

In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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From the Chairman...

It was great to see so many of you at our annual parish meeting and I would like to extend a huge thank you to the children of Walton School who put on a wonderful presentation at the meeting.

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and the particularly warm weather!

Please enjoy reading through this newsletter and seeing all the events, meet ups and groups available in Walton.

Of course this time of year wouldn't be complete without the annual family fun day - we hope to see as many of you there as possible in support of the Walton Trust

All the best

Naomi

ANNUAL VILLAGE FUN DAY

Saturday 8th September
At the Village Hall & Field



*Come have fun and share time with friends
from 1pm until fireworks
Bands, stalls, displays, police cadets 999 activities
and so much more*

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A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE

Zambia Visit

We waved Richard Knight off in May to join a group of 35 people including our two Bishops, Peter and Ruth. They went to visit our link Diocese in Zambia, Mfuwe, to celebrate the 49 years link. The picture shows them with Archbishop Banda and family. They had an amazing time and on the 14th September in the Church, Richard will be telling us about this trip and showing us photographs. Richard spent his early years in the North East of Zambia and was able to revisit and revive early memories. Do come along from 7.00 and hear about Richards exciting trip. This will be a wine and cheese evening and we are asking for donations to be put towards Church running costs.



Remembrance Sunday is the 11th of November and we give thanks for 100 years from the end of the first world war. It is fitting that the silence will actually be at 11o'clock on the 11th of the 11th month this year. We will be holding a service at 10.00 in the Church and leading out to the war memorial for the 2 minute silence and the laying of wreaths. Please join us at this moving time.

We try to add a variety of events to aid our fundraising and we would love new ideas or help with them. There are a loyal band of people who manage to keep your Church open by financial support, help with cleaning and repairs but we would welcome additional help. The Church Warden is Sandra Gristock on 446211 but any Church member will listen and pass on details.

Walton W.I.

During our last three meetings we had a pom-pom dance work out before our AGM, heard amusing 'W.I. Adventures' delivered by two County members & had our annual games evening. With reference to our activities, we ran an away **kurling** session for Milford Junior School in Yeovil. **Croquet** has now become very popular with fortnightly sessions in Walton, an away day at Kingston St Mary, the W.I. County Competition at



Dowlish Wake where one of our members won the trophy & the County Croquet Pairs with one of our pairs sharing the trophy. Thirty- two members had a fun **skittle** evening in the new alley at the Royal Oak in Walton, an excellent venue. Our skittles team has also progressed well in the W.I. Group Cup. **Table tennis** & craft meetings have continued weekly and we have also started a new activity of **walking netball** played in the MUGA of Walton Village Hall.

In July we hosted a Tea Party in Walton Village Hall to celebrate one hundred years of Somerset W.I.s. with guests from Group & County joining us.

Socially, we had a day out for Ladies' Day at Wincanton Race Course, enjoyed a tour around the Houses of Parliament, joined Woolavington W.I. in their seventy fifth anniversary celebration, supported the Hundred Years of Votes for Women lunch hosted by Compton Dundon W.I. and helped on the tea, coffee & cake stall run by County W.I. at the Bath & West Show. 'Explore Your Local Area' has taken us to Viridor Recycling Centre in Pawlett where we discovered what not to put into food bins, a garden in Glastonbury, the proceeds for which went to charity, & to Milton Lodge, a Grade two listed garden in Wells.

We have an annual outing in August so our next evening meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th September in Walton Village Hall when there will be make up demonstrations carried out by Georgia & her team from Fragrant Earth & the competition will be 'A Decorated Mirror'. New members & visitors are very welcome to join us.

Holy Trinity, Walton

There is a friendly coffee Morning at the church every Thursday morning at 10.30 everyone is invited and many attend, sharing time with friends and having a chat...



Birthdays are celebrated and everyone experiences a warm welcome - whether or not you are a regular Church attendee

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 23rd September at 10.00 preceded by a breakfast at 9.30. This is a new venture for us instead of our Harvest supper. All are very welcome to join us as we say thank you for another year of provision.



We will be holding a **soup morning** on the 27th October between 12.00 and 2.00. We have a reputation for our delicious, varied home made soup so come along and try for yourselves. This also will be held in the Church.

Another new venture for the Autumn and Winter months will be a **film night**. Please keep an eye on our notice board for dates and film titles. You might even get popcorn!

Sandra

A Thank You... to all of the volunteers who - no matter what the weather - distribute this newsletter. ***You are appreciated!***

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS...

If you have concerns regarding footpaths in or around the village - like problems with styles or paths being overgrown - then please contact Cllr. Simon Loader:

SIMON.LOADER@TISCALI.CO.UK

OR 07739 530563 AFTER 3PM

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Help improve the life of local residents by assisting with reducing the speed of traffic through the village to the 30 MPH limit.

Local police will assist and provide training and equipment

Contact your local PCSO Timothy Richards via the Street police station or 101

The Annual Meeting of the Parish

Thank you to all of you who came to the Annual meeting this year on Friday 18th May 2018
The Walton Village Primary School gave a very enjoyable presentation of their topic work about the village that included poetry and descriptions of what made Walton special to them.



And there was a good display of their creations...

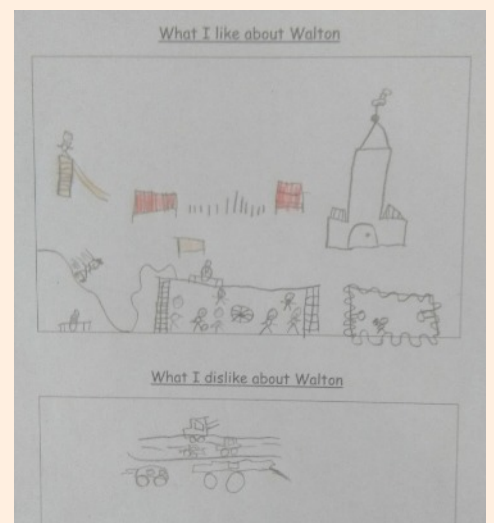
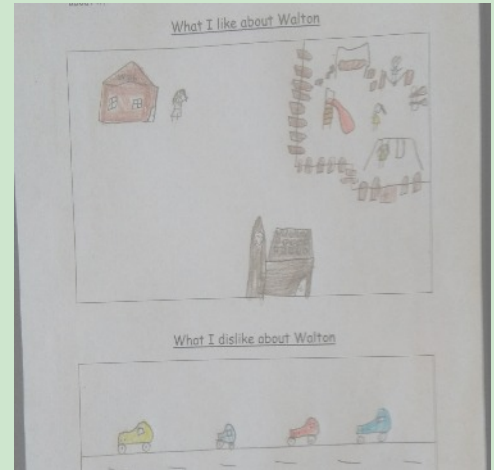


There were also displays of the Parish Council's ideas for 'Future Planning' as outlined in the previous newsletter and the opportunity to comment on the Walton Neighbourhood plan.

Madam Chairman spoke about what the council had been up to over the past year, but also about what it hoped to achieve in the future.

The evening concluded with refreshments and an opportunity to chat and socialise.

Hard copies of the Annual Report of the council were available for all those who attended and if you would also like a copy please contact the parish clerk.



The Harry Skinner Legacy Fund

The Harry Skinner Fund is available for projects or events etc. that are for the benefit of the elderly residents of Walton Parish.

Only written applications will be considered and should be sent to

Walton Parish Clerk
21 Bere Lane
Glastonbury
BA6 8BD

Awards from the fund can be for between £50 and £500

Or emailed to clerk@waltonpc.org

and are made solely at the discretion of Walton Parish Council upon receipt and all individual applications will be considered.

Awards will be made subject to funds being available.

Applications may be made by individuals, groups or organisations and should contain the following information as a minimum:

1. Name and contact details of applicant
2. Details of what the money is required for
3. Details of who will benefit and how
4. The total cost of the project, item or event
5. The amount being requested
6. Details of any other funding applied for

Please note that proof of the appropriate expenditure of the grant will be required and acknowledgement of the grant from the Harry Skinner fund should be made.

Background information

The original legacy was received by Walton Parish Council from a resident of the village, Mr. Harry Skinner.

This money contributed toward the purchase of the East Mead field where the allotments are now located.

All income received from the allotments and grass keep goes back into the Legacy account making an ongoing fund available for the elderly of Walton Parish.

Groups who have benefited from a grant include the 'Meet & Greet' who meet in the village hall lounge on the first Wednesday of every month between 2pm and 4pm in the village hall lounge - creating an opportunity for people to meet up with other friendly folk for a chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit

If you think you know of someone or a group or organisation in the village that could benefit from a small grant from the Harry Skinner legacy, get them to apply now direct to the Parish Council Clerk - applications can be made at any time.



May 2018 - the last meeting John attended

John Clare

It is with deep sadness that we have said our farewells to John Clare who died on July 2nd. John was a founder member of our Meet & Greet and Knit and Natter group.

He was always happy and cheerful and we loved his company and wit. He always got involved in anything we did. He will be sadly missed by us all but never forgotten.

The Groups...

If you would like to come and join us at meet & greet and nit & natter we are in the village hall lounge -

1st Wednesday of the month =

Meet & Greet

3rd Wednesday of the month =

Nit & Natter

Both start at 2pm and end at 4pm



2016 at the Queen's Jubilee celebration - John wearing his posh hat

Your Village play area -

Please note that the village play area will be closed for a few days in September [after the school holidays] so that a new surface can be installed around the wooden trim trail and entrance - this will hopefully allow the play area to be used more, no matter what the weather!



James Heappey MP and the Main Road through Walton...

Walton Parish Council invited James Heappey MP to attend a parish council meeting and in June he accepted. James Heappey spoke and answered questions on the A39, traffic levels, and the potential for a by pass, traffic routes, funding and grouping with other towns and villages. He also advised of the problems caused by Hinkley Point traffic that may soon increase due to the delay in EDF completing the construction of their jetty to enable transport by rail & sea from Whatley Quarry. This is expected to increase HGV traffic on the A39 from August through to the New Year.

Council has written to both EDF and James Heappey to express their concern regarding the increase in traffic and requesting information about what is being done - and what will be done - to mitigate the impact of the situation.

Council also intends to join with the Walton Trust and potentially other village community groups in order to submit an application to the EDF Community Initiative fund for financial support for Walton village projects

What you can do :

All of these vehicles will be Hanson lorries and all will have an A4 sign in the front windscreen - if you see any of the lorries breaking the speed limit or driving badly they can be reported direct to EDF or to your parish council who will forward the complaint on your behalf- please make a note of the number plate in order that comments can be specific.

Walton Allotment Society

Walton Village Allotments; accessed from East Mead Lane, is set on an elevated piece of Land acquired by the Parish Council in 2014. Walton Allotments boasts a lovely communal garden where allotment holders can take a well-earned break on the benches provided while socializing with other members, enjoying far reaching views of the surrounding countryside. Allotments are valuable green spaces and community assets, which are a great resource for providing a sustainable food supply while promoting healthy activity for all age groups.



We are currently full but if you are interested in growing your own edible fruit and vegetables and would like to reap the benefits that come from the fresh air, homegrown produce and meeting like-minded people please feel free to contact us at:

waltonallotmentsociety@gmail.com

to join the waiting list.

Tania

Neighbourhood Watch

By Bob Musgrave

Cyber crime continues to rise due to us not understanding how this can happen, so here is an example and recommended action from Actionfraud. Computer Software Service Fraud involves the victim being contacted, told that there is a problem with their computer, and that for a fee this issue can be resolved. The aim of the fraudster at this point is usually to gain remote access to the victim's computer and, subsequently, access to their online banking account. No fix actually occurs. The victims will often be cold-called or will receive a pop-up on their computer, prompting them to phone the suspect. Since the beginning of this year (2018), the total loss for repeat victims of CSSF has been reported as £16,712.85. The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has noticed an increase in such reports since the beginning of May.

Protect Yourself

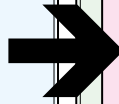
- If you receive such an unsolicited call or pop-up, do not make a payment. Always ensure you know who you are talking to. If in doubt, hang up immediately.
- Do not allow remote access to your computer.
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank, or another trusted organisation, force you to make a financial transaction on the spot; they would never ask you to transfer money into another account for fraud reasons. Remember to stop and take time to carefully consider your actions.
- Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. Criminals may lull you into a false sense of security when you are out and about or rely on your defences being down when you're in the comfort of your own home. They may appear trustworthy, but they may not be who they claim to be.

For more information about how to protect yourself online, visit

www.cyberaware.gov.uk and
takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it to Actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Bob



Important!

Fake Argos texts offering refunds

Recently Fake text messages purporting to be from Argos, claim that you're owed a refund. The link in the messages lead to phishing websites designed to steal your personal information, as well as payment details.

DO NOT CLICK ON THIS LINK!

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an

Pollution Monitoring

Walton Parish Council recently purchased several 'diffusion tubes' to install around the village at sites both along, and away from, the A39. The tubes will be in place for a month and will provide an accurate and up to date 'snap shot' of the Nitrogen Dioxide levels around the village. These figures can be used in the Walton Neighbourhood Plan evidence base and help in the drafting of any proposed policy regarding health and well being, and local infrastructure.



Walton Neighbourhood Plan Update...

At the annual meeting of the Parish in May there was an opportunity to comment on areas of the emerging neighbourhood plan for Walton, two comments were drawn at random and prizes of vouchers for meals at the Royal Oak were made. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the neighbourhood plan to date... There will be more opportunities coming soon!

WALTON FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 8th September 2018

*** 1pm onwards FREE ADMISSION ***

CAR BOOT SALE

SIDE STALLS

BOUNCY CASTLES

AGRICULTURAL DISPLAYS

FERRET RACING

HARVEST SHOW

TEA, COFFEE & CAKES

BBQ & HOT FOOD

**BAR - ALES, LAGER, CIDER,
WINES & SOFT DRINKS**

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
WITH TWO GREAT
LIVE BANDS**

999 Emergency Services Day

Fun for all the family—whatever the weather!

*** GRAND FIREWORK FINALE ***

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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...

The process starts at the end of August, beginning of September each year and all village groups are welcome to apply for a grant - further information and application forms can be obtained from the parish clerk clerk@waltonpc.org or the parish website at www.parish-council.com/walton

Dates for your diary!

8th September

Village Fun Day from 1pm to evening fireworks - at the village hall and playing fields

11th September

Mendip Arts Society The art of the pre-historic potter. the skills that can still inspire the modern potter. At the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details;

www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

14th September

Your next monthly parish council meeting - 7pm in the village hall lounge. All meetings are open to the public and happen on the second Friday of every month

Zambia Visit talk at the church from 7pm with cheese and wine

Sunday 23rd September

Harvest Festival Service will be on at 10.00 preceded by a breakfast at 9.30.

27th October

soup morning between 12.00 and 2.00. At the Church

11th November

Remembrance Sunday at the Church - from 10am

22nd November

Christmas card writing at the Church 7.00 with mulled wine and mince pies. We have been doing this for quite a few years now and it does make this chore a fun event so come along and join in.

7th December

Advent Carol concert at 7pm at the Church This will include the Trinity hand bell ringers, carols and readings.

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.



Closing date for
entries is

4th September

Walton Harvest Show

at

The Walton village Fun Day

There will be prizes for

- Making
- Baking
- Creating
- Photo Taking

And others too !

Entry forms and
fees can be
handed in to 61
Main Street,
Walton. Child
entries can also
be passed
through Walton
Under 5s Pre-
School at Walton
Village Hall.

The exact categories,
more information, entry forms
and when and where to enter
can be found at the village
hall or the website at:

<http://www.waltonvillagehall.org/events>

Your Walton...

Your Councillors...

1. Naomi Johnson
Madam Chairman
Haycroft Cottage
Veal Lane
BA16 9RE

2. Richard Crossman
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 Rd.
BA16 9RX

6. Alan Marsh
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Veal Lane
BA16 9RE

7. Simon Loader
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BA16 9SJ

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Walton Parish Council -

Where your money goes...

Financial Summary for the year ending 31st March 2018

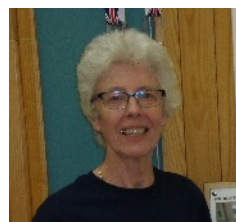
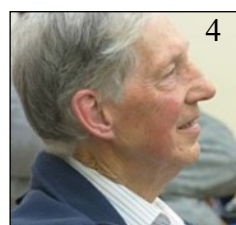
Balance brought forward	
From previous financial year:	£ 56,502.00
Plus	
Annual precept received:	£ 27,575.00
Total other receipts:	£ 3,601.00
Less	
Staff costs:	£ 11,906.00
All other payments:	£ 16,094.00
Equals	
Balance to carry forward:	£ 59,679.00
Total of bank accounts =	£ 59,679.00
Total of fixed assets owned =	£ 60,892.00
Total borrowings =	£ 17,033.00

*** The total of the bank accounts includes grants and funds previously received that can only be spent on certain things as well as savings toward potential costs - for example repairs and maintenance of the play area.

Dates of future Parish Council meetings - you are welcome!

7pm a the village hall on FRIDAYS:

September 14th 2018 - October 12th 2018



Say Hello if you spot them around the village