

In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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From the Chairman...

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

Over the past few months we have been looking at projects that we want to undertake in Spring.

Following the success of the last litter pick we have organised another on the 12th April and will be meeting in the village hall at 10am. Please come and join us to help keep Walton tidy.

We have also managed to get a grant from the Somerset Community Foundation and the HPC Community Fund in order to improve some of our open spaces with planters and benches. If you would like to come and help us install these and plant some bulbs then please contact our Clerk Helen, [details on page 8] Finally, this year is an election year for us and we have a couple of vacancies coming up on the Council. If you would like some more information on what being a Councillor involves then please feel free to talk to any of us or again you can contact Helen for more information, it is a great group to be part of!

All the best, Naomi

Walton Family Litter Pick Friday 12th April

Come join us in a spring tidy up of the village!
Everyone is welcome

We will be meeting up at the village hall in Meadow lane at 10am and then moving off to tidy up the village. All equipment [Hi Viz jackets, gloves etc.] will be provided. There will be refreshments after the event, and certificates and small prizes will be awarded to all our 'litter heroes' for joining in.

Please remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult

10am at the Village Hall



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Neighbourhood Watch

By Bob Musgrave

HM Revenue and Customs Alert

What you need to know :

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls, voicemails, text messages or emails to members of the public purporting to be from HMRC.

The fraudsters state that as a result of their non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings such as repossession of belongings to settle the balance but can avoid this by arranging for payment to be made immediately by method such as bank transfer or by iTunes gift cards.

If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, bailiffs or in cases where the victim appears to be of overseas origin; deportation.

Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact.

It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature.

What you need to do :

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number.

Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using iTunes Gift Cards, or any other type of voucher.

Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.

Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, report this as a phishing attempt to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

Bob

Dates for your Diary...

15th February

Quiz night at the church commencing at 7.00pm with quiz master Liz Brown.

March 1st.

The Church hopes 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.

5th March

'The English face unmasked - 5 centuries of portrait technique' by Sarah Cove, one of Britain's foremost Technical Art Historians. The Arts Society Mendip meets at the Bath and West Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11am. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

12th April

Family Litter Pick from 10 am at the village hall - be a litter hero and join in with keeping the village tidy!

Mouse Race

Saturday 11th May



Family Mouse Race at the Village Hall - this is a fundraising event for the Walton

Under Fives play group - doors open at 2pm with the first race at 2.30pm. There will also be a raffle with some amazing prizes!

This is a family event so everyone is welcome to come and support us...

COME AND JOIN US

Meet and Greet & Knit and Natter finished 2018 with a very enjoyable lunch time meal at the Street Inn. We are now looking forward to 2019 and would love you to join us at either or both of Meet and Greet & Knit and Natter, these events are held in the Walton Village Hall Lounge.

The 1st Wednesday of the Month is

Meet and Greet 2pm - 4pm,
You can pop in for a while or stay the 2 hrs it is up to you. There will be a cup of tea and biscuits on offer free of Charge.

The 3rd Wednesday of the Month is

Knit and Natter 2pm - 4pm.
Bring along any craft. If you would like to learn to knit or Crochet someone will be able to get you started. There is a charge of £1.00 for this event which includes a cup of tea and biscuits.



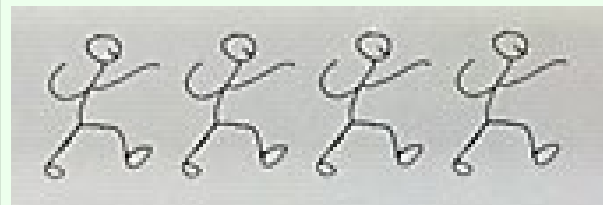
For any further information please contact Jenny on 445380

Walking Walton Footpaths

The group had their first walk on Saturday 9th February - meeting at 10.30 am outside Walton Church -

if you have received this newsletter very early there may still be time to join them !

Everyone is welcome to attend but please do remember that you will need to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for our country footpaths, we are all responsible for our own health and safety!



If you would like to know more, including the date of the next walk, please call 0771 689 6254

A Thank You!

Last year, Ray Culliford - resident of Mildred road - kindly pruned and tidied up the shrubs on the grass verge, and was spotted recently doing the same.

The parish council would like to publicly express their thanks for his ongoing actions in looking after the local environment

Bob

Respect. Protect. Enjoy

From the countryside code:

Respect other people - Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors - Slow down for horses and animals on the road
- Don't block gateways, driveways, or other paths with your vehicle

- Leave gates and property as you find them and keep to the footpaths -

Protect the natural environment - Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home - Take care with naked flames and cigarettes -

Keep dogs under effective control
- Keep dogs on leads ensuring that they do not stray from the footpath - Ensure that you dispose of your dog's mess responsibly 'bag it and bin it' -
Make sure your dog is wormed regularly

Enjoy the outdoors - Plan ahead and be prepared - Keep yourself and children safe at all times - Ensure that the weather is good for walking -

Follow advice and local signs

- Keep to footpaths -

The full countryside code can be found online or at your local library.



Walton Under 5's Preschool

Walton Under 5s Preschool is a small preschool run in Walton Village Hall. WU5 prides itself on being a nurturing setting with excellent adult to child ratios with 7 staff members with high levels of experience and qualifications.

The preschool now operates five days a week with the hours of 9am-1pm Monday, Thursday and Friday and extended hours of 9am-3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We are inclusive of all children aged 2-5 years and are responsive to all needs. Each child has a key worker

The setting offers both indoor and outdoor options including arts and crafts, role-play, a garden with mud kitchen and sand pit, with access to the playing field and multi-use games area. **WU5 employ the use of Tapestry, a secure online journal of your child's activities and it is a way for the parent to see the development of their child.**

As of the last 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.

The main annual fundraising event is a Mouse Race which this year will be held on Saturday 11th May 2019 at the Village Hall and is open to the whole family, anyone is welcome to enjoy an afternoon of fun from 2pm

you can bet on a chosen mouse and perhaps win some prize money. In addition, there will be a raffle with prizes typically ranging from day out tickets for the family, money off vouchers and much more.

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

WU5 is a registered charity (No. 1048513)

Your Community... Your voice...

As some of you may be aware there are local council elections happening on May 2nd this year...

This is your opportunity to elect your local councillors, including the members of Walton Parish Council -

It is also an opportunity to stand as a candidate and add your voice to help decide what happens in your local community - Walton

What does being a parish councillor involve?

The bottom line is attending a parish council meeting once a month, above that it is all about how much you want to be involved and contribute.

At the monthly meeting decisions may be made about planning, highways, litter, play areas, footpaths and many other local projects - and that is the focus LOCAL - it is all about the place where you live and the surrounding environment. It is all about your local community of Walton.

If you want to know more then why not speak to one of the current councillors? Their contact details are on the back page of this newsletter. Or you can have a chat with the parish Clerk, Helen.



The parish council has nine spaces, all up for election on May 2nd.

if you would like to put yourself forward to fill one of them then you need to complete a nomination paper - these can be obtained from your Parish Clerk [clerk@waltonpc.org or 07399040667]

You can also contact Mendip District Council offices at Shepton Mallet telephone: 0300 303 8588 for more information and nomination forms

A New Bin...

The Parish Council and the Walton Trust recently combined forces to purchase and install a new bin at the end of Meadow Lane close to the village hall and MUGA [multi use games area] It is hoped that this will assist in reducing the amount of litter left scattered in that area.

If you want to get involved with keeping Walton tidy please see the advert on the front page about the next Family Litter Pick around the village on Friday 12th April meeting at the village hall at 10am



Walton W.I.

During our last three evening meetings we have learnt about the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in Somerset, had a successful annual Christmas Party with entertainment from 'Simply Ukes'



& enjoyed 'Tales from a Poncey Administrator' from one of our members who is a registrar. We have supported three County organised events by joining other Somerset W.I. members for the 100 dinner at Oake Manor which was the final event of the year to celebrate one hundred years of Somerset W.I.s, attending the Speakers Auditions held in West Monkton & participating in the annual County Carol Service in Wells Cathedral where some of our singers were in the choir. Socially, the committee has run away kurling gigs for Burrowbridge & North Curry W.I.s, members have joined Woolavington W.I. on their away day to the Christmas Market in Cardiff & our singers have performed once again for the residents of Northleaze. Two annual events enjoyed by our members were a theatre trip when twenty ladies journeyed by bus to the Bristol Hippodrome for the pantomime, Cinderella,



& an evening meal held this year at the Olive Mill where thirty members were treated to excellent food, service & surroundings. Regarding our regular activities, table tennis & craft have continued as usual around the Christmas break & our 'Ladies Who Lunch' have met twice in the Street Inn. Walton W.I.'s skittles team performed well by reaching the semi-finals of the W.I. County Cup & winning the Group Cup. The ever popular 'Explore Your Local Area' tours will resume in February.

Jo Haydon

A PRESS RELEASE FROM Somerset.gov.uk

POLLUTION

A Somerset farmer has recently been ordered to pay nearly £4000 in fines and costs for polluting a stream with contaminated water. The incident near Stoke St Gregory was picked up during a routine Environment Agency visit. Water from a roofing drain had become contaminated by silage discharge. It emptied into a watercourse within a Site of Special Scientific Interest, impacting several kilometres of watercourse.

All farmers, landowners and businesses should have measures in place to prevent pollution. However, ensuring that these measures work and continue to work is vital. Regular monitoring and testing can pick up any changes before the local environment is impacted. It can also avoid costly cleanup processes, and help avoid accusations of negligence. If your business creates contaminants, or you have a consent to discharge from the EA, get your equipment and processes checked and tested on a regular basis. Contact Somerset Scientific Services, part of SCC, for advice on 01823 355906 or SSSmailbox@somerset.gov.uk



WI Next Meetings...

7.30pm on Thursday 14th February 2019

in Walton Village Hall

David Greenway, Town Cryer for Glastonbury, 'The History & Culture of Town Crying or Oh! For Crying Our Loud!'

The competition will be 'A Bell'.

14th March

Lloyd Tucker giving a Butchery Demonstration & the competition will be 'A Pig in any Medium'.

We always welcome new members & visitors.



Walton Top Class 1956

Are these
names correct
and can we fill
in the blanks?

Back row l to r: Patrick Crossman, Parry Jones, ?

Middle row: Nigel Bond, David Lockyer, Stuart Bisgrove, Bobby Fry, Sue Fisher,
John Crossman

Front row: Maree Monckton, Joyce Fry, Christine Holmes, Caroline Clarke, ?,
Carolyn Jones,
Shirley Lavis, Enid Middleton, Diana Griffith.

**As an old Waltonian can you fill in the two blanks?
We would also like to know who the teacher is.**

Any ideas can be sent to the parish clerk - 21 Bere Lane Glastonbury BA6 8BD
or clerk@waltonpc.org

We think, but it is unconfirmed, that:

Patrick is the son of the then Rector's Warden Ken Crossman
who owned the Globe Inn and Farm.

Parry Jone's father taught Latin at Elmhurst.

Nigel Bond lived at what is now the Vauxhall Garage.

Diana Griffith's father owned an ironmongery in West End next to the Fish and Chip shop.

**This photograph came from Enid Thresher via the Walton Visual History
Project**

Greening Walton

The parish council have recently been awarded a grant from Somerset Community Foundation and the HPC Community Fund toward a project that is aimed at improving some of the smaller green areas around the village, but also planting trees & shrubs to create new hedge rows in areas such as the

East Mead field in order to improve the local environment but also to encourage you & your families to experience flower, bulb & tree planting. In the long term you will be able to harvest fruit from the hedgerows & make 'Walton Gold' a delicious hedgerow jelly - recipe contributed by Bob Musgrave who is championing this whole project - *Keep your eyes open for dates of events that you & your families can join in with.*

Your Walton...

Your Councillors

1. Naomi Johnson

Madam
Chairman,
Haycroft
cottage
Veal lane
BA16 9RE

2. Richard Crossman

[vice chairman]
Asney Farm
Asney Road
BA16 9RL

3. Clive Bishop

2 Merrick Rd
BA6 9AT

4. Bob Musgrave

18 Mildred Rd
BA16 9QR

5. Alan Marsh

Manor Farm
Veal Lane
BA16 9RE

6. Simon Loader

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7. Elaine Nelson

11 Meadow
Lane
BA16 9LA

8. Jenny Ponsillo

57 Main
Street
BA16 9QQ

Helen Moore
Walton Parish
Clerk

21 Bere lane BA6
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clerk@waltonpc.
org

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.loader1@tiscali.co.uk

OR call 07739 530 563 AFTER 3PM

If you want to submit an article for inclusion in the next newsletter please send it to the parish clerk - the deadline for submissions is 30th April 2019

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Dates of future Parish Council meetings -

you are welcome!

7pm a the village hall on FRIDAYS:

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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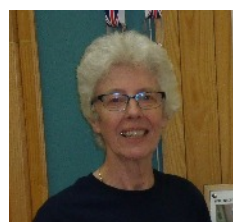
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Say Hello if
you spot
them around
the village