrosis Trust funds research into the condition to improve treatments, campaigns for better standards of care for those suffering from the condition and supports individuals and families affected. Life expectancy and quality of life of people with the condition has improved dramatically thanks to the medical advances made, it is vital that this progress is continued to improve the lives of anyone effected by the disease. By supporting us to raise money for this event you will be contributing to the fundraising effort necessary to drive progress forward.

If you would like to donate to support this effort any contribution you can make will be gratefully received. I have a just giving page which you can find by using the following link:

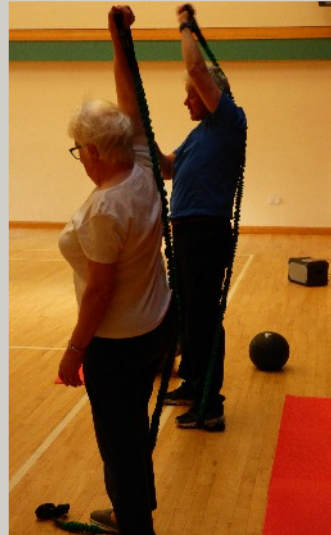
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Or if you would like to donate but would prefer to do so off line then please contact me on 07817946502 and I will make arrangements to come and see you. - Or you can find me in training at the wednesday keep fit class at the village hall! Thank you for any support you can provide. I will of course send the newsletter a picture of us on the Peak of Ben Nevis!

Elizabeth Drew.

Keep Fit Classes

Wednesday Mornings at the Village Hall...



Elizabeth Drew - in training for her 3 Peak challenge

Keep Fit classes have been running at the village hall on a weekly basis since last September.

The classes are taught by Steve, a fully qualified fitness instructor, and are tailored to your individual fitness levels.

Whether you are getting fit



for a skiing trip or training for a summer walking holiday, or just want to improve your overall fitness in a friendly atmosphere, then this class is for you.

Wednesday mornings at 9.30am at your village hall, they run for an hour and cost £5. The classes revolve around core exercises but also include a range of activities, such as boxing, to bring in variety.

Members are friendly and welcoming, people bring their children, this is truly an inclusive class and suitable for everyone - come have fun while you get fit



YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ALL THE DRAWINGS!

WALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD

PLAN

YOUR VILLAGE

YOUR OPINIONS

← Box one

Illustrate or describe how YOU would like to see Walton in the future.

What age group are you in ?

Under 13 13 to 18

18 to 30 31 to 50

51 to 65 over 65

← Box two

Design us a logo !

Walton Neighbourhood Plan needs an appropriate logo....

Can you design one for us?

Which one thing on the following list do YOU think would benefit Walton the most ?

Doctors surgery

Village shop

Cycle route

Youth centre

Larger primary school

Second play area

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← Box three

Illustrate or describe the style of home you think would most enhance the village....

YOUR NAME :

Your address :

THANK YOU!

Walton Church

Up and coming events at your church...

Beetle Drive.

12th May - Friday at 7.00 for a 7.30pm...at Church. Please note there is no Youth Group that evening...but we are encouraging them to come along. We had a great time last year! Please come and join us...bring your own drinks and nibbles.Refreshments will be available.



Walton Village Tea Party.

2nd July - Sunday, 2.00 - 5.00pm. At the Walton Village Hall and Playing Fields. See information at bottom of page



Advance Notice...

Bugfest - Saturday 23rd September, at Church... The great Creepy Crawley show...come and live dangerously!! More information to come...

For any further details please do not hesitate to contact us...

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mobile 07780
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**Church Office:
01458 442671.**

Facebook page:

**HTC Walton,
Somerset.**

Information of Regular Services and Activities:

Service Information:

Every Saturday...we have a contemporary **Family Service**, at 5.00pm. This is a relaxed and informal service which last about an hour.

1st Sunday - **No Service**. We would encourage folk to join the Sung Communion at the Parish Church in Street.

2nd Sunday - **Taize**, a quiet meditative service.

3rd Sunday - **Morning Worship**.

4th Sunday - **Songs of Praise**.

Coffee Morning, every Thursday, from 10.30 till 11.30am. Please come and join us for a chat and

refreshments.

Every Thursday morning we have a '**Mid-week**' **Holy Communion** at 11.45am - all welcome. This follows the Coffee Morning.

Home Group - Tuesday evening 7.00pm at HTC.

A group where we study the bible, building and develop relationships

Come along - Taste and See...

Children's Church Groups.

These run during term time, having a break during the holidays.

However, Walton Toddlers continue to run on Wednesdays during the holidays...please feel free to pop in and meet up 10.00 -12.00.

Monday - **Church Mice** - After school till 4.30pm. 0 - 7yrs old.

Tuesday - **Tuesday After School Club** - 3.15 till 5.15pm. Primary School age.

Wednesday - **Walton Toddlers** - 10.00 till 12.00pm.

Friday - **Take Away Church** - Youth Bible study, yr 6 and up 5.30 till 6.30pm. Take Away supper to follow...

Friday - **Youth Club**, yr 5 and up - 7.00 till 9.00pm.

Save the Date !!

Walton Village Tea Party.

2nd July - Sunday, 2.00 - 5.00pm. At the Walton Village Hall and Playing Fields.We are organising a Village social event with the theme - Native American Indians.

All the arts and crafts will be based on this theme with prizes to be won. There will be Cream Teas and Cake, with entertainment in the Hall. Outside there will be a range of activities - Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Stalls to peruse, Tug-of-War and other activities. Please see notices and the next publication for updates.

All proceeds are for Church Funds.

Your Walton...

Dates of future Parish Council meetings - FRIDAYS:

May 12th 2017 -
[annual parish council meeting]

May 26th 2017 -
[village event - annual meeting of the parish]

June 9th 2017

July 14th 2017

August 11th 2017

September 15th 2017

October 13th 2017

November 10th 2017

December 8th 2017

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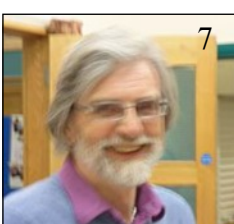
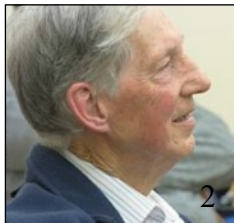
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Say Hello if
you spot
them around
the village