

In Touch With...

Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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INVITATION!

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO THE
ANNUAL FREE EVENING EVENT
OF WALTON PARISH
AT
WALTON VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 18TH MAY
AT 7PM

The children from Walton Village Primary School will be giving a presentation and the school choir will also be there to entertain us all...

There will be free refreshments and also displays to see and comment on [but only if you want to!]

There will also be a free competition for you to enter with the prizes being awarded at the end of the evening.

A brief report on the past years work of the parish council & a look into the future will be given by the Chairman, Naomi Johnson, and there will be the opportunity for you to raise any of your concerns about issues in and around Walton with the Council and any Councillors in attendance.

**Come and meet up with friends
and enjoy a chat over tea and
cake!**



From the chairman... your parish council update

Hello, welcome to our summer edition newsletter, hopefully by the time this reaches you the weather will have warmed up a bit!

The main event that we are looking forward to is the Annual Parish Meeting on the 18th May and I look forward to meeting some of you there as we round up what we have been doing over the past 12 months as well as what we are planning to do over the coming years.

It will also be a good chance for you to get to know the rest of the Council and get a glimpse into what we do month to month.

This time of year is busy for the Council in terms of finances as we finish one financial year and enter into another. It is crucial for us to ensure that we can continue running over the next 12 months whilst balancing the need to keep a close eye on budgets. You may not know this but we are regularly audited to ensure we are keeping in line with the current rules and regulations.

I hope you enjoy reading through details of upcoming events and projects, as well as reports on events that have happened over the past few months in the village.

As always please get in touch if you have any comments or queries or if you want to get involved in any way. All the best

Naomi

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Walton Church Update :-

Holy Trinity, Walton has seen a few changes these past week and the biggest of those were Richard and Sharon Knight handing over the running of groups and clubs and them stepping down as Church Warden and cleaner. They have worked tirelessly for 5 years and there will be big holes to fill, many of which we haven't come to realise yet. We said goodbye at a very moving special leaving service where many

were able to thank them personally. Thank you from all of us for all you have done . We will endeavour to continue your work.

The friends of Walton Church met and arranged a few activities.

June 1st Beetle Drive at 7.00 in the Church. Cost is £1 and tea and coffee will be available.

Sept 8th we look forward to joining in the Village fun day.

Sept 23rd we will be having a Harvest breakfast at 9.30 followed by our Harvest Festival Service.

The friends next meeting will be on July 4th at 2.00. Please come along if you would like to support your Church and share any ideas for fund raising events. We would love to see you.

Sandra

Walton W.I.

In February seven members were lucky to obtain tickets for the County Centenary Lunch in the Colin Atkinson Pavilion at the Somerset Cricket Ground in Taunton held to celebrate one hundred years of Somerset W.I.s. Guest speaker was Ann Widdecombe who was excellent



During the same month four members took part in the Social Croquet Elephant Cup held in Thailand & one of them along with her Australian partner won the cup. Regarding our activities, we have hosted the Polden Group Kurling Competition in Walton

Village Hall & have held an away session for the North Petherton Bowls team, table tennis & craft have continued weekly with members of the latter group having an outing to the Bath & West Craft Show. Croquet has now replaced our winter whist sessions. There has been a change of venue from The Two Brewers to The Street Inn for the 'Ladies Who Lunch' with very good results. In addition we hosted a very successful Barn Dance in Walton Village Hall & the Committee have had their annual meal this time in our local Royal Oak where the meals were delicious & the service was very good. Our skittles team has reached the semi-final of the W.I. County Cup & is progressing well too in the Group Cup. We were also represented at the Spring Group meeting in Shapwick, the Speakers' Auditions in West Pennard & the Parade of the W.I. Banners in Wells, the latter as part of the Hundred Years of Somerset W.I.s celebration.

Jo Haydon

Walton W.I. In June:

7.30pm on Thursday 14th June in Walton Village Hall -
Guest speakers Veronica & Sheena with "W.I. Adventures Part 2"
The competition will be 'A Holiday Souvenir or Postcard'.
New members & visitors are very welcome to join us.

Short-Mat Bowls

Every Monday Evening

7.30pm

At Walton Village Hall

Walton Short-Mat bowls club was formed 18 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” ; obtain instruction, and hopefully enjoy learning a new skill. Apart from the weekly meeting, the club engages in friendly competition with other short -mat bowling clubs.

The club meeting every Monday evening, play starting at 7.30pm for a two hour session - stopping of course for refreshments at half time! A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all who live in the village and the surrounding area, and we have welcomes 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 a new and absorbing hobby

And it snowed...



A local picture by Jay Daniells - so you can remember the weather...



THE WALTON TRUST...

This year the Walton Trust who manage and look after the village hall [and arrange the Annual Village Fun Day] will be holding their AGM on

**Tuesday 5th June in the lounge of
Walton Village Hall at 7pm.**



WALTON COUNCIL - FORWARD PLANNING

After the recent monthly parish council meetings have closed, members of the council have been having informal chats about what things they would like the Council to be getting involved with in the future...

These talks have been advertised on the recent agendas posted on the notice boards around the village and any one is welcome to contribute comments and ideas, or volunteer for any of the proposed projects

The areas of interest raised so far have come together under three broad headings with visions and actions being considered.

These are:

YOUTH PROVISION

Question -

How can Council improve youth facilities in Walton - especially for 11 to 16 year olds?

Vision? -

A thriving youth group.

Action? -

- Funding / support / endorsement of existing group.
- Enquire into the possibility of Council investing in independent provision.

Vision? -

Youth Citizenship Award - A Youth Council - an engaged younger village population

Action? -

- Enquire into citizenship funding - eg The Princes Trust.
- Investigate successful youth councils in smaller villages.



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

FOR THOSE IN NEED

Question -

How can Council improve on the existing infrastructure?

Vision? -

Reduce and avoid the isolation created / exacerbated, by a lack of local community transport.

Action? -

- Enquire into the co-ordination of local volunteer transport drivers. Issues regarding insurance?
- Community Mini Bus purchase - Insurance / PSV licenses

Vision? -
Improve access to regular 'in village' events

Action? -

- Enquire as to a regular booking with Mendip Community Transport [no positive response received]
- Enquire with local taxi firms that have accessible vehicles

Vision? -
Monthly arranged shopping trips.

Action? -

- Enquire with local supermarkets
- Enquire with local taxi firms that have accessible minibuses

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Question -
How can Council improve the green environment around the Parish and village?

Vision? -
Tree planting around the village - family / community event

Action? -

- Start a time line this Summer-
- Liaise with Woodland Trust in regarding 'appropriate' species & source free & low cost trees.
- Locate appropriate locations - habitat and hedgerows
- Look at the carbon footprint of the village - how is this mitigated per tree?

Vision? -
Village reflection garden & quiet space[s] with seating - 'Micro' parks

Action? -

- Locate appropriate location[s] through contact with local land owners - possible site within 'dip' at East Mead Lane Allotment field
- Enquire into funding possibilities and/or donations for benches, rose bushes, arches etc.
- Improve existing grass/green areas with seating & concrete troughs for flowers / smaller trees

Vision? -
A cleaner village

Action? -

- 6 monthly litter picks - create a regular event



**LET THE COUNCIL KNOW
WHAT YOU THINK
WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!**

Via letter/email/phone/ in person!
Contact details are on the back page of this newsletter Or tell us direct on MAY 18th at the annual meeting of the village - 7pm Walton Village Hall

Neighbourhood Watch

By Bob Musgrave

Keep Your Bank Account Safe

During the first 6 months of 2017, over £100 million was stolen from the bank accounts of over 19000 people and businesses by fraudsters via an 'authorised push payment' technique. This works by fraudsters telephoning and convincing bank customers that they are calling from their bank, and are dealing with a security breach or something similar. They offer to overcome this problem by arranging to transfer their money into somewhere safe. To do this they persuade the customer to give them information that allows them to gain access to the account so that they can help, but in fact, they transfer money to themselves and quickly push it through numerous phoney accounts which makes it untraceable.

The average amount lost is more than £3000 with less than a fifth of this ever being recovered, and banks will not normally reimburse the account holder because they have given their security details to a telephone stranger.

The advice from Fraud Prevention is therefore,

ALWAYS assume a text; cold call or email about a security problem on a bank account; broadband or computer is a fraud. **DO NOT RESPOND.**

NEVER give security information to anyone on the phone unless you made the call to your bank using their official number from your own records.

NEVER trust ANYONE who says they will transfer money from your account to somewhere safe.

NEVER click on a link or a document in an email or text which you did not expect.

It is a sad fact of modern life that fraudsters are expert in appearing to be honest and friendly whereas they are just the opposite.

Precept Grants to village groups...

Every year your parish council awards grants to groups and organisations that they consider to be of benefit to the village...



This happens every year and all village groups are welcome to apply for a grant - the process starts at the end of August, beginning of September every year and application forms are available from the parish council.

The grants are paid out at the start of the financial year and this April grants were made to:

- The Walton under 5's play group for some new equipment.
- Walton Church for maintenance of the churchyard
- The local police cadets for new equipment
- Dorset & Somerset air ambulance - a contribution toward their running costs
- St. Margaret's Hospice - a contribution toward their nursing costs
- Mendip Community Transport - a small contribution toward the service they provide to local residents

All these awards are all decided at the regular open monthly meetings of the council each Autumn.

If you know of any group who could be helped by a small grant please tell them to get in touch - you can apply whether or not you have previously received a grant and all applications are considered on individual merit.

Groups previously given grants have included: The Brownies, the Scouts, The local Netball Team, The village Cricket Club, A local riding school and the Somerset motor project.

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Walton Meet & Greet

is held in the village hall lounge on the **First Wednesday of each month between 2pm & 4pm**. You can pop in for 15 minutes, an hour or the whole two hours - it is up to you!

This event is very kindly sponsored by the Harry Skinner Legacy via Walton Parish Council. It is open to anyone who would like the opportunity to have a cup of tea and a biscuit and a chat with some friendly folk. We have just celebrated our 3rd birthday. It has become an Important date in the calendar for some, could it be part of yours?

If you would like to come along but have problems with transport or would like any further information please contact Jenny on 01458 445380

Jenny

Walton Knit & Natter

This happens in Walton village hall lounge on the **Third Wednesday of each month between 2pm and 4pm**.

Come along with your choice of handicraft, learn and / or share your knowledge with others over a cup of tea.

The charge for this event is £1 and we look forward to seeing you...

Dates for your diary!

Friday 18th May - Annual Parish Evening Event FREE 7pm at the village hall with entertainment by children from the Village Primary School along with displays and information.

Thursday 14th June - Walton W.I. in Walton Village Hall from 7.30pm

Every Thursday Coffee morning at 10.30 am at the Holy Trinity Church Walton Everyone welcome

Services at the Holy Trinity Church Walton

All at 10 o'clock.

1st Sunday of the month. Taize.

2nd Sunday. Holy Communion.

3rd Sunday. Morning Worship.

4th Sunday. Family Service.

Informal Communion 11.30 every Thursday.

We have a coffee morning every Thursday at 10.30. Pop in and say hello.

Your Walton...

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

June 8th 2018
July 13th 2018
August 10th 2018
September 14th 2018
October 12th 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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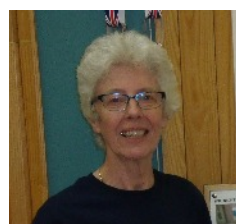
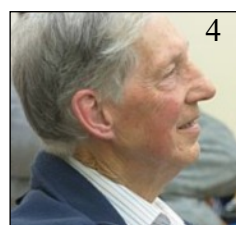
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Say Hello if
you spot
them around
the village