

In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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**SATURDAY
9TH
SEPTEMBER**

**The Walton Fun Day
& Harvest Show**

Join friends & family for this ever popular annual event from 1pm at the village hall & playing fields. The **CAR BOOT** as stalls at £5 if booked in advance & £6 on the day [call Jo on 442041 to book] There will be the Harvest show in the Hall for your home produce & exquisite crafting creations, whatever your age or gender there will be a category for you to enter. (Entry forms can be found at the Hall & other places around the village - or contact Jo on 442041) There will be lots of fun stalls & events for you & children of all ages to participate in - including a full **999 emergency services display**. Food & drinks will be available, [including the ever popular bar-b-Q burgers!] & heading on into the evening, the entertainment will again be provided by the excellent two bands **Midrod Ends & the Harlem Rythmn Cats....**

Oh and there may well be fireworks !!

From the chairman... your parish council update

Welcome to your August Parish Newsletter, it has been a busy few months as you will see from reading this edition. I was recently elected as Chair of the Council during the Annual Meeting in May this year and was delighted to be able to accept the position. I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you on behalf of the Council to Alan Marsh who sat as chair for the last 12 years, we are all pleased that he is remaining on the Council and that his experience and expertise will continue to help us in our duties. Another change on the Council is our new Vice Chair Richard Crossman who has been a Councillor for some time. We are also saying goodbye to Lesley Gagg, thank you Lesley for your time and commitment, you will be missed and all the best for the future.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been living in Walton for almost 7 years now with my husband and two young children. I previously worked in Yeovil for a local housing group before quitting to spend time with my children and retrain. If you see me around please come and say hi!



These past few months have seen a lot of work undertaken towards the Walton Neighbourhood Plan,

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Walton Church

Village Tea Party.

"What a wonderful afternoon we had at the village hall. The sun shone down on happy children making Indian costumes, headdresses, necklaces and face paint and then racing to be first down the inflatable assault course. Two lovely Alpacas, newly shorn came for the afternoon causing lots of interest. In the Village Hall, we were served delicious high teas beautifully presented on tiered cake stands with endless refills in bone China cups. Our waitress was wonderful as was everyone in the kitchen, all working tirelessly to keep us fed and watered. Well done to you all for all your hard work and we look forward to the next time."

Sandra Gristock.

A big "Thank you" to everyone who came along and supported the Village Tea afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of the Villagers turning out.

Great to see everyone smiling and having fun.

Well done to the 'Team', really appreciate all the hard work that went into the High Tea and into all the children's activities...and the result was amazing!

On the day we received just over £1,000.00 in ticket sales - "Thank you".

At the Village Tea, we did try and raise the uncomfortable subject of money...

As you are probably aware, keeping and maintaining a Grade II listed Church is not easy or cheap, and we are

struggling on our own. We don't get help from the government or the Church establishment...we do need your help to keep things up and running - it's your Village Church, your Church... The Church is open 7 days a week, with at least one thing happening every day. Did you realise that we now have in excess of 80 children coming to at least one activity in church each week!

We are planning to do something in October... watch this space and your letterbox!

Richard Knight

[see page three for information on church services and groups]

Walton Women's Institute - an update from *Jo Haydon*

Since my last update we have walked around the Axbridge Reservoir in aid of ACWW (Associated Women of the World), competed in the W.I. County Croquet Pairs Competition, where two of our ladies were runners up & our skittle team has won the W.I. County Skittles Cup after a close final against Comytrowe W.I.. One of our members has also completed a charity marathon.

Our 'Explore Your Local Area' tours have taken us around the Chalice Well & Gardens in Glastonbury, the Cannington Walled Gardens & the Glenda Spooner Farm near Somerton.

Other regular interests such as table tennis, craft, 'Ladies who Lunch' & croquet have continued as usual but with the addition

that nine croquet enthusiasts visited Kingston St. Mary for a friendly match day in the pouring rain & the craft ladies had a jewellery making day.

Two annual events, The President's Day in Street & the Treasure Hunt, held this year in Axbridge, were both thoroughly enjoyed by many of our members. A return gig by our singing group at Northleaze was also a success.

Our monthly meetings have included the AGM which began with Tai Chi session led by Gwen Walker, who holds regular classes at the village hall, 'Tales of a Somerset Copper' & a social games with crochet instruction evening. During the AGM two new members joined the committee with two having retired & awards

were presented. In addition our president attended the W.I. National AGM held in Liverpool.

Socially, our two teams were first & second in the Group Quiz hosted by Woolavington W.I. & a five member team came third in the County Quiz held in Highbridge. Two ladies were also lucky enough to win places on the County organised tour around the Houses of Parliament.

Our next evening meeting after publication will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th September 2017 in Walton Village Hall when Dr Sue Jennings will be enlightening us about 'Elizabeth Garrett Anderson First Lady Physician' & the competition will be 'A Pill Box'. New members & visitors are welcome to come along.

Chairman's report Continued from front page..

These past few months have seen a lot of work undertaken towards the Walton Neighbourhood Plan, an ongoing project which we would love to receive your input into. I also enjoyed the first ever Walton Tea Party (see pages 2 & 8 for more details), the food was delicious and it was clear that a lot of work went into organising this event. You may also have noticed that a traffic count was undertaken by a number of volunteers, thank you to Jenny Ponsillo for organising this - the results can be found here →→

A date for your diary - The Annual Village Fun Day will take place on Sept 9th which I'm sure will be a great event as always.

Enough from me - there is plenty to read inside and lots going on over the summer to enjoy, I hope to meet you out and about sometime!

Naomi

Holy Trinity Church (HTC), Walton.

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**.

Home Group - Tues. 7.00pm at HTC -

A group where we study the bible, building and develop relationships -Come along - Taste and See...

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

'Mid-week' Holy Communion Thursday morning at 11.30am - all welcome. This follows the Coffee Morning.

Crafty Times Workshop. *NEW GROUP* starting in September 2017...

Friday afternoon - yr 5 and up, including Adults. 3.30pm till 5.00pm. like to be involved with assisting our team? please contact us.

Children's Church Groups. These run during term time, having a break during the holidays. However, Walton Toddlers continue on Wednesdays 10.00 -12.00.

Walton Traffic Count

Following on from a concern raised at the annual village meeting this May, A traffic count, organised by Jenny Ponsillo, was carried out to look at the number of larger vehicles that are currently passing through the village. The count was made of traffic going both East and West and was split into 2 categories : cars & bikes and also Transit Vans & above. This was done to create a very basic split between commercial and non commercial vehicles.

Cars make up the greater proportion peaking between 5 & 6 pm westbound...



As you can see there is a near constant flow of the larger vehicles throughout the day...

Police & Neighbourhood Watch advice by Bob Musgrave

Almost every week, the News carries one or more items relating to a scam where the criminals try to fool us into giving them our personal security details. Here is one of the latest to be aware of:

Fraudsters are sending out a high volume of phishing emails to personal and business email addresses, pretending to come from various email addresses, which have been compromised.

The subject line contains the recipient's name, and the main body of text is as below:

"Hi, [name]!

I am disturbing you for a very serious reason. Although we are not familiar, but I have significant amount of individual info concerning you. The thing is that, most likely mistakenly, the data of your account has been emailed to me.

For instance, your address is:

[real home address]

I am a law-abiding citizen, so I decided your personal data may have been hacked. I attached the file - [surname].dot that I received, that you could explore what info has become obtainable for scammers. File password is - 2811

Best Wishes,"

The emails include an attachment - a '.dot' file usually titled with the recipient's name.

DO NOT CLICK ON THE ATTACHMENT

This attachment is thought to contain the Banking Trojan Ursniff/Gozi, hidden within an image in the document. The Ursniff Banking Trojan attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords. The data is subsequently used by criminals for monetary gain.

Bob ...

The Village Pump



Is this pump important to you? Does it talk to you of the village past? Is it part of the character and feeling of the village?

If **yes**

Then remember to tell the Neighbourhood planning group!

If **no**

Tell us that too!

We want to know what makes Walton special for you - The date for sending in your word / pictures and or photographs about what makes Walton special for you, your favourite place in Walton, has been extended - to the

Village Fun Day on

September 9th.

You can use the entry form published on the last page of this newsletter, in the last newsletter - or submit your entry on a sheet of A4 - but you must include your name, age and address!!

The prizes will be family meals at the Royal Oak in Walton - whose food is becoming increasingly popular!

The Royal Oak



The observant of you may have noticed that building works have started at our village public house. This is the beginning of the new skittle alley which has to be built prior to the existing skittle alley being taken down to make room for the new pub car park!



Come visit the Royal Oak on

Thursday August 24th

From 6pm onward you will find people from the Neighbourhood Planning Group with maps, proposals, pens and paper ready to hear your ideas about what makes Walton special for you; be it friends, the pub, skittles, the church, good walks, the good primary school or anything else.

As you share a drink with friends, share your ideas with us

Competition!!

The Neighbourhood plan group asked you for your pictures and words in the last edition of the Newsletter - As we only received our grant funding recently we were unable to tell you what the prize was....

Therefore we have extended the deadline, and reprinted the competition sheet which you need to return to us in order to be in with a chance to win

**£50 Food Vouchers
for a meal at the Royal Oak**

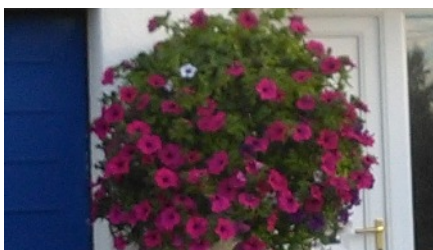
There are several of these vouchers so get creative and get your entries back to us as soon as possible ! You are more than welcome to photocopy the entry sheets, or download them from the village website [www.parish-council.com/walton] The closing date will now be the Walton Fun Day - Saturday September 9th - where the neighbourhood plan group will have a stall to hand your entries in at - and up to date information about the progress we are making.

See you there ...

WALTON IN BLOOM

JUDGED THIS YEAR ON FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

For those of you that are unaware this is an annual event for all gardens that can be seen from the road, all gardens that can be *automatically* entered and trophies and certificates awarded. Judging this year was no easy matter, as you might expect from how interesting our weather has been this year! However, the final decision has been made and the **Best garden overall went to 32 Main Street** - with last years winner at 14 Badgers green coming in second due to rain damaged blooms. **Best Containers went to 17 Chancellors road with the award for Hanging Baskets going to 57 Main Street. The Most unusual garden went again to 1 Blackthorn.**



The Allotments were wet & wonderful with the **Cornucopia award going to plot 10 - runner up plot 7 - and the special award going to plot 21 for being pollinator friendly - it was full of bees!**



Dates for your diary...

BUGFEST Show, at Holy Trinity Church Walton. - Sunday 17th September 2017. Doors open: 2.00pm.

Show starts: 2.30pm.

Come and join Nick and his group of 'creepy crawly' friends...

A great informative and educational time for all the family. As in previous years, there will be a BBQ to follow with refreshments. Tickets available at the door.

A new **Alpha Course** is starting at Holy Trinity Church. Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 7.00pm. Please come and join us for supper and embark on the journey of a lifetime meet and make friends. If you have questions about life, come along and explore.

Youth Music Event at Walton Village Hall! Friday 29th September 2017 at 7.00pm - 9.00pm. This will be a ticketed event, arranged by the church youth group details and further information will be on their Facebook Page - HTC, Walton, Somerset

Music Acts and Performances by local Youth musicians. **Please support them on this venture.**

Appeal for resources... If you have an idle sewing machine sitting in a corner gathering dust that needs a home please contact Holy Trinity Church as they are looking for an extra machine for their Children's groups and for the new Crafty Times group.

Meet & Greet - an invitation for a cup of tea and a chat - First Wednesday of every month between 2pm and 4pm at the **village hall lounge**

WALTON FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 9th September 2017 - 1pm onwards

*** FREE ADMISSION ***

- 999 EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY
 - Meet Police Horses & Dogs
 - See the Air Ambulance
 - Check Out a Speed Camera
 - Meet Firearms Officers
 - Vintage & New Vehicles
 - Range of Activities
- CAR BOOT SALE
- SIDE STALLS
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- AGRICULTURAL DISPLAYS
- FERRET RACING
- HARVEST FLOWER & CRAFTS
- TEA, COFFEE & CAKES
- BBQ & HOT FOOD
- BAR - ALES, LAGER, CIDER, WINES & SOFT DRINKS
- DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH TWO GREAT LIVE BANDS

*** GRAND FIREWORK FINALE ***

Fun for all the family - whatever the weather!



SEE YOU THERE...

**WALTON PLAYING FIELDS, WALTON,
BA16 9LA**

Raising funds for Walton Village Hall
Charity No. 1055917 www.waltonvillagehall.org



The Walton Tea Party

Blessed with sunshine, It was a lovely day and the food was delicious! Loads of stuff for the children to do too :-)

[Pictures by Naomi Johnson]



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.

Energy Management at Walton Village Hall

The Trustees of the Walton Village Hall have been working to reduce the use of energy at the hall and, ideally, to make the hall carbon neutral. The first step was the installation of Photo-Voltaic panels, provided by the Whitely Lane Solar Farm as community benefit. This 4 kWh array is currently generating the equivalent of more than half our electricity usage. Much of this free energy is currently going back into the grid and the benefit is restricted to the "Feed in Tariff" so we are investigating the use of a water heating system that will ensure that all the hot water used in the hall is heated by solar power. New central heating controls are enabling more precise management of system including remote access allowing a rapid response to the needs of hall users. The high ceiling of the hall means a large volume of air is heated and then wasted because at present there is no way to bring the heat back down where it is required. Our plan is to fit ceiling fans to push the warmth back down to the lower half of the building saving energy and money. Boiling kettles, especially in the evening when no solar power is available, is also a major energy use. We have been fortunate that the Walton WI have kindly supplied an instant water boiler which produces hot water for tea and hot drinks on demand and, being well insulated, more efficiently than conventional kettles.



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

Welcome Home...

Discovering something new about where you live gives most of us a sense of belonging and a degree of intrigue especially when it gives a small insight into the village and its way of life many decades ago.

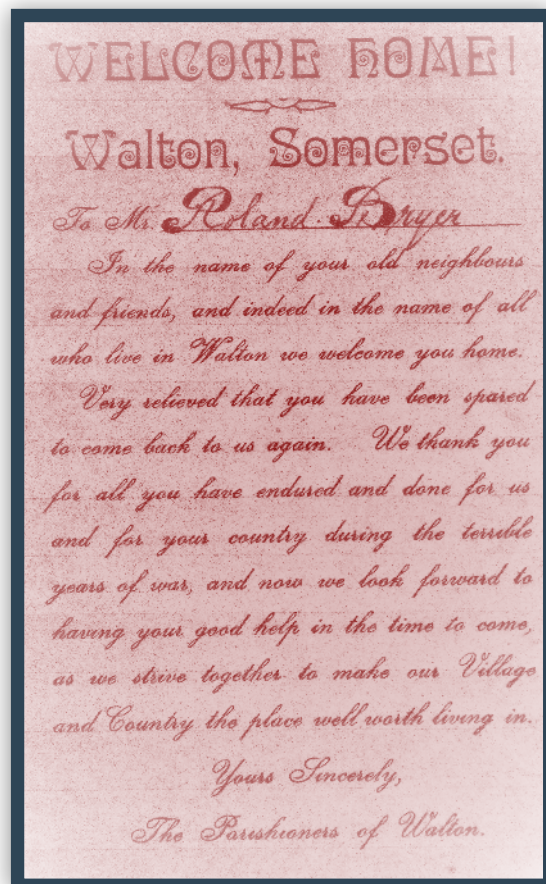
When the house of the late Rowland Bryer was being cleared by a member of his family, a document came to light in a desk drawer. The document in question was a certificate given to Rowland who had been on active service during the second world war. It was not an official military document but one much nearer to home.

So how did it come about? Let's go back to the 1940's when the second world war was raging and how Walton would have looked at the time. The village was much smaller in those days with a population of around 450 people. The number of farms though was much greater than the present day. Workers on farms and factories formed a vital part of the war effort and a number were spared being called up for active service in the forces.

This, I should imagine, formed a bond typical of rural communities at the time, which extended to those they knew who were away fighting for their country. Walton appears to have had its own extra way of welcoming those returning from the forces in the form of a certificate similar to the one presented to Rowland Bryer said his son Stuart.

Rowland served as a radar operator on the frigate HMS Dacres, which had been on convoy duty and then assigned to the English Channel on D Day plus-one, the day after the initial landing, carrying troops and supplies.

When Rowland was released by the navy he returned to Walton and the community he had left five or six years before. His return, like others who survived the fighting, was welcomed both at family level and by the village as a whole who presented him with a certificate on their behalf. The wording of the certificate is reproduced below. [Story by *John Hanrahan*]



WELCOME HOME - WALTON, SOMERSET.

To Mr Roland Bryer

In the name of your old neighbours and friends, and indeed in the name of all who live in Walton, we welcome you home.

Very relieved that you have been spared to come back to us again. We thank you for all you have endured and done for us and for your country during the terrible years of war, and now we look forward to having your good help in the time to come, as we strive together to make our Village and Country the place well worth living in.

Yours Sincerely
The Parishioners of Walton

Stuart is interested to know if anyone else in the village, or who once lived here, had a relative or friend who also received the document. The certificate may have been talked about when parents or grandparents were reminiscing about the 'war days' and would add to the story of the Walton village presentation. Any information would be appreciated. The concept of the document has its own history, which may never be revealed. Was it the Parish Council of the time who came up with the idea or some other official organisation? A personal thought is that the document was inspired and prepared by Walton villagers who wanted to express their gratitude to those who went to war and safely returned. Maybe the mis-spelling of Rowland's name on the certificate adds credibility to this thought.

Your Walton...

Dates of future Parish Council meetings - FRIDAYS:

August 11th 2017
 September 15th 2017
 October 13th 2017
 November 10th 2017
 December 8th 2017

PCSO Tim Richards
 Avon & Somerset Constabulary
 Street Beat Team
 Tel: 101
 Mob: 07889659243

VACANCY!

Due to one of your councillors standing down for family reasons there is a vacancy on the council - speak to the clerk or any councillors if you are interested or to find out more or to just have an informal chat about what it involves...

Your Village Agent - Heather

If you think you might need help:

07908 160736

Heather@somersetccc.org.uk



Your Councillors...

1. **Naomi Johnson**
 Madam Chairman,
 Haycroft cottage
 Veal lane
 BA16 9RE

2. **Richard Crossman**
 [vice chairman]
 Asney Farm
 Asney Road
 BA16 9RL

3. **Clive Bishop**
 2 Merrick Road
 BA6 9AT

4. **Bob Musgrave**
 18 Mildred Road
 BA16 9QR

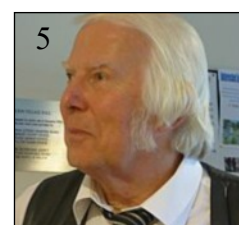
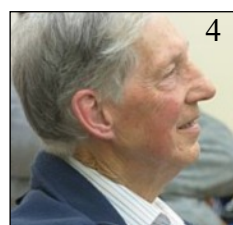
5. **Philip Daniells**
 28 Chancellors
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 BA16 9RX

6. **John Haydon**
 61 Main Street
 BA16 9QQ

7. **Alan Marsh**
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 Veal Lane
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8. **Simon Loader**
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Say Hello if you spot them around the village



COMPETITION

YOUR VILLAGE ~ YOUR OPINION

IN THE BLANK SPACE YOU CAN DRAW, DESCRIBE IN WORD, PROSE OR POEM, OR ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH THAT DESCRIBES:

YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE IN WALTON

YOU ALSO NEED TO FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A £50 MEAL VOUCHER TO SPEND AT THE ROYAL OAK PUB

CLOSING DATE IS SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017 - VILLAGE FUN DAY - YOU CAN GIVE YOUR ENTRY TO A PARISH COUNCILLOR, POST IT TO THE PARISH CLERK AT 21 BERE LANE GLASTONBURY BA6 8BD, OR HAND IT IN TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP STALL AT THE FAMILY FUN DAY AND HARVEST SHOW! Have fun **

Your name:

Your address:

↓ **OPTIONAL EXTRAS** ↓

- **Walton's Future** Illustrate or describe how YOU would like to see Walton in the future
- **Design us a logo!** Walton Neighbourhood Plan needs a logo... Can YOU design one for us?
- **Houses** Illustrate or describe the style of home you think would most enhance Walton this could be bungalows, terraced homes, brick, stone, wood, four bedrooms, one bedroom, anything that YOU think is important

You can use the space below, a plain sheet of A4 for the above or photographs or use the entry form printed in the previous newsletter just

REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON ALL YOUR ENTRIES

CLOSING DATE : village fun day and harvest show on Saturday 9th September

PRIZES:

£50 MEAL VOUCHERS FOR THE ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE

Your age group:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Under 13 <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 to 18 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19 to 30 <input type="checkbox"/> | 31 to 50 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 51 to 65 <input type="checkbox"/> | over 65 <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

- | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Doctors surgery <input type="checkbox"/> | village shop <input type="checkbox"/> | cycle route <input type="checkbox"/> |
| youth centre <input type="checkbox"/> | larger primary school <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| extra play area <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

thank you for your time !