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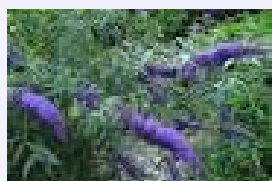
Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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This newsletter and some previous editions can also be viewed at the community website: www.pariah-council.com/walton

Love Shrubs?



The council is looking for some volunteers to care for the shrubs

planted on the Mildred Road edge of the Large green verge in that area. The plants have now established themselves and require a little tlc over the year, weeding the base and a little cutting back. If you

are interesting in helping to care for this area then please get in contact with Cllr. Bob Musgrave or your Clerk, Helen Moore. [All contact details on back page]

From the chairman... your parish council update

Welcome to the latest edition of our village newsletter, it has been a busy few months for Walton.

One of the highlights has to be the annual village fun day, which as usual was a fantastic event with live music, food and fireworks, as well as the harvest show where residents get to show off their produce. Please take a look at the centre pages for pictures of this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jon Haydon for his contribution to the Council over the past few years, Jon has now chosen to step down from the his position and we wish him all the best for the future.

I would also like to welcome our newest Councillor Elaine Nelson, who joined us last month, Elaine has lived in the village with her family for eleven years and has a particular interest in making sure that the facilities we have in Walton are used to their full potential, including cycle paths and footpaths. Elaine has also joined our Neighbourhood Plan Group and her experience is very much welcomed on both these groups.

Please remember to take a look at our new notice boards for agendas of upcoming meetings, and get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions about the village.

I hope you enjoy reading through the following pages.

Naomi



Country dancing display by Walton Primary School at the recent Village Fun Day & harvest show - more photographs inside !

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A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE

Walton Church hosts :-

BUG FEST!

On September 17th, Nick and his creepy crawly bug show returned to Walton Church.

This was an opportunity for the children to hear about all sorts of exotic animals, some more friendly than others as Nick explained how these bugs live and hunt in the wild.



There was even an opportunity for some of the braver parents to hold some of the snakes and spiders, and for everyone to get a closer look at the creatures afterwards.

All this was followed by drinks and a BBQ and we look forward to welcoming the ever popular show back to the Holy Trinity Church next year.



Pictures and write by Naomi who attended Bug Fest with her children.

This event has been hosted by the village church for several years, for details of future events and the dates of church services over the upcoming Festive Season please see page Eleven

Do you enjoy Singing?

Somerset Community Foundation has their annual Christmas Concert 'Sing for Somerset' on Saturday December 16th at 7.00pm in Wells Cathedral. Doors open at 6.15pm. The concert is free and open for everyone to join in.

NHS Health Checks

These will be happening at the village hall lounge on **Friday 17th November.** For people aged between 40 & 74 It is not a drop in session you will need to book an appointment For further information & to book an appointment please call: **01823 261 794** Or contact somersethealthchecks.co.uk/walton

Have you noticed?

There are three new notice boards around the village - These boards were bought using money from "Awards for all" a lottery funded grant applied for by the Parish Council. It is hoped that you will now be able to find out about village events somewhere close to you. The village boards are located by the red telephone box, at the Meadow lane play area, by the Mildred Road Bus stop, by the Badgers Green bus stop and at East Mead Lane allotments. If you have information that you would like to have displayed on the notice boards please send it to the parish clerk via post or email. (inclusion subject to space and appropriateness!)



Fly Tipping

Fly tipping can create an eyesore around the green lanes of our parish.

If you spot someone actually in the process of tipping, or something that has left, instead of taken to the local recycling facility please can you let your council know?

Contact the Clerk on walton.clerk@yahoo.com or 01458 833483

Or report it direct to Mendip via their online form at

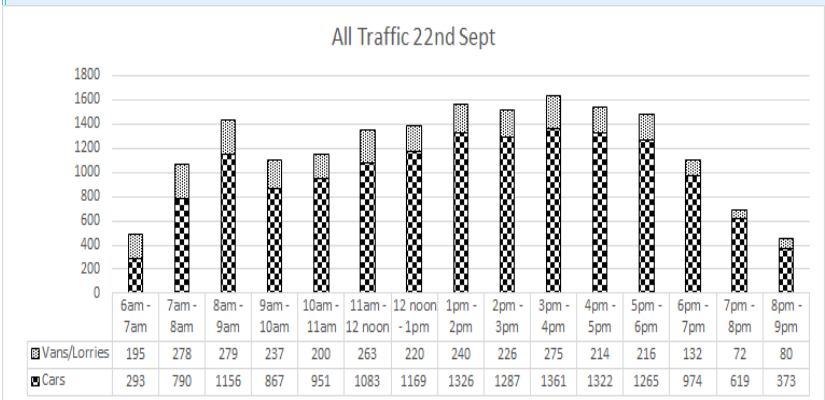
<http://www.mendip.gov.uk/streetclean>

Or 0300 303 8588

Or speak to one of your local Councillor or PCSO - contact details all on the back page - let us try to keep our green lanes green - & not littered!



Walton Traffic Count Part 2



Thank you from Jenny Ponsillo to everyone who helped with the traffic counts. The overall figures were up on the previous count with an additional 1,012 vehicles being counted as using the A39.

Pollution Monitoring

The most recent pollution monitoring data on the A39 from the Mendip District Council website relates to 2014. Walton Parish Council is therefore investigating the possibility of independent air quality monitoring to get a one off base line figure for the village - on the A39 and away from the A39. This would facilitate comparison with nationally 'accepted' figures and also be useful to inform the health and well being section of the Walton Neighbourhood Plan.

REMEMBER ...

The village hall has a defibrillator - it is located inside the village hall close to the door of the lounge and contains prompts and instructions for its use. Let's hope we never have to use it - but remember where it is!

If you would like free defibrillator training for your group, organisation, collection of friends or family then please contact the parish council who can arrange this to happen for you at the village hall.



Neighbourhood Watch

By Bob Musgrave

As our lives become more and more influenced by modern electronics, we need to remember that for crooks, such devices offer great potential for parting us from our money and valuables.

The first example of this follows on from the recent 'ransomme' cyber attack which crippled thousands of large organizations across the world, and some crooks are now trying to use the fear of cyber attacks to trick us into giving them access to our computers. They are sending people fake BT e mail's that look very genuine, which offer to fit a free security upgrade. All you have to do is click on a link. DO NOT CLICK ON THAT LINK because it will install a virus on your computer which will give them access to all your 'secure' information and passwords.

Never click on a link unless it is in a message you are expecting.

Another modern device which appears to be very useful without any nasty side issues are Sat Navs which many of us use in our vehicles to guide us to our destination. These have the ability to store our favourite destinations and we tend to include our home address as one of these, so that it will guide us home no matter where we might be. All very innocent we might think, but including our home address is NOT advisable.

If your vehicle is stolen whilst you are away or a crook breaks into it, the Sat Nav will guide them directly to your house and some major burglaries have happened in this way.

So we are advised to NEVER store our address or 'Home' in our Sat Navs. Call it something else which no one but you will associate with your home address.

So let's enjoy the benefits of modern electronics by taking simple precautions to defeat the crooks.

BOB



Walton Neighbourhood Plan

A big thank you to everyone who attended the consultation evening at the Royal Oak. A wealth of information was both gathered and shared and we hope that everyone who attended found it both useful and interesting - but also enjoyable !

Consultation will be ongoing over the next few months with Naomi speaking with the WI at their meeting in November, and approaches being made to the younger members of our community via the local schools and youth group.

The neighbourhood planning group has been looking recently at the possible design and layout of any new developments within the parish over the next ten years or so and the size

of our village school. [In consultation with the Head teacher] **Following on from our competition in the last edition - I can confirm that a £50 meal voucher for use at The Royal Oak has been awarded to a resident of Badgers Green - we hope they enjoy their meal.**

They do it for Charity!

My only sister Christine Ann Bird was diagnosed with this terminal bone marrow cancer when she was 60 in 2004. She battled bravely, with this very painful disease, and tried the only 5 treatments available to delay the inevitable. She sadly died shortly after her 66th birthday in January 2011. There is still no cure in 2017. I'm now approaching my own 66th birthday and am very healthy thank goodness! Myeloma UK are totally reliant on fundraising being non government funded and desperately trying to find a cure. Please please help to kick this terrible cancer up the backside! And donate what you can spare however little it is. Remember that British taxpayers make the donation 25% more by adding gift aid. Thank you for reading my story. *Janet Shean*

You can find Janet's just giving page at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/j-shean>



Donating through Just Giving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with Just Giving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

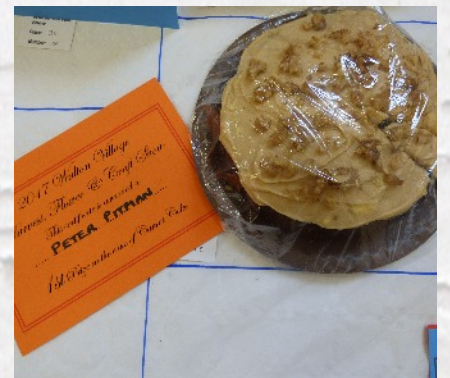
WALTON HARVEST SHOW TROPHY WINNERS 2017



ADULTS:
FRUIT & VEGETABLES
COLIN REYNOLDS

PHOTOGRAPHY
RICHENDA CROSSMAN

FLOWERS
PETER PITMAN



HOME CRAFT
ELIZABETH SELWAY

HANDICRAFT
ELIZABETH BROWN



CHILDREN'S SECTION:

AGE 5 YRS & UNDER
REBECCA BRACEY
AGE 6-8 YEARS
DANIEL CROSSMAN
AGE 9-11 YEARS
HOLLY CROSSMAN
AGE 12-16 YEARS
ROSE CROSSMAN



OVER ALL JUNIOR CHAMPION
DANIEL CROSSMAN

OVER ALL SHOW CHAMPION
RUTH STACEY

Congratulations!



Walton 2017 Fun Day & Harvest Show

The day started grey...



But continued with fun, sunshine, rainbows, prizes, food, music and fireworks...



The Harvest displays were much praised and browsed by many before enjoying a tasty tea and cake...



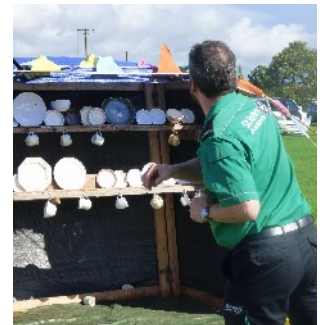
Walton Primary School danced ...



Games were played, and the tractors enjoyed by young and old...



There were varied displays of sheep, cars, engines, tractors and the full 999 fleet





Lots of people relaxed, had a drink and a chat with friends...



A huge thank you to everyone who made the day possible, who helped out on the day, who ran stalls, did amazing face painting, served drinks, made and provided food and so very much more.

The Wonderful day drew to an end with music and Fireworks from the Harlem Rhythm Cats, Midrod Ends and a Benchmark Fireworks display



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.

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.

BEV'S LATIN IN LINE

Beginners Class, all adults welcome

Walton Village Hall
Thursdays 1.45 to 3.15 pm

Learn all the moves to Latin Rhythms without a partner!

£5.00 per session
To book a place please phone Bev on 446565

Dates for your diary...

The Holy Trinity Church

Nativity Weekend...

25th and 26th November 2017.

Following the success of this event a few years ago, we will be having another Nativity Weekend. It would be great if we were able to borrow some Nativity Scenes for display. Please let us know if you are happy to lend figures, pictures or hand made nativity scenes. The church will be open for people to come along and have a look at the displays on show, with refreshments available. A great start to Christmas, and a reminder of the reason for the season.

The Arts Society Mendip

(formerly the Mendip Decorative and Fine Arts Society)

5th December

Gods and Gardens: The wall paintings of Ancient Rome is the topic of the talk by Dr Angela Smith to The Arts Society Mendip. The lecture will be followed by the Christmas Lunch. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am.

9th January 2018

Women Impressionists: neglected modern mistresses is the subject of the talk by Martin Heard to The Arts Society Mendip. He will look at the lives and works of Morisot, Cassatt, Gonzales, Bracquemond and others. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. For more details about these society events:

www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

Guests Welcome.

Contact 01934 862435.

WALTON

UNDER 5'S PRE SCHOOL.

We are a small preschool run in the setting of Walton Village Hall. The preschool prides itself on being a nurturing setting with excellent adult to child ratios and



has six staff members with high levels of experience and qualifications. The team is led by Manager Alison Harvey. The preschool operates four days a week with the hours of 9am-1pm Monday, Thursday and Friday and the newly extended hours of 9am-3pm on Tuesdays.

Walton Under 5s Preschool are inclusive of all children aged 2-5 years and are responsive to all needs. Each child has a key worker and adjustments are made to suit any needs to support both the child and the parents. Children are encouraged to learn through play and the setting offers both indoor and outdoor options including water play, role play, a garden with mud kitchen and access to the playing field and multi-use games area.

The preschool team have open communication with parents and carers and meet regularly to discuss development. They also work hard to organise fun events for the children including an end of term picnic and Nativity, and are also responsible for fund raising events, these have included discos and quizzes as well as having a marquee at the Walton fun day. The main fundraising event is a Mouse Race which will be held in March 2018 and is open to the whole family, anyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of responsible betting on your chosen mouse and support the preschool.



At the recent Ofsted inspection completed in June 2017 the Preschool was awarded an 'Outstanding' rating for the areas of personal development, behaviour and welfare and 'Good' in all other areas.

For any enquiries relating to the preschool please contact Alison Harvey on al.harvey@btinternet.com

ADVERTISING HERE?

The Parish Council is going to trial the idea of having 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.

The trial will last for a year, after which the whole concept will be reviewed.

Council is keen to ensure that advertising does not take over your newsletter - therefore the amount of space for adverts will be limited.

If you have an opinion regarding advertising in this newsletter please do get in touch - all contact details are on the back page.

The advertising trial will be organised in the following manner:

- **These 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] 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. If you know of someone who does not currently receive their copy please let us know!

Thank You

Walton WI...

August is traditionally our quiet month but thirty eight of us did enjoy our annual outing, this time to Hungerford for an interesting & restful canal cruise, despite the inclement weather. Three members also joined Woolavington W.I. on their outing to Stratford-Upon-Avon & two members competed in the Inter Federation Croquet Pairs Competition in Taunton where they received the runners up trophy. Our regular activities of table tennis, croquet, tennis & craft have continued throughout.

Since September our 'Explore Your Local Area' tours have taken us to the newly opened Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury, to Pittards Leather Factory in Yeovil & to Burns the Bread for a baking session. Our monthly meetings have had very interesting speakers telling us about 'The First Lady Physician' & 'The Wonderful World of Glass'.

Our 'Ladies Who Lunch' have continued to do so in Street & in October we had the last croquet session of the year but our winter pastime of whist has now recommenced. Socially, four members ran an away kurling session for the North Petherton Bowls Club & ten ladies joined those from other W.I.s in our group at the Autumn Group Meeting in Puriton. County organised events including the Jane Austen Tea Party in Somerton, the 'Speakers' Preview Day in Westonzoyland, the annual Short Mat Bowls Pairs Competition in Burrowbridge & the 'West End to Broadway' evening in Oake have all been supported by Walton. We have also sold tea & homemade cakes at both the Merriman Park Fete & Walton's Fun Day, the latter having also had three members winning trophies in the Harvest Show.

Our next monthly meeting, after publication, will be our Christmas Party beginning at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th December in Walton Village Hall & the competition will be 'A Christmas Ornament'.

Jo Haydon

Our Holy Trinity Church



Gift Day.

Following our appeal to support the Church financially, the magnificent total of £5,500 was received in response. We had a fairly continuous stream of folk in for refreshments and conversation over a 4 hour period. We are very grateful to the generous donors for your support.

"Thank you"!

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Currently happening at the Church:

And everyone is welcome,

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**.

December... Christmas dates and services.

16th December - Saturday. Church Family Christmas Party 4.00 - 6.00pm

18th December - Monday. Carol Service. 6.30pm.

24th December - Christingle Service. 4.00pm.
- Midnight Communion Service 11pm

25th December - Christmas Day, Family Communion at Mission Church, Street. 10.30am.

Home Group - Tuesday evening 7.00pm A group where we study the bible, building and developing 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.

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 - Kids Church with Mums, till 5.15pm. Walton School swap shop available.

Wednesday - Walton Toddlers - 10.00 till 12.00pm.

Friday - Gizmo, yr 4 and up. 3.30pm till 6.00pm. Including supper.

TAC (**Take Away Church**) - Youth Bible study, yr 5 and up. 5.30 till 7.00pm. Including supper.

Your Walton...

Dates of future Parish Council meetings - you are welcome!
7pm at the village hall on FRIDAYS:

December 8th 2017
January 12th 2018
February 9th 2018
March 9th 2018
April 13th 2018

NHS Health Checks

These will be happening at the village hall lounge on

Friday 17th November.

For people aged between 40 & 74
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For further information & to book an appointment please call:

01823 261 794

Or contact somersehealthchecks.co.uk/walton

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

Opening times for Street Police Station are currently:
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10am - 2pm
Services offered include: Crime reporting, General policing enquiries, Road traffic collision reporting, Crime prevention advice, Lost and found property.

Your Village Agent -
Heather

If you think you might need help:

07908 160736

Heather@somersetccc.org.uk



Your Councillors...

1. Naomi Johnson
Madam Chairman,

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3. Clive Bishop
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4. Bob Musgrave
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BA16 9QR

5. Philip Daniells
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BA16 9RX

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Manor Farm
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7. Simon Loader
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8. Elaine Nelson
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BA16 9LA

9.

Helen Moore
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Coming Soon!
A new councillor..
You?

Say Hello if
you spot
them around
the village