

In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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From the Chairman...

Welcome to November's newsletter, I hope you all enjoyed the events going on in the village over the past few months.

It was great to see such a great turn out at the annual family fun day, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Walton Trust and all the volunteers who help to make the day such a key event in our calendar.



WALTON VILLAGE FUN DAY

2018

Another hugely successful Fun Day



We have also had a successful litter pick during the half term break, we hope to do more so please keep a look out for information.

There were many wonderful entries in the Walton in Bloom competition, please see page five for the results - well done everyone!

In this issue we are looking back into the villages past, do you recognise anyone from the football team on page 2?

Finally, congratulations to Dennis Crossman who was given the 'villager of the year award' we are grateful for your ongoing contribution. *Naomi*

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Holy Trinity, Walton

Here we come to the end of another year and again we say how does it go so quickly and how do we do so much. As in the past, we have kept up our monthly fundraising to keep the Church afloat. Our events are mostly on the small scale but we would love to see new faces to meet and support us. We have had a busy but fun year and our loyal band keep coming up with delicious soups, cakes and biscuits to tempt us at the events.

We had a great time at the village fun day. Our car boot stall did extremely well and we met many people. The hair braiding and adopt a teddy stall saw children queuing and reinforcements having to be called in to keep up with demand. Thank you all for your amazing work.

The children from Walton School held a lovely Harvest service and the food they very kindly brought was donated to the food bank for families that are in need in our area. We look forward to welcoming them back for their Christmas service.

Dates for your Diary...

11th November. 10.50 at the war memorial. Our remembrance day service will start at 10.50am. Even more poignant this year as we celebrate 100 years. After the act of remembrance there will be a short service in Church.

Thursday 22nd November at 7.00 We will be writing our personal Christmas cards together helped along with festive music and mulled wine. You are very welcome to join us.

7th December. At 7.30 pm We are having an evening with the Trinity handball group. This will have an opportunity to join in with some festive songs and Christmas readings.

18th December starting at 6.30 pm. Our Carol service. Mince pies to follow.

Our traditional Christingle service will be at 4.00 on Christmas eve and the Midnight Mass will start at 11.30.

Looking forward to the New year, we are having a quiz evening on the 15th February commencing at 7.00 with our quiz master Liz Brown. Also we hope to hold a beetle drive and the most possible date will be March 1st. Please keep an eye on the board for up to date adverts.

An Old, Recent, addition...

A framed photograph was recently donated by Mr. Chris Taylor and is of the 1923 - 24 Walton Football Club. Mr. Taylor is a descendant of Albert Christopher Taylor who served on the council in 1931.

The people in the background are thought to be members of the Parish Council.

Do you recognise any of the people in the photograph? If so, please can you let us know who they are...



Walton Football Club 1923 - 1924



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Christmas and New Year 2018/19

| Usual collection day | Revised collection day |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 24 December | No change |
| Tuesday 25 December - Friday 28 December | All two days later , including Tuesday collections on Thursday 27 December and Friday collections on Sunday 30 December |
| Monday 31 December | No change |
| Tuesday 1 January - Friday 4 January | All one day later , including Friday collections on Saturday 5 January |
| Monday 7 January | Usual collections resume |

No garden waste collections 24 December - 4 January; resuming 7 January. Revised days also apply to assisted and clinical waste collections.

Recycling sites follow usual schedules, except **all sites close at 4pm** on Monday 24 and 31 December. All sites closed 25-26 December and 1 January.

Christmas trees - either: home compost, or take to a recycling site or, if you have a garden waste subscription, undecorated trees under 6ft can go out for collection on your usual garden waste collection day from 7 January, or look for local charity shredding/collections. (Last resort: send tree to costly, wasteful, polluting landfill. Place next to your rubbish bin on your usual collection day 7-18 January 2019).

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The Visual History Project - Walton's Two Former Filling Stations

'I'll just pop along to Sainsbury's to get some petrol for the car...'

or words similar to that are familiar to a number of car owners in the village. Gone are the days when Walton had two places where you could buy fuel. So where have they gone, after all in this modern age the number of cars on the road has gone up by millions and they need to be served by fuel stations?



Looking at an answer to that question might be to look at how we used to purchase our fuel and where did we buy it from. If we go back say to the nineteen-eighties there were many places you could fill your vehicle with fuel. Both large multi pump petrol stations and smaller types survived to fuel our vehicles. There was competition of course but that is the same in any industry.

At the time many small fuel sellers were car repair workshops and dedicated garages whose main business was repairs and servicing. Fuel sales added to their income. The viability of selling fuel, as part of your business, was the way the former fuel sellers in the village and elsewhere operated.

With the growth of supermarkets throughout the country and their enormous buying power, they were and are, able to buy and sell fuel at a much cheaper price than the garage or workshop down the road. For smaller fuel sellers the return on their fuel purchase would take longer as sales declined due to the impact of the supermarkets and expansion of larger petrol stations, meaning money in their business was tied up for a long period causing many to close. Another factor was the size of your fuel order. If say you operated just one or two pumps your order would be small and so the delivery cost would eat into your profit because there always has been a very tight profit margin on fuel sales. The expansion of large size petrol stations stabilized as the affect of supermarkets meant if one opened up nearby it would seriously cause a fall in sales. This meant that the weight of the supermarkets would now effectively fall on the small end of the market and make even more vanish. To those of you who were not aware of Walton's former filling stations I will start with the most obvious site and that is the Vauxhall car dealer Rowcliffes, who took over the dealership from Pursey's

a couple of years ago. The site where Rowcliffes stands has been associated with car sales, repairs and the sale of fuel for many years by the different companies that traded on the site. Pursey's was the last petrol station to sell fuel in Walton. I was unable to establish when Pursey's first started trading here in the village. The photo displays 1985 in its showroom window but I'm given to believe they had been here many years before that time. Out of interest the photo also shows a traffic sign displaying the speed limit as 40mph at that time.

Sainsbury's arrived and I should imagine Pursey's fuel sales went down similar to many other petrol stations. To counter this situation many smaller garages moved from their big name fuel supplier, to smaller less well known ones who would offer cash incentives to swap to them. Pursey's did indeed do this but the time came when the pumps closed and were removed.

So where was the other place you could buy fuel in the village? We have to move to Creeches Lane to the former company of Bernard Miers to answer that question. Bernard had his pumps outside the car showroom part of his business and I should imagine sold enough to keep the pumps ticking over. It would also have been like many other car sales businesses an asset, which might have been a way of bringing people to his showroom when they were thinking of a new car purchase. There was probably more loyalty as to where you bought your fuel in years gone by so Bernard would have had his regular customers. The business and of course his fuel sales went on for over thirty years. The demise of car sales was I believe



down to problem with Rover Group cars at that time. With dwindling sales Rover Group tightened its belt and amongst measures to improve its profitability it was decided to axe the number of smaller dealerships similar Bernard Miers. Bernard must have realised that his days were over as a seller of new cars and a new dealership with another car company would be difficult

For a while Bernard Miers traded in second hand vehicles, the business though finally closed.

by John Hanrahan

Walton Village Fun Day...

Thank you to everyone who made this a wonderful day - from the organisers, stall holders, performers and all those who attended - The 2018 Fun day was FUN for all ages.



There were prizes to win in the Harvest show or on the stage & a marvellous raffle...



There were displays to see & ways to join in. Entertainment From young dancers and those on stage. Music from JDR & Fairplay and a grand firework Finale...



Walton in Bloom

This year the competition, in which all gardens that can be seen from the road are automatically entered, was judged by Councillor Philip Daniells with the following results, some of which you will recognise as regular winners and some that are new to this roll of honour!

BEST GARDEN - 17 Chancellor Road



BEST CONTAINERS- 32 Hempitts Road



BEST HANGING BASKET [S] - 6 The Warren
and MOST UNUSUAL - 1 Blackthorn Way



The Allotment **CORNUCOPIA** award went to plot 10 with plot 13 as runner up...

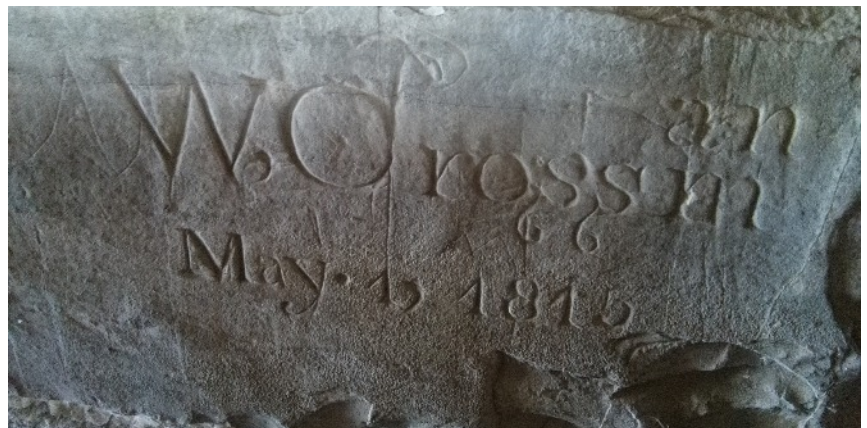


And the **MOST INTERESTING** plot was number 14 & As usual - a big thank you to everyone for their gardening time....



The New and the Old...

Work has started at The Royal Oak to create a new car park and beer garden now that the skittle alley has moved to the Eastern end of the pub. Other building works are happening around the village creating new homes. But the past is still visible, and not forgotten. This is the old stone in the barn at Riggiston farm Barns where renovation and the creation of three new homes has started. It reads "W. Crossman May 15 1815".



Things around the village change, and have always changed - It is good to keep a record.

Walton W.I.

Our annual outing in August took us to the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth.



Since then our meetings have included two make-up demonstrations by Fragrant Earth & a visit from four firefighters along with their appliance & equipment.

In our 'Explore Your Local Area' series we have had a chance to make Roman oil lamps in the Brick & Tile Museum & have been guided around the Blake Museum. We also joined in the 'Women Walk the World' W.I. activity held in aid of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) charity in the Horse Sanctuary in Somerton.

Walton W.I. has participated in the Merriman Park Fete in Street & the Walton Family Fun Day, the Harvest Show of the latter had one of our members winning both the photography & homecraft sections.

Socially, there was the County Tea Party in Somerton to celebrate 100 years of Somerset W.I.s, 3 ladies joined Mark W.I. in a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament & we have held another kurling gig for Coxley W.I. in their village hall along with an enjoyable home session in the Royal Oak skittle alley. 2 ladies took part in the Federation Short Mat Pairs Competition in Ashcott, & members visited both the Bath & West Craft Show & the County AGM in Yeovil where Jennie Bond was the main speaker. In addition, we hosted the Autumn Group Meeting in Walton Village Hall.

Our regular activities have continued with the craft group busy making Christmas cards, table tennis now on Tuesday afternoons, the 'Ladies Who Lunch' enjoying their meals in the Street Inn, our singing group busy rehearsing for its Christmas gigs whilst croquet has just had the final session this year. Walton skittles team has also progressed well in both the W.I. County & Group Cups.

The Christmas Party, will be hosted by the committee at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th December 2018 in Walton Village Hall & the competition will be a 'Christmas Tree Ornament'. *Jo Haydon*



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NEW WALTON WALKING GROUP

Want to walk the footpaths around the parish with a friendly group?

A new Walton Walking group will be having its inaugural walk soon...

For further information please contact Brenda on

0771 689 6254

Information about walks will soon be on the village notice boards and website

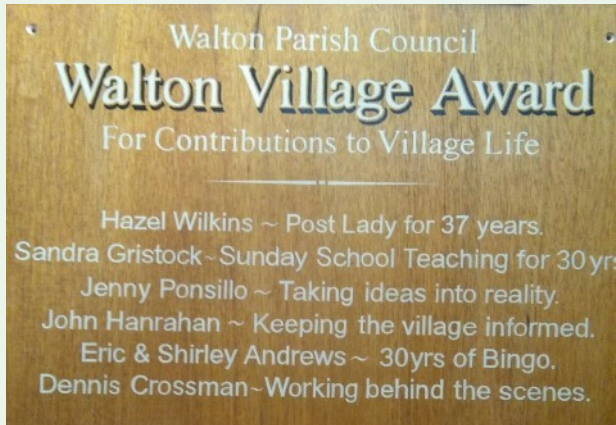
January WI Meeting

**Thursday 19th January 2019
speaker member, June Greenway - a Registrar. New members & visitors are welcome to join us.**

Walton Village Award for contributions to village life

Mr. Dennis Crossman

In 2018 - for all the work he has done, and is still doing, behind the scenes around the village - from mowing grass and all those many odd jobs, to helping with the annual village fun day.



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Neighbourhood Watch

By Bob Musgrave

Doorstep callers

Recently an elderly person in the mid Somerset area was persuaded they needed to have work done on their house. As they did not have sufficient cash in the house, they were taken to the local bank to draw money out. The money was handed over but there was no work completed.

Burglars and fraudsters won't go to the trouble of breaking in if they can just knock and be invited in.

Not sure? Don't open the door!

The following advice will help you to identify a bogus caller at your door and can help you take the right steps to ensure you and your property stay safe.

Distraction burglars target vulnerable, often elderly people in their homes. Sometimes they pose as officials from utility companies or other organisations, or make up stories to get into your home and steal from you. These criminals can be men, women or even children. Their appearance can be smart, casual or they may even wear tabards and have fake identification.

Important: Genuine callers will normally make an appointment first and will carry identification with their photograph on it.

Bogus 'dealers' may offer to buy your antiques, furniture or jewellery, at what seems to be a good price. Chances are they're trying to trick you into selling something for a lot less than it's worth.

Bogus 'workmen' and 'so-called rogue traders' may say that they need to come in to make urgent repairs. Again, they really want to steal from your house. You also need to be careful of callers who offer to make building repairs or tarmac your drive. Often they'll ask for money in advance; they may even offer to drive you to the bank to withdraw money to pay them.

Know your rights: Traders must give you 'Notice of Right to Cancel, which gives you a 14-day cooling off period before work starts, for any work over the value of £35.

Bob

Your Walton...

Your Councillors

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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

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OR call 07739 530 563 AFTER 3PM

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Dates of future Parish Council meetings -

you are welcome!

7pm a the village hall on FRIDAYS:

December 14th 2018

January 11th 2019 - February 8th 2019

March 8th 2019 - April 12th 2019

May 17th 2019 - June 14th 2019

July 12th 2019 - August 9th 2019

September 20th 2019 - October 11th 2019

November 8th 2019 - December 13th 2019



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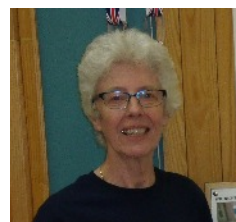
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Say Hello if
you spot
them around
the village