

In Touch With...

Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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Road Closure...



At the time of reading this article the complete closure of part of the A39, Main Street, through Walton should be at an end with only the partial closure remaining. Given the nature of Main Street is it possible that the inconvenience of the closure will have been mitigated, at least in part, by the reduction in traffic even if the noise of the works itself proves to be a nuisance. All residents of the area of road affected should have received formal notification from Mendip Highways.



From the chairman... your parish council update

Happy New Year

After a brief rest over Christmas and New Year (which now seems like a long time ago), the Council had a forward planning meeting early in January to think about our objectives for the next few years. We are very keen to set our priorities to benefit the residents of Walton and would therefore welcome any feedback on projects that you would like us to undertake or support. This plan will be developed over the next few months and we have identified key areas such as youth services, the environment, health and wellbeing, as well as inclusion for all residents.

I am pleased to say we have welcomed Jenny Ponsillo as our newest Councillor, bringing us back up to full numbers - Jenny brings a wealth of knowledge and ideas to the table and we are very happy to have her on board. In addition to this, as the days are getting longer, the Walton

social calendar is once again filling up, please take a look through this newsletter for details of up coming events as we look forward the warmer weather.

I think it is really important to remember that this is your Parish Council, you can get in touch via our website, email, by coming along to our meetings, or by speaking to any member of the Council - our mugshots are on the back page and we are always happy to have a chat! Details of our meetings and any important announcements are also put up on the Parish Notice Boards, so take a look when your out and about.

Naomi

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Walton W.I.

The Round up of previous events :

Last year saw a growth of membership to seventy-two enjoying many social activities including table tennis, croquet, skittles, 'Explore Your Local Area', tennis, theatre trips, outings, singing, whist, craft, 'ladies who lunch' and quizzes.

Since my last report we have had two very entertaining talks where we learnt about the charity, 'Freewheelers', which transports (by motor bike) essential supplies between hospitals & to recent outpatients, & were given tips on Watercolour Painting by a local artist. We also had an enjoyable Christmas party hosted by the committee.

Our skittles team accepted a challenge from the County W.I. Trustees to a match in Puriton. After a slow start, Walton won by 26 pins in a light-hearted contest. The team has also continued to perform well in the W.I. County Cup this year with a win by 56 pins against Lympsham played in Sexeys Arms Inn in Wedmore. In November six members attended the County AGM in Taunton where our skittles captain received the W.I. County Cup on behalf of the team & a dual member was recognised as a fully qualified W.I. Adviser.

There were also two very interesting speakers: Andy Marsh, the Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset, & Mandy Hickson, an ex RAF fighter pilot & instructor, who both used film to illustrate their talks. In addition, during that month twenty members attended the Remembrance Ceremony at Walton Cross followed by a service in the Holy Trinity Church

Four members travelled to Wilton Lodge in Taunton to sort & pack copies of the County News for distribution to participating Somerset W.I.s.

The period coming up to Christmas was also a very busy time for our singers who performed at the Glastonbury Frost Fayre, the Group Carol Service in Westonzoyland, the W.I. County Carol Service in Wells & in Northleaze in Street.

Other activities included our 'Explore Your Local Area' which was a guided tour around the Information Centre in Wells, the 'Ladies Who Lunch' who were once again in the Two Brewers & sixteen craft enthusiasts had a day out at Mottisfont Abbey in Hertfordshire to see the Kaffe Forsett quilt & knitting exhibition along with a day decorating baubles for their Christmas trees.

Twenty ladies made our annual winter trip by bus to the Bristol Hippodrome, this time to see a matinee performance of the very amusing pantomime Aladdin, starring Joe Pasquale & Marti Pellow, which also included a highly effective 3D section.

In January we had an enjoyable home curling session in Walton Village Hall & ran an away session for Woolavington W.I. in their village hall. Our annual meal, attended by thirty eight members, was held in the Unicorn in Somerton.

Walton W.I.

The plans for future events:

Our next meeting after publication, will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th March 2018 in Walton Village Hall where our speaker will be Robert Selway with his 'Wood & a Wood Demonstration' and the competition will be 'A Wooden Ornament'.

New members & visitors are welcome, as always, to join us.

Jo



Thank you!

In the previous newsletter we asked for a volunteer / volunteers to assist with the maintenance of the shrubs on the large grassed verge at Meadow Lane.

Council would like to express their thanks to everyone who has assisted in the past and especially to the person who removed a dead plant and carried out the pruning...

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

Now that Spring is with us, the criminal element in our society know there will be a ready sale for all sorts of gardening equipment and already we are seeing an upsurge in theft from sheds and outbuildings. The first important action to safeguard our sheds is to fit a good quality lock on the door and then actually lock it. The next action is to then think about how the door is attached to the shed.

Most shed door hinges are attached with conventional screws but these can be quickly removed with a screwdriver and the complete door removed. However there is a cheap and effective way of preventing this by replacing just two of these screws per hinge, - one in each of the two parts of the hinge -with coach bolts. (These bolts have a large head without any screwdriver slot, so they cannot be unscrewed from outside.) By making it difficult to gain entry, the average opportunist villain will abandon that site and go looking for an easier target.

Another recent crime involves fraudsters creating fake adverts for supposed modelling opportunities for children. Fraudsters will inform parents or guardians that a potential career in modelling awaits their child and this tactic can persuade the parent to sign up and send an advance registration fee.

The fraudsters will also convince the victim that they will need to have a portfolio and

offer a variety of packages which have to be paid for in advance. Those who agree and buy into this scheme will have lost their money because no such scheme actually exists. Surprising though this may sound, during August 2017 a total of 49 such frauds were reported to Action Fraud with a total loss of £71,000.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Bob

Dates for your diary, from Walton Church...

This is our general schedule of services at Holy Trinity Church, Walton:

1st Sunday - 10.00am. Taizé - an intimate meditative service.

2nd Sunday - 10.00am. Holy Communion.

3rd Sunday - 10.00am. Praise and Worship.

4th Sunday - 10.00am. Family Service, all age family friendly.

Following our 'Friends' meeting at HTC on 31st January we have an initial diary of proposed activities throughout the year, some of which are still to be confirmed and finalised. Please note that all monies raised will go towards Church Funds unless otherwise specifically stated. Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 3.30pm.

13th February. Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day - HTC. 3.30- 4.30pm. Please come and join us at tea time for pancakes and refreshments.

6th April. Quiz Evening - HTC. 7.00pm, for a 7.30pm start. All welcome, this is during the holidays and is a family event, please come and join us. £2.50/head, including entry and refreshments.

Looking ahead...

June /July - Bugfest... Awaiting confirmation of booking.

8th September - Village Fun Day... Car Boot and Church Tent.

November - Craft Fair / Exhibition..?

For information, News and updates please look on our Facebook page **HTC, Walton, Somerset**

Notices also available on the boards inside and outside the church.

Alternatively contact the Church Office: **01458 442671.**

Walton Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan steering committee

is continuing to meet and starting to prepare a draft outline for the plan. What this means is that over the next few months ideas for main policy areas will be looked at and an overall 'vision statement' of how residents would like their village and surrounding areas to look in the next ten years or so, will be drafted.

This could include areas such as increasing the size of the school, protecting and improving green spaces, supporting small businesses and much more.

Consultation will be ongoing with Walton Primary School and village hall user groups being approached over the next few months.



It is hoped to have a draft of the plan available for everyone to see at the next Annual Meeting of the Parish in May 2018 when entertainment will include performances by Walton School and other local talent.

YOU,

are welcome to join the steering committee who generally meet about monthly on Monday evenings.

Please contact Naomi Johnson whose details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Or email:

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Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Localism Act in November 2011. It is a way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work. It enables local communities to have more say in where new houses, businesses, shops and community facilities should go in their local area and can allocate sites for development. They may also include more detailed planning policies, for example to define how new development should look.



What a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot do:

A Neighbourhood Plan can...

- *Decide where and what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood*
- *Promote more development than is set out in the Local Plan*
- *Include policies, for example regarding design standards, that take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for the neighbourhood - provided the Neighbourhood Plan policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan.*

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot...

- *Conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan prepared by the local planning authority*
- *Be used to prevent development that is included in the Local Plan*
- *Introduce new speed limits or traffic calming methods*



Groups Lunch



Some members of the local Meet and Greet & Knit and Natter groups came together just before Christmas and enjoyed a really lovely lunch at Street Inn.

Meet and Greet meet on the **first Wednesday of each month in Walton Village Hall lounge from 2pm to 4pm.**

We are a very friendly group and we would love for you to join us. If you would like to come along for a chat and a free cup of tea you do not have to stay the full two hours, just pop in for as long as you would like - you will be welcome.

Knit & Natter was born out of the above group and is held on **the third Wednesday of the month, also in the village hall lounge between 2pm and 4pm.**

You can bring along any handicraft or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet there are some lovely people who can set you on the right path. The cost of attending is £1 which includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.

We would love to see you at either or both of these events - If you require any further information or are a little unsure about coming in then please telephone one of the numbers below and we can arrange to meet you at the door.

Jenny

Jenny - 01458 445380 Gill - 01458 448835

**Somerset Library Services
Consultation 2018**

Have your say...



From 29 January to 22 April

Proposals are now available to view on potential changes to how future Somerset library services could be delivered

**Ask library staff or go online
for more information**

www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation





Holy Trinity Church Our Groups during the week...

- Monday - 3.30pm. Kids Church. HTC.
- Tuesday - 7.00pm. House Group, meeting in the Royal Oak, Main Street, Walton.
- Wednesday - 10.00am. Walton Toddler Group. HTC.
- Thursday - 10.30am. Coffee morning.
- 11.30am. Holy Communion, a cosy informal affair
- Friday - 3.30pm. Gizmo...Kids church.
- 5.30pm. Take Away Church (TAK) Youth Bible group.

Youth Worship Evening...

Over the last few months we have taken some of the Youth from HTC...to a Youth Evening being hosted by Movement. This is an activity supported by the Dioceses that is county wide and aimed at supporting the Youth in the villages and rural communities. Our Youth have had the opportunity of meeting and making friends with other Christian teenagers from around the County for a time of worship and teaching...

Communication...

Something we are all not particularly good at...but can you help?



Looking for 'wind up' merchants...

Do you enjoy the Church clock, and appreciate the fact that we have a Village Clock!
Do you have an interest in clocks...
Horology...or engineering.?

Cutting to the chase...

we are in need for someone to help with the winding of the Church Clock.

If anyone is interested, please give me a call.
It could be taken on by an individual, or done on a rota basis...needs to be someone happy to climb a ladder.
Many thanks - Richard 07780452478



Finances...

Following our recent Gift Day appeal in October and the positive response from the community, we have had a reoccurring question regarding the general finances of the church. People are asking as to how we are in a potentially difficult financial situation when the Church of England appears to be a wealthy organisation, lots of assets, buildings and churches?

The simple fact is that whilst the 'Church', the Church of England may be in that position we are not. We as a Parish Church, whilst under the 'Church' umbrella have to effectively be self-sufficient. That is the running of the church building and all that happens in and around it.

In fact, we also have to pay what is called a Parish Share, which is a contribution towards the Clergy salaries, pensions etc. We also contribute to the cost of running the Church Office including a part-time Administrator.

In our case, the exception is the 'Old' graveyard that surrounds the building. This is 'closed' - no further burials take place. The 'Closed' graveyard is maintained by, and the responsibility of the Council. Current burials are in the 'New' graveyard, behind the church. We have benefited from a regular small grant, for which we are very grateful, from Walton Parish Council who help us to maintain the graveyard. At Christmas the Parish Council also give us a small sum of money towards the lighting of the church tower at Christmas, as part of the 'Village street scene'. Other than that, we are dependant on the 'giving' of our small regular congregation and donations from the community, supporters and 'friends' of the church.

If there is anyone who has further questions or is seeking more information, please do not hesitate to contact the church office - **01458 442671**. Messages can be left.

What's on at Mendip Arts Society...

6th March 2018.

The Anatomical drawings of Leonardo Da Vinci - a surgeon's view. Guy Rooker will talk on the accuracy and importance and of this artist's work to both science and art. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

Guests Welcome.

Contact 01934 862435.

10th April 2018 (NB 2nd Tuesday)

Undressing Antiques. Mark Hill, seen often on the Antiques Road Show, will talk on collecting antiques today and influences on today's market. The Society meets at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

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Walton's Short Mats Bowls Club...

The club was formed eighteen years ago when the Walton Trust provided the initial equipment and a committee was formed from a group of villagers anxious to use the newly built Village Hall for recreational activity.

Since that time, more equipment has been purchased by the club which enables anyone interested to come along and 'have a go'; obtaining instruction, and hopefully enjoy learning a new skill. Apart from a weekly meeting, the club engages in friendly competition with other short mat bowling clubs.

We meet every Monday evening, play starting at 7.30pm for a two hour session - stopping for refreshments at half time! A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all who live in the village and the surrounding area, and



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we have welcomed those from 9 years of age to 90 in the past and all ages in between.

Do come along and give it a go - we already have one member who has been chosen to play at County level and the next one could be you!

Ring the Secretary, Margaret, on 01458 442748 for all the information you need to meet new people and discover an absorbing hobby.



Your Walton...

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

February 9th 2018
March 9th 2018
April 13th 2018

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.

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.

Please Contact the Parish Clerk

Walton Under Fives Pre school...

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

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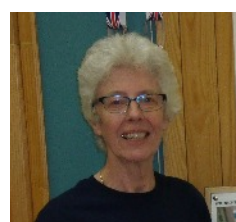
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Say Hello if you spot them around the village